

LEGAL STUDIES, AAS

This degree is designed to allow students to obtain an associate degree that focuses on specialized training in the legal studies field, preparing them for work as a paralegal, legal assistant, or legal advocate. The degree requirements include course topics covering introduction to law, legal research, legal writing, litigation, as well as the opportunity to select from various specialized areas of law such as corporate law, family law, and personal injury law.

Degree Requirements

In addition to the requirements stated below, students must complete 15 hours of General Education (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/undergraduate/programs-degrees-graduation-requirements/general-education-requirements/>), all requirements for an Associate of Applied Science (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/undergraduate/programs-degrees-graduation-requirements/university-requirements-common-all-associate-degrees/>) degree, and any additional hours needed to reach the minimum 60 credit hours required for graduation. Some of the courses below may also fulfill general education or other degree requirements. Please see your advisor for more information.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses Inside Department ¹		
LG 101	Introduction to Legal Practice	3
LG 200	Introduction to Law	3
LG 240	Constitutional Law	3
LG 250	Legal Research I	3
LG 300	Legal Writing	3
LG 305	Litigation I	3
LG 310	Interviewing & Investigation	3
Select 6 courses (18 hours) from the following:		18
LG 205	Corporate Law	
LG 210	Family Law	
LG 215	Property Law	
LG 220	Wills & Estate Administration	
LG 315	Legal Research II	
LG 320	Elder Law	
LG 325	Personal Injury Law	
LG 330	Administrative Law for Paralegals	
LG 340	Law and the Cinema	
LG 342	Capital Punishment in America	
LG 345	Criminal Law	
LG 350	Professional Ethics	
LG 355	Introduction to Contracts	
LG 390	Special Topics/Legal Asst	
LG 405	Litigation II	
LG 410	Bankruptcy & Collections	
LG 450	Internship	
Select 2 courses (6 hours) from the following:		6
CJ 303	Diversity in American Culture	
CJ 318	Juvenile Justice	
CJ 352	Firearms Decision Making	
CJ 410	Criminal Procedure and Evidence	
Subtotal		45

Required Courses Outside Department

WU 101	The Washburn Experience	3
Subtotal		3
Total Hours		48

¹ Students majoring in Legal Studies must earn a grade of "C" or better in all required legal studies/criminal justice courses for credit.