

Paralegal Studies Concentration (PALG)

Associate in Science Degree in Legal Studies (AS_LGAL)

The 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 workforce as a trained paralegal or continuing their education by transferring to a college offering a bachelor's degree program in paralegal studies.

Paralegal portfolio requirement: For students enrolling in the Paralegal major, the completion of a portfolio of their coursework will be required near the end of their course of study. Students will prepare the portfolio as part of either LAWS 2020 or 2090, whichever one of these two courses they take last.

Details on what must be included in the portfolio can be found [on the department's website](#).

Note: Many courses require prerequisites, corequisites and/or testing. See course descriptions at the back of the catalog for detail.

RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE

General Education Requirements

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	COURSE NOTES	CREDITS
ENGL 1010	Composition I		3
COMM 1100	Public Speaking		3
ENGL		Any literature course	3
MATH		MATH 1005 OR 1025	3
PSYC 2010	General Psychology		4
Humanities/Social Science Elective		See this page for a complete list of courses that fulfill the SSCI attribute.	6
Total General Education Requirements Credits			22

Major Education Requirements

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	COURSE NOTES	CREDITS
LAWS 1080	Introduction to Paralegal Studies		3
LAWS 1020	Criminal Procedure		3
LAWS 2050	Law of Contracts		3
LAWS 2010	Law of Evidence		3
LAWS 2060	The Law of Property, Estates and Trusts		3
LAWS 2000	Constitutional Law		3
LAWS 2020	Basic Civil Procedures for Paralegals		3
LAWS 2070	Law of Business Organization		3
LAWS Elective		Select one course from LAWS 1010, 2030, 2040; LIBA 1010.	3
LAWS 2090	Legal Research and Writing		4
LAWS 2100	Law of Torts		3
COMI		Choose from COMI 1420, 1430, 1432, 1645, 1650.	1
BUSN 1220	QuickBooks, Computer Application		1
COMI 1640	Introduction to Word Processing		1
COMI 1100 OR COMI		Introduction to Computers OR Select three modules from: COMI 1420, 1430, 1432 1645, 1650 (5 weeks each.) In place of the three-credit Introduction to Computers (COMI 1100) course, students may take three one-credit computer modules.	3
Total Major Education Requirements Credits			40

Total Program Credits 62