

Paralegal Studies Associate of Arts

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The Paralegal Studies Associate of Arts degree provides the first two years of study for students preparing for a career as a paralegal. The program provides a general education background while focusing on developing an understanding of the legal system. Students can transfer to a four-year college or university to complete a Bachelor's program in Paralegal Studies or Legal Studies to expand on their career opportunities in this field.¹

	General Education Requirements (33 credits)	General Education Code	Credits
EGL 101	College Composition	E	3
EGL 102	Composition and Literature	H	3
HST	Elective ²	H	3
MAT	Elective	M	4
MAT 127	Introduction to Statistics	M	4
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	SS	3
SCI	Science Electives ³	S/SL	7
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	SS	3
SPH 121 or SPH 141	Interpersonal Communication or Public Speaking	H	3

	Program Requirements (27 credits)	General Education Code	Credits
CIS 101 or CSC 104	Introduction to Computer Concepts or Computer Science Fundamentals I	I	3
CRJ 101	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System		3
CRJ 133	Forensic Techniques in Crime Scene Investigations		3
CRJ 201	Criminal Investigation		3
CRJ 205	Principles of Criminal Law		3
CRJ 214	Delinquency and Juvenile Justice		3
EGL 211	Technical Writing		3
POS 101	Introduction to Political Science	SS	3
POS 201	American Government	SS	3

Total Credits Required in Program: 60

¹ Cecil College has articulation agreements with Widener Delaware Law School and Wilmington University. Students who plan to transfer to Widener or Wilmington can take PHI 101 Introduction to Philosophy at Cecil College. Students who plan to transfer to Widener Delaware Law School can take CRJ 221 Criminology. Students who plan to transfer to Wilmington University can take BUS 210 Business Law.

² Choose one from the following: HST 101 Western Civilization I, HST 102 Western Civilization II, HST 201 United States History I, or HST 202 United States History II.

³ One science elective must include a lab.

Program Learning Goals:

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Describe the American legal system including sources of American law, the judicial system, civil and criminal procedures, and substantive areas of law such as contracts, torts, constitutional law, employment, and other areas.
- Identify the functions of law in American society, how the law relates to corresponding legal research material, and the legislative process, judicial structure and system.
- Apply the professional skills necessary for a career in the legal field, including oral and written communication and technology skills.