LEGAL STUDIES, AAS

This degree is designed to allow students to obtain an associate degree that focuses on specialized training in the legal studies field, preparing them for work as a paralegal, legal assistant, or legal advocate. The degree requirements include course topics covering introduction to law, legal research, legal writing, litigation, as well as the opportunity to select from various specialized areas of law such as corporate law, family law, and personal injury law.

Degree Requirements

In addition to the requirements stated below, students must complete 15 hours of General Education (https://catalog.washburn.edu/ undergraduate/programs-degrees-graduation-requirements/generaleducation-requirements/), all requirements for an Associate of Applied Science (https://catalog.washburn.edu/undergraduate/programsdegrees-graduation-requirements/university-requirements-common-allassociate-degrees/) degree, and any additional hours needed to reach the minimum 60 credit hours required for graduation. Some of the courses below may also fulfill general education or other degree requirements. Please see your advisor for more information.

Code	Title	Hours	
Required Courses Inside Department ¹			
LG 101	Introduction to Legal Practice	3	
LG 200	Introduction to Law	3	
LG 240	Constitutional Law	3	
LG 250	Legal Research I	3	
LG 300	Legal Writing	3	
LG 305	Litigation I	3	
LG 310	Interviewing & Investigation	3	
Select 6 courses (18 hours) from the following:	18	
LG 205	Corporate Law		
LG 210	Family Law		
LG 215	Property Law		
LG 220	Wills & Estate Administration		
LG 315	Legal Research II		
LG 320	Elder Law		
LG 325	Personal Injury Law		
LG 330	Administrative Law for Paralegals		
LG 340	Law and the Cinema		
LG 342	Capital Punishment in America		
LG 345	Criminal Law		
LG 350	Professional Ethics		
LG 355	Introduction to Contracts		
LG 390	Special Topics/Legal Asst		
LG 405	Litigation II		
LG 410	Bankruptcy & Collections		
LG 450	Internship		
Select 2 courses (6 hours) from the following:			
CJ 303	Diversity in American Culture		
CJ 318	Juvenile Justice		
CJ 352	Firearms Decision Making		
CJ 410	Criminal Procedure and Evidence		
Subtotal		45	

Required Courses Outside Department

Total Hours		48
Subtotal		3
WU 101	The Washburn Experience	3
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¹ Students majoring in Legal Studies must earn a grade of "C" or better in all required legal studies/criminal justice courses for credit.