MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES IN THE FIELD OF PARALEGAL STUDIES

The Master of Professional Studies in the field of paralegal studies is an advanced credential for those who wish to lead the profession in a variety of settings such as law, finance, insurance, consulting, and healthcare. The program curriculum balances a focus on analysis and critical thinking with the applied skills that employers seek: written and oral communication, research, and managing complex tasks and teams.

The master’s is a 32-credit program that students complete in four semesters. GW’s College of Professional Studies also offers an 18-credit graduate certificate, which is completed in two semesters. Credits earned in the graduate certificate program may be applied toward master’s degree requirements.

Students may attend classes in the evenings on GW’s Foggy Bottom campus (http://nearyou.gwu.edu/kstreet) or in a distance learning (http://paralegalstudiesmasters.online.gwu.edu/?Access_Code=GW-MPL-SEO2&utm_source=seo2&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=GW-MPL-SEO2) format.

Visit the program website (http://cps.gwu.edu/paralegal) for additional information.

REQUIREMENTS

Specific admission requirements can be found on the Graduate Program Finder (http://www.gwu.edu/all-graduate-programs).

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 32 credits, including 20 credits in core courses and 12 credits in the track selected.

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All courses from one track:

- **Legal practice track**
  - PSLX 6214 Administrative Law
  - PSLX 6215 Government Contracts Law
  - PSLX 6226 International Law
  - PSLX 6227 Intellectual Property Law

- **Healthcare corporate compliance track**
  - PSHC 6201 Introduction to Health Care Corporate Compliance
  - PSHC 6202 Compliance with Laws and Regulations I
  - PSHC 6204 Compliance with Laws and Regulations II
  - PSHC 6206 Case Studies in Health Care Corporate Compliance

See CPS regulations for additional information regarding enrollment status and time limits.

FACULTY

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**Assistant Director** E. Badawi

COURSES

**Explanation of Course Numbers**

- Courses in the 1000s are primarily introductory undergraduate courses
- Those in the 2000-4000s are upper-division undergraduate courses that can also be taken for graduate credit with permission and additional work
- Those in the 6000s and 8000s are for master’s, doctoral, and professional-level students
- The 6000s are open to advanced undergraduate students with approval of the instructor and the dean or advising office
PSLX 6210. American Jurisprudence. 3 Credits.
PSLX 6211. Legal Research and Writing. 3 Credits.
PSLX 6212. Litigation. 3 Credits.
PSLX 6213. Corporations and Contracts Law. 3 Credits.
PSLX 6214. Administrative Law. 3 Credits.
PSLX 6215. Government Contracts Law. 3 Credits.
PSLX 6216. Elements of Intellectual Property Law. 3 Credits.
PSLX 6217. Prosecution and Litigation in Intellectual Law Practice. 3 Credits.
PSLX 6218. International Trade and Finance. 3 Credits.
PSLX 6219. International Litigation. 3 Credits.
PSLX 6221. Tanzanian Legal System. 3 Credits.
PSLX 6222. Tanzanian Community Law. 3 Credits.

PSLX 6223. Contracts. 3 Credits.
Contract elements, their attendant legal ramifications, and the processes necessary to make such determinations. Development of legal reasoning skills in evaluating issues arising from contract law.

PSLX 6224. Advanced Legal Writing. 3 Credits.
Advanced legal writing techniques and drafting for legal practice. Legal writing in plain English; strategies for effective writing; emphasis on legal memoranda, legal correspondence, and preparing and drafting legal pleadings and documents for court. Refines and advances skills in written legal analysis and legal citation.

PSLX 6225. Business Entities. 3 Credits.
Overview of business organizations, including partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations. Key concepts applicable to business organizations, including regulation, business formation, document preparation. Application of legal analysis within the context of business entities and other topics applicable to paralegals in all disciplines.

PSLX 6226. International Law. 3 Credits.
Introduction and survey of international law, including international trade law and litigation. Rules and principles governing relations among sovereign states, international organizations, and sources of international law. Analysis of the rules and customs for handling international trade. International courts and tribunals; overview of the treaties, customary principles, and institutional structures governing international human rights law.

PSLX 6227. Intellectual Property Law. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the legal structure of an intellectual property practice. Trademarks, copyrights, and patents and the supporting practice concomitant to each element. Analysis of the processes, supporting documentation, laws, and rules regarding patent prosecution and litigation. This course complements and builds upon the legal issues and analysis introduced in the courses on contracts, business entities, and litigation.