

Paralegal Studies (PLS), Associate of Arts Degree

This program has been designed for those students seeking a career in law. Students will take courses that survey the American legal system, as well as courses in communication, humanities, behavioral science, mathematics, natural science, and computers. Florida National University will award an Associate of Arts in Paralegal upon graduation to those students who complete the necessary requirements. Upon graduating, students may pursue upper-level studies, or commence a career within the legal profession*. ***Note:** Employment within the legal profession may require the successful completion of a criminal background check, and character fitness (including credit-worthiness).

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (A MINIMUM OF 60 CREDITS)

REQUIRED COURSES

General Education Requirements (39 Credits)

COMMUNICATIONS (9 CREDITS)

		Credit Hours
ENC 1101	English Composition I **	3
ENC 1102	English Composition II **	3
SPC 1017	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3

HUMANITIES (6 CREDITS)

Credit Hours
6

BEHAVIORAL/ SOCIAL SCIENCE (6 CREDITS)

Credit Hours
6

NATURAL SCIENCE (7 CREDITS includes 1 Lab. hour)

Credit Hours
7

MATHEMATICS (7 CREDITS)

		Credit Hours
MAC 1105	College Algebra I **	3
STA 2014	Introduction to Statistics**	4

COMPUTERS (4 CREDITS)

		Credit Hours
CGS 1030	Introduction to Information Technology	4
SLS 1501	College Study Skills	0

CORE REQUIREMENTS (12 CREDITS)

PLA 2104	Legal Research and Writing I	3
PLA 2114	Legal Research and Writing II	3
PLA 2700	Professional Ethics and Liability	3
PLA 2201	Introduction to Civil Procedure	3

SUGGESTED ELECTIVES (9 CREDITS)

PLA 1426	Contracts and Business Entities	3
BUL 2131	Business Law	3
PLA 2303	Criminal Law and Procedure	3
PLA 2273	Introduction to Torts	3

*General Education Component (see page 219)

**This course has prerequisites; check course descriptions.

An Associate of Arts (A.A.) program is a two-year course of study that covers the core materials needed to complete the first two years of a four-year bachelor's degree.