

# ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN LEGAL SUPPORT AND SERVICES

## Description and Outcomes

The Associate of Applied Science in Legal Support and Services program is designed to offer a broad-based foundation in the knowledge of the law and other related practical study areas, in conjunction with the practical and technical skills and competencies required of various professions in the legal field. Comprehensive study in areas such as legal research and writing, civil litigation, legal ethics, torts, and various legal disciplines help prepare you for diverse career opportunities.

If you are interested in pursuing occupational advancement or seeking employment in legal environments, including private law firms, corporations, and government agencies, consider this program. Duties may include providing support during legal proceedings, investigation, preparing various documents, managing technology, and researching legal issues.

## Program Length

The Associate of Applied Science in Legal Support and Services program consists of a minimum of 90 quarter credit hours. Upon successful completion of the program, you will be awarded an associate of applied science degree.

## Program Outcomes

### Discipline-Specific Outcomes

1. Theory and Principles: Define the basic elements of specific areas of law
2. Research: Find relevant primary and secondary legal sources to apply to specific fact scenarios.
3. Investigation: Describe the exploratory techniques used in the legal profession.
4. Communications: Draft communications using practical concepts from specific areas of law.
5. Critical Thinking: Assess the legal practices of various societal institutions.

### General Education Literacies and Professional Competencies

In addition to the discipline-specific outcomes, general education literacies and professional competencies are integrated throughout your academic program. You can review the general education literacies and professional competencies associated with your academic program in the General Education and Professional Competency Requirements (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/general-education-professional-competency-requirements/>) section of this Catalog.

## Program Availability

For program availability, please refer to the U.S. State and Other Approvals (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/accreditation-approvals-memberships/>) section and Program Availability Information (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf>).

## Policies

Please refer to school-specific policies (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/>) and the Policy Information (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/policy-information/>) section for general Purdue Global policies.


## Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams

Certification and licensure boards have state-specific educational requirements for programs that lead to a license or certification that is a precondition for employment. Prospective and current students must review Purdue Global's State Licensure and Certifications (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/about/accreditation/licensure-state-authorizations/>) site to view program and state-specific licensure information.






Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global's Program Availability Information (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf>) to determine enrollment eligibility.


You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record, and meeting other certification requirements.

## Degree Plan

The  icon appears in the title of traditional courses that are also available as a set of module courses. Module course availability may be limited to certain academic calendars. See Course Types (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/approach-to-learning/>) for information about module courses.

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Requirements</b>		
CM107	 College Composition I	5
CM206	Interpersonal Communication	5
CM220	 College Composition II	5
100/200 Level	Mathematics Requirement <sup>1</sup>	5
Social Science (select one of the following):		5
SS236	 American Government	
SS250	 Technology and Society	
Total Core Requirements		25
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
LS100	Introduction to the Law and Legal Profession	5
LS185	Introduction to American Jurisprudence	5
LS204	Legal Research and Writing	5
PA110	 Civil Litigation	5
PA165	Introduction to Torts	5

PA230	Introduction to Legal Technology	5
or IT133	 Microsoft Office Applications on Demand	
PA250	Family Law	5
PA253	Legal Ethics	5
PA260	Criminal Law	5
LS298	Associate of Applied Science in Legal Support and Services Capstone	5
Total Major Requirements		50
<b>Open Elective Requirements</b>		
Open Electives		15
Total Open Elective Requirements		15
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>90</b>

<sup>1</sup> For options to fulfill this requirement, see the corresponding literacy in General Education and Professional Competency Requirements (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/general-education-professional-competency-requirements/>).