

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN LEGAL SUPPORT AND SERVICES

Description and Outcomes

The Bachelor of 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, American justice system, legal ethics, legal philosophy, and various legal disciplines help prepare you for diverse career opportunities.

If you are interested in pursuing occupational advancement or seeking employment in legal support 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 and assessing legal issues.

If you have already completed an associate's or bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, you may be eligible for degree requirements to be waived and replaced with advanced start credit. Refer to Advanced Start Credit in Bachelor's Degrees (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/prior-learning/advanced-start-credit-bachelors-degrees/>) for details.

Concentration

The bachelor's degree program offers you the opportunity to personalize a degree with a concentration in the paralegal profession.

Graduate Program Pathways

If you are interested in earning both a bachelor's and master's degree, consider a graduate program pathway (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/graduate-program-pathways/>).

Program Length

The Bachelor of Science in Legal Support and Services program consists of a minimum of 180 quarter credit hours. Upon successful completion of the program, you will be awarded a bachelor of science degree.

Program Outcomes

Discipline-Specific Outcomes

1. Theory and Principles: Explain the elements of specific areas of law.
2. Research: Apply relevant primary and secondary legal sources to specific fact scenarios.
3. Investigation: Investigate using exploratory techniques in the legal profession.
4. Communications: Draft communications using legal sources from specific areas of law.
5. Critical Thinking: Argue legal theories and the 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/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

Students in this program are not required to select a concentration.

Standard Track




Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
CM107	 College Composition I	5
CM220	 College Composition II	5



CS212	 Communicating Professionalism	5
100/200 Level	Mathematics Requirement ¹	5
100/200 Level	Arts and Humanities Requirement ¹	5
100/200 Level	Science Requirement ¹	5
100/200 Level	Social Science Requirement ¹	5
100/200 Level	General Education Electives	10
Total Core Requirements		45
Major Requirements		
CM206	Interpersonal Communication	5
IT133	 Microsoft Office Applications on Demand ²	5
or PA230	Introduction to Legal Technology	
LS100	Introduction to the Law and Legal Profession ²	5
LS185	Introduction to American Jurisprudence ²	5
LS204	Legal Research and Writing	5
LS244	Advanced Legal Research and Writing	5
PA253	Legal Ethics ²	5
100/200 Level	Major Elective	5
LS308	Law and Society	6
LS311	 Business Law	6
LS312	Ethics and the Legal Environment	6
LS490	Legal Philosophy	6
PA412	Alternative Dispute Resolution	6
300/400 Level	Major Electives (see below)	12
LS495	Bachelor of Science in Legal Support and Services Capstone	6
Total Major Requirements		88
Open Elective Requirements		
Open Electives		47
Total Open Elective Requirements		47
TOTAL CREDITS		180

¹ 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/>).

² These degree requirements can be waived for students who are eligible for advanced start credit with a prior degree. See Advanced Start Credit in Bachelor's Degrees (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/prior-learning/advanced-start-credit-bachelors-degrees/>) for details.

Concentration Track

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Core Requirements		
CM107	 College Composition I	5
CM220	 College Composition II	5
CS212	 Communicating Professionalism	5
100/200 Level	Mathematics Requirement ¹	5
100/200 Level	Arts and Humanities Requirement ¹	5
100/200 Level	Science Requirement ¹	5
100/200 Level	Social Science Requirement ¹	5


100/200 Level	General Education Electives	10
Total Core Requirements		45
Major Requirements		
CM206	Interpersonal Communication	5
IT133	 Microsoft Office Applications on Demand ²	5
or PA230	Introduction to Legal Technology	
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LS185	Introduction to American Jurisprudence ²	5
LS204	Legal Research and Writing	5
LS244	Advanced Legal Research and Writing	5
PA253	Legal Ethics ²	5
LS308	Law and Society	6
LS311	 Business Law	6
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LS490	Legal Philosophy	6
PA412	Alternative Dispute Resolution	6
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300/400 Level	Major Electives (see below)	12
LS495	Bachelor of Science in Legal Support and Services Capstone	6
Total Major Requirements		93
Open Elective Requirements		
Open Electives		42
Total Open Elective Requirements		42
TOTAL CREDITS		180

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Paralegal

Concentration courses are completed within the major electives requirement of the degree plan.

Code	Title	Credits
PA110	 Civil Litigation	5
PA260	Criminal Law	5
PA301	Administrative Law	6
PA305	Law Office Management	6
TOTAL CREDITS		22