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PARALEGAL STUDIES (A.A.S.)

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT
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A Career in Law

Eastern Kentucky University's Paralegal Science Program and its A.A. program in Paralegal Studies (both approved by the American Bar Association) have developed reputations for exceptional quality in the field. Paralegals are professional-level employees that work under the supervision of an attorney and perform tasks that lawyers have traditionally done. Paralegals are predicted to be among the fastest growing occupations by both the U. S. Department of Labor and Kentucky's Work Force Cabinet.

Eastern's program has developed a reputation for excellence because of its challenging courses, its dedicated attorney professors, and its fine placement record for graduates. Our graduates go on to work in a variety of interesting law office and law-related settings. A number of our students go on to do well in law school and other areas of graduate education. This profession can be a great choice not only because of the wide array of satisfying career opportunities but also because students learn their legal rights and responsibilities, valuable knowledge in an increasingly complex world.

Because of our program's quality and Eastern's reasonable tuition rates, the program may well be a best buy in higher education. The usual financial aid packages and scholarships are available through EKU. Students can also compete for additional scholarships while attending the program. We also have a very active Student Paralegal Association and our students strive for nomination into a national honor society for paralegal majors. All of our majors enjoy an internship experience in a law office or similar setting before they graduate.

Here are some quotes from alumni:

- *I think that I have gotten the best paralegal training available. Several times I have heard people from different areas of the legal community remark that EKU has such an outstanding program. I am proud to be a graduate of this fine program.*
- *According to my attorney (at a large law firm), they have hired paralegals from EKU and other national paralegal schools and find that there is absolutely no comparison. EKU paralegal graduates are much better trained and prepared than those from other schools.*

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Eastern Kentucky University

If you are serious about learning, Eastern Kentucky University is your kind of place. We're committed to helping you realize your potential and achieve your goals. And we'll work hard to provide you with a quality, life-changing learning experience.

As a student at EKU, you'll be taught, challenged and guided by professors who put teaching first. And because we maintain high standards set by national and regional accrediting agencies, we'll have high expectations for you as a student. You'll work hard, and we'll help you succeed.

Most of your classes at EKU will be small and will be taught by professors, not graduate students. You'll study in modern classrooms, laboratories, libraries and other facilities using state-of-the-art technology and equipment. And you'll discover opportunities to enhance classroom learning with hands-on experience through internships or the cooperative education program.

- A comprehensive, public university serving more than 16,000 students.
- Undergraduate and graduate excellence through more than 160 associate, baccalaureate, master's, specialist and cooperative doctoral programs.
- Quality and diversity in faculty and staff.
- Student/professor ratio of 17:1
66-acre main campus in Richmond, educational centers in Corbin, Danville and Manchester, and academic offerings at other sites throughout the Commonwealth.

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The paralegal programs offer a Bachelor of Arts degree in paralegal science and an Associate of Arts degree in paralegal studies. The objectives of the programs are: (1) to create, implement, and maintain a strong, flexible program directed to the quality education of occupationally competent paralegals; (2) to provide a paralegal education program that leads to employment of its graduates by a wide range of employers; (3) to provide paralegals with a well-rounded, balanced education founded on a beneficial mix of general education, theory, and practical courses stressing understanding and reasoning rather than rote learning of facts; (4) to support the general principles of ethical legal practice, professional responsibility, and the prohibitions against the unauthorized practice of law by a lay person; (5) to provide an educational program that is responsive to the varied needs of the state of Kentucky and the region and contributes to the overall advancement of the legal profession; (6) to provide a program which instills respect for the legal profession and its foundations, institutions, and quest for justice; and (7) to maintain equality of opportunity in the educational program without discrimination or segregation on the grounds of race, color, religion, natural origin, or sex.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Paralegal majors (A.A., B.A.) must attain a minimum grade of "C" in all "major" and "supporting" courses. A minimum grade of "C" must be earned in LAS 210 before taking LAS 220 and 320. A minimum grade of "C" must be earned in LAS 220 before being admitted to any of the other upper division requirements.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Transfer students must take a minimum of 15 semester hours of paralegal (LAS) courses at EKU to earn a paralegal degree.

Major Requirements	37 hours
LAS 210, 220, 300, 320, 325, 350, 385, 399, 410 and nine hours from LAS 330, 340, 360, 370, 380, or 460.	
Supporting Course Requirements	25 hours
ASO 100, six hours of English Composition*, three hours general education humanities*, POL 101*, MAT 105* or higher, three hours general education elective* (not POL), ACC 201, and ENG 301.	
Free Electives	2 hours
Total Curriculum Requirements	64 hours

* Courses meeting general education requirements.

MINOR IN PARALEGAL STUDIES

A student may minor in Paralegal Studies by completing a total of 18 hours as follows: LAS 210, 220, 300, 320, 350, and 410.

MINOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

A student may minor in political science by completing POL 101 plus 15 hours of which nine hours must be in courses numbered 300 or above. No more than three hours of POL 349 may count toward the minor.

MINOR IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

A student may minor in public administration by completing a total of 18 hours as follows: POL 101, POL 370, POL 374, and nine hours from POL 332 or POL 333, POL 371, POL 373, POL 376, POL 377, and POL 565. Upper division courses applied to the public administration minor may not be applied to the political science minor.

CERTIFICATE IN PARALEGAL SCIENCE (POST-BACCALAUREATE)

Requirements **30-31 hours****
LAS 210, 220, 300, 320, 350, 410, plus 12 hours of LAS courses chosen from LAS 325, 330, 340, 360, 370, 380, 385, 399*.

* LAS 399 is a 4 semester hour course.

**Students with 75 hours or more may begin taking courses toward the post-baccalaureate certificate. At least 18 hours toward the certificate must be taken subsequent to receiving a bachelor's degree.

PARALEGAL COURSES

LAS 210	Intro. to Law
LAS 220	Legal Research and Writing I
LAS 300	Legal Research and Writing II
LAS 320	Civil Law and Liability
LAS 325	Real Estate/Bankruptcy Practice
LAS 330	Family Law Practice
LAS 340	Criminal Law Practice and Procedure
LAS 350	Litigation Practice and Procedure
LAS 360	Probate Practice and Procedure
LAS 370	Corporations and Business Organization Practice
LAS 380	Administrative Agency Practice
LAS 385	Legal Administration and Computer Applications
LAS 399	Paralegal Internship
LAS 410	Paralegal Seminar

OTHER COURSES

ACC 201	Intro. to Financial Accounting
ENG 301	Advanced Composition
MAT 105	Mathematics with Applications
POL 101	Intro. to American Government