

PARALEGAL STUDIES MINOR

The Paralegal Studies Program, approved by the American Bar Association, offers students a balanced and varied background in theoretical and practical aspects of law, which are necessary for work as a paralegal. Over 50% of our graduates go on to work as paralegals or continue onto law school. The minor in Paralegal Studies provides a solid foundation for students aspiring to work in the legal field, go to law school or graduate school. It also develops intellectual and analytical skills, educates students for direct employment opportunities in the paralegal field, and provides additional career possibilities in combination with other majors/minors. The Montclair State University Paralegal Studies Program was the first program in New Jersey to receive American Bar Association approval. ParalegalEDU.org named Montclair State University's Department of Justice Studies as the #1 pick in New Jersey for paralegal students interested in a paralegal studies.

Paralegals (sometimes referred to as legal assistants or legal analysts) work under the supervision of an attorney, in a variety of areas ranging from real estate, litigation and family law to intellectual property, estate and criminal practice.

This is a 21-credit minor with a requirement of a 2.75 overall GPA, and a minimum 2.75 minor GPA.

With the exception of giving legal advice, making court appearances and setting fees, a paralegal may carry out many tasks. Paralegals may not provide legal services directly to the public, except as permitted by law.

Program Requirements

Complete with a minimum 2.75 GPA:

Code	Title	Credits
PALG 210	Law and Litigation	3
PALG 312	Research and Writing for Paralegals	3
PALG 497	Paralegal Seminar and Internship	3
or PALG 498	Cooperative Education: Paralegal Studies	
Select 12 credits from the following:		12
Select 3-12 credits from the following:		
PALG 304	Real Estate Law	
PALG 306	Contract Law	
PALG 310	Fundamentals of Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law	
PALG 322	Wills, Trusts and Probate Law	
PALG 330	Family Law	
PALG 336	Corporations and Partnerships	
Select 0-9 credits from the following:		
PALG 301	Criminal Law and Procedure	
PALG 305	Immigration Law	
PALG 308	Negotiation, Mediation and Arbitration	
PALG 317	Evidence	
PALG 318	Computer-Assisted Research in the Legal Environment	
PALG 320	Bankruptcy Law	
PALG 331	Administrative Law and Procedure	
PALG 332	Personal Injury Law	
PALG 339	Computer Applications in the Legal Environment	

PALG 378	Employment Law
PALG 390	Independent Study in Paralegal Studies
PALG 398	Special Topics in Paralegal Studies
PALG 411	Advanced Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law
PALG 412	Consumer Law
PALG 413	Elder Law
PALG 420	Civil Trial Preparation
PALG 437	Entertainment Law
PALG 438	Trademark Law
PALG 440	Criminal Trial Preparation
PALG 450	Law Office Management and Technology
Select 0-3 credits from the following:	
JUST 351	Juries and Justice
JUST 360	Rights, Liberties and American Justice
PALG 316	Skills for Bilingual Legal Personnel
POLS 321	Law in Society: Criminal Law
Total Credits	21