

**PARALEGAL STUDIES (PALG)**

Community College of Rhode Island offers a degree program for individuals interested in a career as a legal assistant. Graduates of the program have the option of entering the work force as a trained paralegal or continuing their education by transferring to a college offering a bachelor's degree program in paralegal studies.

**New paralegal portfolio requirement:** For students enrolling in the Paralegal major on or after the Fall 2008 semester, the completion of a portfolio of their course work will be required near the end of their course of study. The students will prepare the portfolio as part of either LAWS 2020 or LAWS 2090, which ever one of these two courses they take last. Details on what must be included in the portfolio can be found on the department's Web site at [www.ccri.edu/laws](http://www.ccri.edu/laws).

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 1010*	Composition I (or ENGL 1005)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SPCH 1100	Oral Communication I	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL *	Any literature course	3
<input type="checkbox"/> MATH * Elective	Any 1000 level	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 2010	General Psychology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Humanities/Social Science Electives	See pg. 17 for complete list of courses that meet this requirement	6
<b>Total General Education Credits</b>		<b>21</b>

\*Placement test required

**TIP:**  
 Take a balance of General Education and major requirements courses, in the order they are listed.

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
<input type="checkbox"/> COMI 1100 <b>OR</b> COMI	Introduction to Computers <b>OR</b> Select three modules from: COMI 1645, 1650, 1420, 1430, 1432 (5 weeks each)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> COMI 1640	Introduction to Word Processing (5 weeks)	1
<input type="checkbox"/> BUSN 1220 <b>OR</b> BUSN 1290	QuickBooks Computer Application <b>OR</b> Peachtree Accounting Computer Application	1
<input type="checkbox"/> BUSN 1300	Timeslips Computer Application	1
<input type="checkbox"/> LAWS 1020	Criminal Procedure	3
<input type="checkbox"/> LAWS 1080	Introduction to Paralegal Studies	3
<input type="checkbox"/> LAWS 2050	Law of Contracts	3
<input type="checkbox"/> LAWS 2010	Law of Evidence	3
<input type="checkbox"/> LAWS 2060	The Law of Property, Estates and Trusts	3
<input type="checkbox"/> LAWS 2000	Constitutional Law	3
<input type="checkbox"/> LAWS 2020 <b>P</b>	Basic Civil Procedures for Paralegals	3
<input type="checkbox"/> LAWS 2070	Law of Business Organization	3
<input type="checkbox"/> LAWS Elective	Select one course from LAWS: 1010, 2030 or 2040	3
<input type="checkbox"/> LAWS 2090 <b>P</b>	Legal Research and Writing	4
<input type="checkbox"/> LAWS 2100 <b>P</b>	Law of Torts	3
<b>Total Major Requirements Credits</b>		<b>40</b>

**Total Credits for Program**

**61**

**P** This course has a prerequisite. See Course Descriptions section for class hours, prerequisites and corequisites.