



## **Legal Studies A.B.**

Career Community: Public Service Careers

Curriculum Code: 0101

Effective: Fall 2025 – Summer 2030

### **Purpose of the Major**

Pursue your path to studying law or train to be a paralegal. Paralegals generally work under the supervision of an attorney as authorized by law and adhere to recognized ethical standards and rules of professional responsibility. Paralegals investigate the facts; conduct interviews; perform legal research; analyze substantive and procedural laws; draft appropriate documents including: briefs, pleadings, and other forms. Paralegals possess strong technology and case management skills. A Legal Studies degree will prepare you for a variety of career opportunities in private law firms, governmental agencies, corporations, financial institutions, courts systems, legal aid organizations, and other industries. This program is approved by the American Bar Association (ABA). Paralegals are not authorized to engage in the unauthorized practice of law. Not all courses in this program transfer to all colleges. Students planning to transfer should see an academic advisor before enrolling in any course.

### **Milestone**

In addition to the required General Education courses in Math and English, completion of LEGL 115 with a 2.0 or higher is a key component for success in completing this program. Knowledge obtained in these courses is the foundation for learning in other required courses. Students are encouraged to contact their faculty if they need additional assistance with learning the concepts presented in these courses.

### **Additional Information**

Legal Studies Program Legal Specialty Courses Transfer Credit Policy\*

The Lansing Community College Legal Studies Program may award transfer credit for designated, legal specialty courses on a case-by-case basis determined by the Legal Studies Program Director, subject to approval of the Dean of the Technical Careers Division. The current Legal Studies specialty courses are LEGL 115, LEGL 125, LEGL 207, LEGL 211, LEGL 212, LEGL 222, LEGL 223, LEGL 225, LEGL 228, LEGL 229 and LEGL 270. The following conditions apply to the transfer of these legal specialty courses:

1. Transfer credit may be awarded for substantially similar courses completed with a grade of "C" or higher in an ABA-approved, or other post-secondary academically accredited Legal Studies program. To be considered "substantially similar," the course must have incorporated the same or similar topics and assignments as the LCC Legal Studies specialty course sought to be credited as evidenced by a catalog description, detailed syllabus, and course reference file.
2. No more than 9 semester credit hours of Legal Studies specialty course credit may be earned by transfer credit toward the Legal Studies Associate Degree or Legal Studies Post-Bachelor Certificate by transfer credit.
3. Transfer credit will not be awarded for LEGL 225 and LEGL 270.

\*Notwithstanding the provisions detailed above: in no circumstance will a student be awarded a Legal Studies Associate degree or Certificate unless at least 9 hours of Legal Studies specialty course work has been completed at LCC in a synchronous class format.

## Contact Information

For further information, including about career options, course substitutions and waivers, etc., contact the Public Service Careers Program, West Campus Building, Room M127, telephone number 517-483-1570, or Student Services West Campus, West Campus Building, Room M106, telephone number 517-267-5452.

## Major Required Courses –A minimum grade of 2.0 is required for General Education courses.

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
CITF 110	Intro Computer Info Systems	3 / 3
COMM 110	Communication in the Workplace	3 / 3
LEGL 115	Introduction to Legal Studies	3 / 3
LEGL 125	Legal Research and Writing I	3 / 3
LEGL 207	eDiscovery	3 / 3
LEGL 211	Tort Law	3 / 3
LEGL 212	Litigation Procedures	3 / 3
LEGL 217	Business Organizations	3 / 3
LEGL 222	Probate Law and Procedure	3 / 3
LEGL 223	Domestic Relations	3 / 3
LEGL 225	Legal Research and Writing II	3 / 3
LEGL 228	Computer Appl for the Law Ofc	3 / 3
LEGL 270	Paralegal Certification Prep	3 / 3

## Major Required Courses, Limited Choice –6 credits

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
BUSN 150	Legal Issues: Start Small Busn	2 / 2
CHSE 117	Health Law and Ethics	2 / 2
CJUS 103	Criminal Law	3 / 3
CJUS 106	Intro to Juvenile Justice	3 / 3
LABR 200	Intro to Labor Relations	3 / 3
LABR 204	Employment Law for Managers	3 / 3
LEGL 215	Business Law–Basic Principles	3 / 3
LEGL 229	Immigration Law	3 / 3
LEGL 280	Legal Studies Internship	3 / 3

Note: Students in this major may take CJUS 103 after successful completion of LEGL 115 rather than CJUS 101. To request an override to allow registration, contact the Public Service Careers Program.

## General Education – Applied Degrees, Recommended Courses

A minimum grade of 2.0 is required for all General Education courses. (For the full list of options, see [General Education-Applied Degrees](#).)

- English Composition or Applied English – *Select one*  
ENGL 121, Composition I, 4 credits / 4 billing hours
- English Composition (second course)/Communication – *Select one*  
Major Required Courses meets this requirement
- Humanities and Fine Arts or Social Sciences or Applied Social Sciences–*Select one*  
MGMT 234, Diversity in the Workplace, 3 credits / 3 billing hours
- Mathematics or Applied Mathematics – *Select one*  
MATH 119, Math – Applications for Living, 4 credits / 4 billing hours  
MATH 120, College Algebra, 4 credits / 4 billing hours
- Natural Sciences Lab or Applied Science and Technology Lab – *Select one*  
BIOL 120, Environmental Science, 4 credits / 6 billing hours  
BIOL 121, Biol Foundation for Physiology, 4 credits / 6 billing hours

## Additional Credits

After completing the course and credit requirements as noted on this pathway, students who fall short of the 60-credit minimum required for an Associate Degree may select any course(s) needed to reach 60 credits, except those courses noted in number 7 in the [Institutional Requirements for Associate Degrees](#). Students are encouraged to use Degree Works and meet with an Advisor to ensure all requirements are met and for course recommendations.

## Minimum Total Credit Hours

60 credits / 62 billing hours

## Recommended Course Sequence

Semester I
Gen Ed – English Composition or Applied English
Gen Ed - Mathematics or Applied Mathematics
CITF 110
LEGL 115 – Milestone course
LEGL 211
Semester II
Gen Ed – Natural Sciences Lab or Applied Science and Technology Lab
COMM 110
LEGL 217
LEGL 223

Semester II
Limited Choice

Semester III
Gen Ed – Humanities and Fine Arts or Social Sciences or Applied Social Sciences
LEGL 125
LEGL 222
LEGL 228
Limited Choice

Semester IV
LEGL 207
LEGL 212
LEGL 225
LEGL 270
Limited Choice

*LCC makes every effort to limit revisions to the pathways during their effective timeframe. However, the College reserves the right to update certificate and degree titles, and make course changes as needed, without prior notice. The College also reserves the right to discontinue programs when warranted.*