



PARALEGAL (PAR)

PAR 201 Introduction to Paralegal Studies (3 Credits)

This course is an introduction to the paralegal career including ethical and professional standards. Students will receive an overview of the American legal system, substantive areas of practice, legal analysis and investigation, and law office business practices.

PAR 206 Contracts (3 Credits)

This course provides an introduction to sources of law affecting the formation, enforceability, and interpretation of contracts. Students will explore necessary elements of a contract, the basic doctrines of contract law, and practical approaches to drafting a contract.

PAR 207 Wills, Trusts, and Probate (3 Credits)

This course explores the paralegal's role in estate planning, creating enforceable wills and trusts. Students will study resulting and constructive trusts and probate.

PAR 208 Family Law (3 Credits)

This course emphasizes law as it relates to marriage, husbands and wives, reconciliation, parents and children, minors, termination of marriage (dissolution), parenting plans, custody arrangements and modifications, Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), child support guidelines, and post dissolution issues. Students will learn the paralegal's role in the preparation of standard family law documents.

PAR 209 Torts (3 Credits)

This course offers a detailed exploration of Tort law principles, providing students with the foundation necessary to assist attorneys in the field of Tort law. Torts which are civil - non-criminal - wrongs including Intentional Torts, Negligence, Products Liability, and Strict Liability that results in harm or loss to private individuals. Students will delve into various types of Torts, elements required to establish liability, and remedies available to injured parties.

PAR 210 Real Property (3 Credits)

This course covers all major areas of real property law, including the nature of real property, types of ownership, real estate contracts, title and insurance, financing, landlord and tenant, land use, environmental law, regulation and boundary law.

PAR 211 Legal Research & Writing (3 Credits)

This course introduces legal research, writing, and analysis. Students will learn to identify, use, and analyze primary and secondary legal authorities to solve legal problems and how to structure and draft legal memoranda and briefs.

PAR 260 Legal Ethics (3 Credits)

This course introduces ethics for the paralegal. Topics include but are not limited to confidentiality, paralegal-attorney relationship, fee arrangements, Code of Professional Conduct, attorney-client privilege, fiduciary responsibilities, and public service.

PAR 266 Civil Litigation (3 Credits)

This course introduces rules governing civil litigation involving the general nature of how lawsuits arise. This includes client interviews, data gathering, pleading, and practice from the filing of lawsuit to preparation for trial, and core considerations of ethics and professionalism.

PAR 297 Internship (3 Credits)

On-the-job experience as a paralegal trainee under the supervision of an employer, attorney, or court official. This experience increases students' skills, prepares them for initial employment and advancement on the job, and increases occupational awareness and professionalism. Students will work a minimum of 165 hours at an approved site and attend a weekly one-hour seminar.