

General Education Requirements Unique to Paralegal Studies (2019-2020) – Complete a minimum of 21 semester units of general education including at least one course in each of the following areas. A given course meets the requirements in only one area. **However, courses with asterisks (*) may be used to meet a General Education requirement listed in A-E below as well as the COC Diversity Requirement.**

PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT STUDENTS MAY ELECT TO COMPLETE THE IGETC OR THE CSU GENERAL EDUCATION PATTERNS IN LIEU OF A-E BELOW.

In addition, students need to complete the COC Diversity, PE/Wellness, and Reading, Written Expression and Mathematics Competency requirements, earn 60 units, a C grade in each Paralegal major course requirements, an overall degree applicable GPA of 2.0 plus be in “good standing” at College of the Canyons in order to earn the Associate Degree. (Please check in with the COC Counseling office to make sure these requirements are all being satisfied.)

A. Natural Sciences – minimum 3 semester units required

Anthropology 101, 101H, 101L, Astronomy 100, 101, 101L, 102
Biological Science 100, 100H, 106, 106H, 107, 107H, 115, 116,
119, 130, 132, 140, 170, 180, 201, 202, 204, 205, 215, 216, 218,
219, 221, 230, 231, 240, 250
Chemistry 100, 151, 151H, 201, 202, 201H, 255, 256
Environment 103,104

Geography 101, 101H, 101L,103, 105
Geology 100,101,102, 103, 104, 105,106, 107,
109, 109L, 218
Physical Science 101
Physics 101, 110, 111, 220, 221, 222
Psychology 102

B. Social and Behavioral Sciences - minimum 3 semester units required

Anthropology 103*, 103H*, 105, 210, 220
Biological Sciences 120*
Business 103, 126*
Communication Studies 110, 120, 223, 235, 246, 256*, 260*
Economics 170, 170H, 201, 201H, 202, 202H
Environment 101
Geography 102*, 104
Gerontology 101 GLST 101, 102
History 101, 101H, 102, 111, 111H, 112, 112H, 115,120*,120H*
130*, 161*,165, 170, 170H, 191,192*,210*,212 ,240, 241, 242*, 243*

Political Science 150, 150H,200,210,230,250,170,290*
Psychology 101,101H,105,109,110,126,172,172H
180,225,230*,235*,240*,272*
Sociology 101*,101H*,102,103*,103H*, 104*,105*
106*, 107*, 108, 110*, 130*, 150,151*,200*, 200H*,
205, 207*, 208*, 210*, 230*, 250

C. Humanities and Fine Arts - minimum 3 semester units required

Anthropology 210*, 220
Art 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115
Business 160
Chinese 101, 102
Cinema 120, 121, 122, 123*
Communication Studies 100, 100H, 105, 105H, 150, 225, 246, 250
250H, 256*, 260* Dance 100
English 105, 106, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 112H, 122, 135, 225, 250,
251, 240, 260, 261, 262*, 263, 264, 265, 270*, 271*, 272, 273*, 274*,
275, 280*, 281, 285*
French 101, 102, 150, 201, 202
German 101, 102 History 101, 101H, 102, 161*, 165, 191*,
192*, 193*, 240, 241, 242*, 243*

Humanities 100, 101, 105, 106, 115, 116, 150
Italian 101, 102, 150
Music 100, 105, 106, 107, 108* 112, 113, 120A
Philosophy 101, 101H, 102*, 110, 111, 112, 120, 130,
210, 215, 220*, 225, 240, 250
Photo 140
Sign Language 101, 102, 103, 104, 110*
Sociology 200*
Spanish 101, 101H, 102, 150, 201, 202, 211, 212
Theatre 100, 110, 110H, 220, 221

D. Language and Rationality - 6 semester units - minimum grade of “C” required (completion of both 1 & 2 are required)

1. English Composition:

Select one course from the following:

English 101, 101H, 103, 103H, 112, 112H

2. Communication and Analytical Thinking:

Select one course from the following:

Communication Studies 105, 105H, 120, 205, 223, 225, 227

Computer Science 256

English 112, 112H

Math 070, 075, 083, 100, 102, 103, 104, 111, 120, 140, 140H, 211,
212, 213, 214, 215

Philosophy 106, 230

Psychology 103

Sociology 102, 108

E. American Institutions - 6 semester units required

United States History – 3 units

U.S. Constitution, State and Local Government – 3 units (*complete one course from #1 and one course from #2*)

1. Economics 170, 170H, History 111, 111H, 112, 112H, 120*, 120H*, or 130*

2. Political Science 150 or 150H; **OR** complete **both** History 111 or 111H **and** 112 or 112H to meet this requirement

NOTE about Major Course Substitutions for Paralegal courses taken at other colleges:

College of the Canyons does not accept legal specialty courses from a school that is not ABA approved or accredited by a College of the Canyons approved accrediting body. College of the Canyons limits the transfer of legal specialty units (i.e. Paralegal courses) to 12.0 semester units from an ABA approved program. College of the Canyons allows 9.0 semester units of legal specialty units (i.e. paralegal courses) from a non-ABA approved program. ALL additional units should transfer for elective credit, but the limits stated above are for substitution of paralegal courses. Therefore, it is likely that if you have taken many courses at another institution, you will be limited on the number of courses that transfer and substitute for paralegal courses.

In addition, the courses transferring will be examined for rigor, subject matter, delivery modality (lecture, hybrid, etc.), topics covered, assignments and/or projects. Merely having the same course name is insufficient. Potential students are encouraged to meet with the Paralegal Studies Department Chair prior to attending so that transfer credits can be discussed and course planning can occur. <http://www.canyons.edu/Departments/PARLGL/Pages/contact.aspx>