

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES PARALEGAL STUDIES (PSLX)

Explanation of Course Numbers

- Courses in the 1000s are primarily introductory undergraduate courses
- Those in the 2000s to 4000s are upper-level undergraduate courses that can also be taken for graduate credit with permission and additional work assigned
- 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 3213. Argument and Logic. 4 Credits.

Articulating strong arguments by recognizing weaknesses and fallacies in problematic arguments and dissecting effective arguments.

PSLX 3216. The U.S. Constitution. 4 Credits.

The structure of the U.S. government, federalism, individual and civil liberties, and the Constitutional underpinnings of the justice system.

PSLX 3230. Topics in Family Law. 3 Credits.

This special topic course is designed to provide an in-depth exploration of specific areas within paralegal studies.

PSLX 3240. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits.

Provides motivated and self-directed students with the opportunity to explore specific areas of paralegal studies in-depth.

PSLX 6210. American Jurisprudence. 3 Credits.

An introduction to the foundations, theories, history, and applications of the American legal system; local, state, and federal courts and sources of law; and ethics and professionalism issues of especial importance to paralegals.

PSLX 6211. Legal Research and Writing. 3 Credits.

Fundamentals of legal research using print and online tools.

PSLX 6212. Litigation. 3 Credits.

Legal technology and the rules of court, procedure, and evidence; technical and substantive skills necessary for effective litigation support.

PSLX 6214. Administrative Law. 3 Credits.

An introduction to administrative and regulatory law; history and development of administrative law; agency, due process, agency actions, administrative investigation and hearings, and judicial review.

PSLX 6215. Government Contracts Law. 3 Credits.

The law of procuring, forming, and executing government contracts, including drafting and litigation; competition requirements, contract changes, and contract terminations; researching and drafting documents common to a government contracts practice.

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.

PSLX 6230. Advanced Topics in Paralegal Studies. 3 Credits.

Topics vary by semester. Can be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details.

PSLX 6240. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits.

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PSLX 6294. Independent Research in Legal Studies. 1 Credit.

Students use knowledge acquired and skills learned in the program to conduct significant independent research that ideally could impact or provide significant new insight into the legal field. Restricted to students in the MPS in paralegal studies programs.

PSLX 6298. Paralegal Practicum. 3 Credits.

Students work in legal environments while completing their studies, taking active roles to obtain, manage, and maximize the value of their positions. Restricted to students in the MPS in paralegal studies program.