

PARALEGAL STUDIES - MINOR

College of Arts and Sciences

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Description

The Paralegal Studies minor provides the foundation for students to pursue the paralegal field. A paralegal is employed by a law office, corporate legal department or public entity to perform substantive legal work under the supervision of a lawyer. Paralegals conduct legal research, maintain and organize files and draft legal documents. Paralegals also work with clients and witnesses in preparing cases for trial. A paralegal is not a lawyer and may not give legal advice, accept cases, argue in court or set fees.

For more information, visit the Paralegal Studies office located in 113 Bowman Hall (Kent Campus); 330-672-4148; www.kent.edu/paralegal.

Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus

Accreditation

The Paralegal Studies minor is approved by the American Bar Association (ABA).

Admission Requirements

Admission to a minor is open to students declared in a bachelor's degree, the A.A.B. or A.A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree (not Individualized Program major). Students declared only in the A.A. or A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree in Individualized Program may not declare a minor. Students may not pursue a minor and a major in the same discipline.

Minor Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Minor Requirements		
PLST 18000	INTRODUCTION TO PARALEGAL STUDIES AND PROFESSIONAL ETHICS	3
PLST 28001	LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING	3
PLST 28004	PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF LITIGATION	3
PLST 36792	INTERNSHIP IN PARALEGAL (ELR)	3
Minor Electives, choose from the following: ¹		18
PLST 28003	FAMILY LAW AND PROCEDURE	
PLST 28007	ESTATE AND PROBATE ADMINISTRATION	
PLST 35001	ENVIRONMENTAL LAW FOR PARALEGALS	
PLST 35003	HEALTH LAW	
PLST 35005	LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW FOR PARALEGALS	
PLST 35007	ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES LAW	
PLST 38003	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND PROCESS	
PLST 38005	TORT LAW	
PLST 38006	APPLIED LEGAL RESEARCH AND LITIGATION (WIC)	

PLST 42701	EVIDENCE AND E-DISCOVERY
PLST 42705	BANKRUPTCY LAW I: BASIC FUNDAMENTALS
PLST 42706	BANKRUPTCY LAW II: CREDITOR-DEBTOR RELATIONS
PLST 42708	REAL ESTATE LAW
PLST 48002	CONTRACT LAW
PLST 48300	LAW OF CORPORATIONS AND OTHER ASSOCIATIONS
PLST 48401	PATENT LAW
PLST 48403	PATENT PROSECUTION
PLST 48404	COPYRIGHT LAW I
PLST 48407	TRADEMARK LAW
PLST 48408	TRADEMARK PROSECUTION

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 30

¹ Minimum 6 credit hours of the electives must be upper-division (30000 or 40000 level).

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Minor GPA

2.000

- Students must complete at least two upper-division (30000 or 40000 level) courses in the minor at Kent State on a graded basis (A-F).
- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be upper-division coursework (30000 and 40000 level).
- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be outside of the course requirements for any major or other minor the student is pursuing.
- Minimum 50 percent of the total credit hours for the minor must be taken at Kent State (in residence).