

PARALEGAL/LAW, AAS

Program Code: Paralegal/Law-AAS

This program can be completed 100% online.

Note: This degree/certificate leads to professional licensure in Nevada. Licensing requirements vary by state/territory and relocating could impact whether you will meet eligibility requirements for licensure. If you do not live in Nevada and/or do not intend to seek employment in Nevada, then your application for admittance will be under review to determine eligibility for licensure in your state prior to acceptance into the program. Please visit our Professional Licensure Programs (<https://www.tmcc.edu/vpaa/professional-licensure-programs/>) page for full details on the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.

Program Description

Associate of Applied Science, Paralegal/ Law: Paralegals assist attorneys in a variety of settings such as private legal practices, the public legal system, and corporate legal departments. TMCC's Paralegal/Law program is the only American Bar Association (ABA) approved program in Nevada.

Paralegal Career Map (<https://sites.tmcc.edu/flipbook/career-maps/>)

Recommended Course Schedule

Summer

This sequence contains a summer session. You cannot begin this program in the summer. It is recommended that you take the summer session following your first or second semester in the program.

Electives: LAW 233, LAW 251, LAW 255

Semester Total 0

Total Units 0

1st semester

Communications/English ⁴ 3

Human Relations ⁴ 3

IS 101 Introduction to Information Systems 3

LAW 101 Fundamentals of Law I (This is a prerequisite for all other LAW courses.) 3

Mathematics 3

Semester Total 15

2nd semester

Communications/English ⁴ 3

LAW 261 Legal Research I 3

LAW 263 Ethics 3

Science 3

Semester Total 12

3rd semester

Elective ⁴ 3

LAW 203 Real Property 3

LAW 205 Contracts 3

LAW 259 Legal Writing 3

U.S. and Nevada Constitutions ³ 3

Semester Total 15

4th semester

Elective 3

Fine Art/Humanities/Social Science/Diversity 3

LAW 204 Torts 3

LAW 231 Procedure - Civil 3

LAW 264 Civil Evidence 3

Semester Total 15

Summer

Electives: See notes above. This is a summer Semester. 6

Semester Total 6

Total Units 63

³ See approved General Education list for the AAS Degree. (<https://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aas/>)

⁴ See program recommendations or requirements.

Special Program Requirements

The LAW 101 (Fundamentals of Law I) course is open to all students. Upon completion of LAW 101 with a grade of 'B' or better a student may register for additional LAW courses through normal registration procedures as long as the proper prerequisites have been met. A student must maintain a 3.0 GPA average through all legal specialty coursework to graduate with an AAS degree in paralegal. The American Bar Association Standing Committee on Paralegals requires that students complete a minimum of 9 credits of LAW (or legal specialty courses) in a live format either in person or in a synchronous online course. Transfer units intended to satisfy legal specialty units will be reviewed by the program coordinator for course content to ensure that the course(s) satisfy ABA requirements. No more than 12 semester units will be allowed via transfer for legal specialty courses. No legal specialty transfer units are allowed via examination or portfolio. Paralegals may not provide legal services directly to the public, except as permitted by law.

Program Requirements

AAS degrees are generally non-transfer degrees designed for students to enter the workforce.

To earn an AAS degree, students must:

1. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 (see requirements for graduation.)
2. Complete a minimum of 15 units within the college.
3. Satisfy General Education requirements for the AAS (<https://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aas/>).
4. Have no financial or library obligation to the college.

Code Title Units

General Education Requirements

Diversity ¹ [3]

Select a course that also satisfies Humanities/Social Science.

Communications 3

Recommended:

ENG 101	Composition I	
or ENG 100	Composition Enhanced	
or ENG 113	Composition I for International and Multilingual Students	
<i>English</i>		3
Recommended:		
BUS 108	Business Letters and Reports	
<i>Humanities/Social Science</i>		3
Select only a Humanities or Social Science course from the approved AAS General Education list.		
<i>Human Relations</i>		3
Select one of the following:		
MGT 171	Supervision and Human Relations	
MGT 201	Principles of Management	
MGT 212	Leadership and Human Relations	
MGT 235	Organizational Behavior	
<i>Mathematics</i>		3
Select from MATH courses 120 or above.		
<i>Science</i>		3
<i>U.S. and Nevada Constitutions</i>		3
Degree Requirements		
IS 101	Introduction to Information Systems	3
LAW 101	Fundamentals of Law I (LS) ²	3
LAW 203	Real Property (LS) ²	3
LAW 204	Torts (LS) ²	3
LAW 205	Contracts (LS) ²	3
LAW 231	Procedure - Civil (LS) ²	3
LAW 259	Legal Writing (LS) ²	3
LAW 261	Legal Research I (LS) ²	3
LAW 263	Ethics (LS) ²	3
LAW 264	Civil Evidence (LS) ²	3
Elective Requirements		
Select 12 units from the following:		12
LAW 198	Special Topics Legal Assistant	
LAW 232	Procedure - Criminal (LS) ²	
LAW 233	Business Structures (LS) ²	
LAW 251	Bankruptcy (LS) ²	
LAW 252	Family Law (LS) ²	
LAW 255	Probate Procedures (LS) ²	
LAW 295	Supervised Field Experience (LS) ²	
Total Units		63

PSLO1: Exhibit knowledge of the following areas of the law: torts, civil procedure, ethics, and real property.

PSLO2: Demonstrate the ability to do basic legal research and basic legal writing.

PSLO3: Acquire the knowledge and skills to obtain entry-level employment as a paralegal.

¹ May also count toward degree requirements. Please consult with Academic Advisement.

² "LS" denotes legal specialty courses. A student must maintain a 3.0 GPA average through all legal specialty coursework to graduate with an AAS degree in Paralegal.

Program Outcomes

Students completing the degree will: