

## PARALEGAL STUDIES (BA)

### Degree Plan (PLGSTGCB)

#### GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM

##### GEC 01. Written Communication (6 hours)

01. ENG 101
02. ENG 102

##### GEC 02. Basic Science and Mathematics (11 hours minimum)

*Science Requirement (8 hours minimum)*

01. Select 2 courses with labs:
  - AST 111/L (Recommended)
  - AST 112/L (Recommended)
  - BSC 103/L $\diamond$  (Recommended)
  - BSC 110/L
  - BSC 111/L
  - BSC 250/L
  - BSC 251/L
  - CHE 104/L (Recommended)
  - CHE 106/L
  - CHE 107/L
  - GHY 104/L
  - GHY 105/L
  - GLY 101/L (Recommended)
  - GLY 103/L
  - MAR 151/L
  - PHY 103/L
  - PHY 111/L
  - PHY 112/L
  - PHY 201/L
  - PHY 202/L
  - PSC 190/L (Recommended)

*Mathematics Requirement (3 hours)*

02. MAT 100 or higher Mathematics

##### GEC 03. Global History and Culture (12 hours)

*Social Sciences Requirement (3 hours)*

01. Select 1 course:

ANT 101  
GHY 101 $\diamond$   
SOC 101

*Humanities Requirement (9 hours)*

02. ENG 203
03. Select 2 courses, 1 History required:
  - HIS 101\*
  - HIS 102\*

##### GEC 04. Aesthetic Values (3 hours)

01. Select 1 course:

ART 130  
DAN 130  
MUS 165  
THE 100

##### GEC 05. Decision-Making and Responsibility (3 hours)

01. Select 1 course:

COH 100  
ECO 101  
PHI 171  
PS 101  
PSY 110

##### GEC 06. Computer Competency Requirement\* (3 hours or Major Area)

01. Select 1 course:
  - LIS 201 or PLS 385

##### GEC 07. Writing-Intensive Requirement\* (Major Area)

01. PLS 384 (WI)
  - ENG 101 & ENG 102 prerequisites

##### GEC 08. Oral Communication Requirement\* (3 hours)

01. Select 1 course:
  - CMS 111 (SI) or CMS 305 (SI) or CMS 320 (SI) or CMS 330 (SI)

##### GEC 09. Capstone Requirement\* (Major Area)

01. PLS 490 (Capstone)
  - Must be taken Senior Year; ENG 101 & ENG 102 prerequisites

\*This particular GEC course is required for this major.

$\diamond$  GEC restrictions apply; see page 61.

For full description of the GEC, see page 59.

#### PROGRAM CURRICULUM

##### DEG 01. Bachelor of Arts Requirements (12 hours minimum)

01. Select 1 course:
  - PHI 151 or REL 131
02. Select 1 course:
  - ENG 200 or ENG 201 or ENG 202 or HIS 201 or HIS 202 or FLM 170 or WS 301
03. Select 1 course not selected in **GEC 03**:
  - ANT 101 or GHY 101 or PS 201 or SOC 101
04. Foreign Language Requirement:
  - 12 hours in a single foreign language; fewer hours may suffice, but course level 202 must be completed.

##### DEG 02. Major Area of Study Requirements (36 hours minimum)

01. AJ 330
02. PLS 381
03. PLS 382
04. PLS 383
05. PLS 384 (WI)
06. PLS 385
07. PLS 386
08. PLS 387
09. PLS 388
10. PLS 490 (Capstone)
11. Select 1 course:
  - ENG 332
  - ENG 333 (WI)
12. Select 1 course:
  - ACC 200 or BA 200 or REI 340 or AJ 430 or AJ 463 or CSC 100 or PS 380 or PS 480 or PS 481 or PS 484 or PS 489 or PLS 389 or PLS 492

##### DEG 03. Required Minor (18 hours)

01. Students must fulfill requirements to receive a minor in another discipline.

##### DEG 04. Electives

01. Choose electives as needed with adviser's approval.

#### HOURS TO DEGREE

124 hours are needed to graduate with a BA in Paralegal Studies. At least 50 percent of the hours applied to a degree at The University of Southern Mississippi must be earned from a senior college, and 45 of these hours must be in courses numbered 300 or above. The last 25 percent of course work must be earned from Southern Miss. The student must earn at least 12 hours in the major area of study from Southern Miss.