

# LEGAL STUDIES, PARALEGAL STUDIES - ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE



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**The Paralegal Studies Degree Program is currently suspended and not accepting new students.**

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 program's webpage (<https://ccri.edu/businessadmin/laws/>).

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

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## Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
ENGL 1010	Composition I (or ENGL 1010A)	3
COMM 1010	Communication Fundamentals <sup>^</sup>	3
ENGL Literature course ( <a href="https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#litgened/">https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#litgened/</a> )	Any Literature course	3
Choose one of the following: <sup>1</sup>		3
MATH 1005	Business Mathematics	
MATH 1025	Introduction to College Mathematics	
MATH 1139	Mathematics for Liberal Arts Students (or MATH 1139C)	

PSYC 2010	General Psychology	4
Humanities OR Social Science Electives ( <a href="https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/">https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/</a> )		6
Subtotal		22
<b>Major Education Requirements</b>		
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 <sup>^</sup>	
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	
BUSN 1220	QuickBooks, Computer Application	1
COMI 1640	Introduction to Word Processing	1
COMI 1100	Introduction to Computers <sup>2</sup>	3
Subtotal		40
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>62</b>

<sup>1</sup> MATH 1139 or MATH 1139C is recommended for students who plan to transfer to a four-year institution. It is strongly recommended that students work with the CCRI academic advising team to select the appropriate math course for graduation and to prepare for transfer.

<sup>2</sup> In place of the three-credit Introduction to Computers (COMI 1100) course, students may take three one-credit computer modules.

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## Recommended Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Semester 1</b>		
LAWS 1020	Criminal Procedure	3
LAWS 1080	Introduction to Paralegal Studies	3
ENGL 1010	Composition I (or ENGL 1010A)	3
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MATH 1005	Business Mathematics	
MATH 1025	Introduction to College Mathematics	
MATH 1139	Mathematics for Liberal Arts Students (or MATH 1139C)	

PSYC 2010	General Psychology	4
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Semester 2</b>		
COMI 1100	Introduction to Computers	3
LAWS 2010	Law of Evidence	3
LAWS 2060	The Law of Property, Estates and Trusts	3
Literature Elective ( <a href="https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#litgened/">https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#litgened/</a> )		3
COMM 1010	Communication Fundamentals <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Semester 1</b>		
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	
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
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Semester 2</b>		
LAWS 2000	Constitutional Law	3
LAWS 2090	Legal Research and Writing	4
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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 ( <a href="https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/">https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/</a> )		3
Humanities OR Social Science Elective ( <a href="https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/">https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/</a> )		3
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## Transfer

If you are interested in earning a bachelor's degree, please meet with an Academic Advisor (<https://ccri.edu/advising/>) who can help you select the courses that best prepare you for transfer to a four-year college or university.

If you are interested in transferring to Rhode Island College or the University of Rhode Island, check out the Joint Admissions Agreement (<https://ccri.edu/jaa/>). Transfer information, events and articulations can be found on the Transfer Center website ([https://ccri.edu/oes/transfer\\_center/](https://ccri.edu/oes/transfer_center/)).