PLS 381 – Introduction to Paralegalism.

An introduction to the profession, including history and development, ethics, the American legal system and paralegal skills. (3 hours).

PLS 384 – Legal Drafting.

An introduction to writing correspondence, pleadings, discovery, legal memoranda, briefs, and other documents used in civil practice. (3 hours).

PLS 386 – Equity Practice.

A study of the courts of equity and their jurisdiction in the American legal system, with emphasis on domestic relations, wills, and estates. (3 hours).

PLS 388 – Commercial Skills for Paralegals.

An introduction to transactional law and related topics, including bankruptcy, debtor-creditor law, intellectual property, and formation of business entities. (3 hours).

PLS 389 – Internship in Paralegal Studies.

Prerequisites: PLS 381, PLS 382, PLS 383, and PLS 384, a GPA of 2.5, and permissions of the director; course is open only to paralegal majors. (3-9 hours).

PLS 430 – Jurisprudence.

A survey of basic theoretical foundations of American law, including the common law/case law system, federalism, and major theories of jurisprudence. (3 hours).

PLS 490 – Advanced Paralegalism.

A writing-intensive course to provide paralegal majors with a comprehensive review prior to entering the working environment or sitting for the Certified Legal Assistant Examination; open only to paralegal majors and to paralegal graduates preparing to sit for the Certified Legal Assistant Examination. Prerequisite: Senior standing. (3 hours).


Provides the opportunity to pursue a special topic or area of interest. May be repeated for a total of three hours. Senior Honors Project (Students undertaking a Senior Honors project will enroll in PLS 492H). (1-3 hours)