

PARALEGAL STUDIES (PARA)

Subject-area course lists indicate courses currently active for offering at the University of Louisville. Not all courses are scheduled in any given academic term. For class offerings in a specific semester, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm>).

500-level courses generally are included in both the undergraduate- and graduate-level course listings; however, specific course/section offerings may vary between semesters. Students are responsible for ensuring that they enroll in courses that are applicable to their particular academic programs.

Course Fees

Some courses may carry fees beyond the standard tuition costs to cover additional support or materials. Program-, subject- and course-specific fee information can be found on the Office of the Bursar website (<http://louisville.edu/bursar/tuitionfee>).

PARA 101. Legal Systems and the Paralegal 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Description: Examination of state and national judicial systems and procedures, the role and responsibilities of paralegals in those systems. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm>)

PARA 102. Legal Research and Writing 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Description: Legal library system, research methods, case law analysis. Includes research and writing assignments.

Note: May be taken concurrently with PARA 101.

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PARA 203. Advanced Legal Research and Writing 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Prerequisite(s): PARA 101, PARA 102, 2.75 GPA in PARA courses, and 2.5 overall GPA.

Description: Use of skills learned in PARA 102 to perform sophisticated research and draft complex legal documents.

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PARA 305. Family Law 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Spring Only

Prerequisite(s): PARA 101, PARA 102, 2.75 GPA in PARA courses, and 2.5 overall GPA.

Description: Procedural aspects of cases involving marriage, divorce, separation, child support, custody, guardianship, maintenance, and other related subjects.

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PARA 310. Torts for Paralegals 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Spring Only

Prerequisite(s): PARA 101, PARA 102, 2.75 GPA in PARA courses, and 2.5 overall GPA.

Description: Introduction to tort law, including examination and analysis of medical malpractice, products liability and personal injury law for the paralegal.

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PARA 320. Computers and the Law 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Spring Only

Prerequisite(s): PARA 101, PARA 102, 2.75 GPA in PARA courses, and 2.5 overall GPA.

Description: A practical introduction to the use of computers in the legal environment, with concentration on various computer applications for the legal professional and computerized legal research.

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PARA 325. Litigation 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Fall Only

Prerequisite(s): PARA 101, PARA 102, 2.75 GPA in PARA courses, and 2.5 overall GPA.

Description: Introduction to civil litigation, fact investigation, discovery techniques, interviewing, evidence, commencement of lawsuits and case management.

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PARA 326. Criminal Litigation 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Spring Only

Prerequisite(s): PARA 101, PARA 102, 2.75 GPA in PARA courses, and 2.5 overall GPA.

Description: An introduction to criminal litigation for the paralegal.

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PARA 327. Evidence for Paralegals 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered

Prerequisite(s): PARA 101, PARA 102, 2.75 GPA in PARA courses, and 2.5 overall GPA.

Description: The history, form, and substance of the rules of evidence, including a comparison of state and federal rules of evidence.

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PARA 340. Business Associations and Transactions 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered

Prerequisite(s): PARA 101, PARA 102, 2.75 GPA in PARA courses, and 2.5 overall GPA.

Description: Legal problems associated with transactions relating to proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations.

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<p>PARA 350. Wills, Estates and Trusts 3 Units Term Typically Offered: Fall Only Prerequisite(s): PARA 101, PARA 102, 2.75 GPA in PARA courses, and 2.5 overall GPA. Description: Will writing, probate, tax preparation, asset management and distribution, estate planning and drafting, trust agreements and record keeping. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	<p>PARA 399. Professional Ethics for Paralegals 1 Unit Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer Prerequisite(s): Paralegal majors only; 2.75 GPA in PARA courses, and 2.5 overall GPA. Description: A study of ethical issues for paralegals, with emphasis on situations arising in the internship/work environment. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>
<p>PARA 360. Consumer Law 3 Units Prerequisite(s): PARA 101, PARA 102, 2.75 GPA in PARA courses, and 2.5 overall GPA. Description: Survey of consumer law such as truth-in-lending, credit opportunity, reporting and charges, warranties and product liability. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	
<p>PARA 370. Real Estate Law for Paralegals 3 Units Term Typically Offered: Fall Only Prerequisite(s): PARA 101, PARA 102, 2.75 GPA in PARA courses, and 2.5 overall GPA. Description: Introduction to real property, title holding and abstracting, recording statutes, deeds, mortgages, settlements and closings. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	
<p>PARA 390. Paralegal Internship 3 Units Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer Prerequisite(s): PARA 101, PARA 102, PARA 203; 9 credit hours of 300-level PARA courses; 2.75 GPA in PARA courses and 2.5 overall GPA. Description: One hundred and forty (140) hours of actual supervised practical experience in a legal setting. Course Attribute(s): CBL - This course includes Community-Based Learning (CBL). Students will engage in a community experience or project with an external partner in order to enhance understanding and application of academic content. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	
<p>PARA 391. Topics in Paralegal Studies 3 Units Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer Prerequisite(s): PARA 101, PARA 102, 2.75 GPA in PARA courses, and 2.5 overall GPA. Description: Topics to be announced in Schedule of Courses. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	
<p>PARA 395. Independent Study for Paralegals 1-3 Units Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring Prerequisite(s): PARA 101 and PARA 102, and 2.75 GPA in PARA courses, and 2.5 overall GPA. Description: Study of specific, focused topic in paralegal studies with professor supervision. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	