

LEGAL STUDIES, PARALEGAL STUDIES - ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE



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The Community College of Rhode Island offers a degree program for individuals interested in a career as a legal assistant. Graduates of the program have the option of entering the workforce as a trained paralegal or continuing their education by transferring to a college offering a bachelor's degree program in paralegal studies.

Paralegal portfolio requirement: For students enrolling in the Paralegal major, the completion of a portfolio of their coursework will be required near the end of their course of study. Students will prepare the portfolio as part of either Basic Civil Procedures for Paralegals (LAWS 2020) or Legal Research and Writing (LAWS 2090), whichever one of these two courses they take last.

Details on what must be included in the portfolio can be found on the department's website. (<https://www.ccri.edu/LAWS/>)

Note: Many courses require prerequisites, corequisites and/or testing. See course descriptions at the back of the catalog for detail.

Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements		
ENGL 1010	Composition I	3
COMM 1100	Public Speaking	3
ENGL Literature course (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#litr/)	Any literature course	3
Choose one of the following Math courses:		3
MATH 1005	Business Mathematics	
MATH 1025	Introduction to College Mathematics	
MATH 1139	Mathematics for Liberal Arts Students (Recommended for transfer)	
PSYC 2010	General Psychology	4
Humanities OR Social Science Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/courses-approved-general-education-credits/)		6
Subtotal		22
Major Education Requirements		
LAWS 1080	Introduction to Paralegal Studies	3
LAWS 1020	Criminal Procedure	3
LAWS 2050	Law of Contracts	3
LAWS 2010	Law of Evidence	3

LAWS 2060	The Law of Property, Estates and Trusts	3
LAWS 2000	Constitutional Law	3
LAWS 2020	Basic Civil Procedures for Paralegals	3
LAWS 2070	Law of Business Organization	3
Select one of the following LAWS Electives:		3
LAWS 1010	Criminal Law	
LAWS 2030	Criminal Law and the Constitution	
LAWS 2040	Law and Society	
LIBA 1010	Cooperative Work Experience I	
LAWS 2090	Legal Research and Writing	4
LAWS 2100	Law of Torts	3
Select one of the following:		1
COMI 1420	Introduction to Spreadsheets	
COMI 1430	Introduction to Database Software	
COMI 1432	Intermediate Database Software	
BUSN 1220	QuickBooks, Computer Application	1
COMI 1640	Introduction to Word Processing	1
Select one of the following options: ¹		3
Option 1:		
COMI 1100	Introduction to Computers	
Option 2:		
Select three modules from the following: ²		
COMI 1420	Introduction to Spreadsheets	
COMI 1430	Introduction to Database Software	
COMI 1432	Intermediate Database Software	
Subtotal		40
Total Hours		62

¹ In place of the three-credit Introduction to Computers (COMI 1100) course, students may take three one-credit computer modules.

² 5 weeks each.

Recommended Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Semester 1		
LAWS 1020	Criminal Procedure	3
LAWS 1080	Introduction to Paralegal Studies	3
ENGL 1010	Composition I	3
Choose one of the following Math courses:		3
MATH 1005	Business Mathematics	
MATH 1025	Introduction to College Mathematics	
MATH 1139	Mathematics for Liberal Arts Students	
PSYC 2010	General Psychology	4
Hours		16
Semester 2		
COMI 1100	Introduction to Computers	3
LAWS 2010	Law of Evidence	3
LAWS 2060	The Law of Property, Estates and Trusts	3
Literature Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#litr/)		3
COMM 1100	Public Speaking	3
Hours		15

Year 2**Semester 1**

BUSN 1220	QuickBooks, Computer Application	1
COMI 1640	Introduction to Word Processing	1
Select one of the following:		1
COMI 1420	Introduction to Spreadsheets	
COMI 1430	Introduction to Database Software	
COMI 1432	Intermediate Database Software	
LAWS 2020	Basic Civil Procedures for Paralegals	3
LAWS 2050	Law of Contracts	3
LAWS 2070	Law of Business Organization	3
LAWS 2100	Law of Torts	3
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Hours		15

Semester 2

LAWS 2000	Constitutional Law	3
LAWS 2090	Legal Research and Writing	4
Select one of the following LAWS Electives:		3
LAWS 1010	Criminal Law	
LAWS 2030	Criminal Law and the Constitution	
LAWS 2040	Law and Society	
LIBA 1010	Cooperative Work Experience I	
Humanities OR Social Science Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/courses-approved-general-education-credits/)		3
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Hours		16
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Total Hours		62

Transfer

If you are interested in earning a bachelor's degree, please meet with an Academic Advisor (https://www.ccri.edu/advising/transfer_information/) who can help you select the courses that best prepare you for transfer to a four-year college or university. For more information, you can also visit [ritransfers.org](http://www.ritransfers.org/) (<http://www.ritransfers.org/>) with resources on course and program transfer to Rhode Island College and the University of Rhode Island, or visit CCRI's Transfer Articulation (<https://www.ccri.edu/oes/records/transfers/traagree.html>) page for information on articulation agreements with colleges and universities throughout New England.