

BACHELOR OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES WITH A MAJOR IN PARALEGAL STUDIES

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Students have opportunities to shape the future by becoming a paralegal with the tools to provide access to justice to those who need it. Career opportunities are robust and growing as more states implement licensing programs that allow paralegals to provide legal services to the public.

As the only ABA-approved paralegal studies program in Washington, DC, GW's bachelor of professional studies in paralegal studies provides a powerful credential that prepares students to enter this exciting and rewarding profession. The program curriculum is sophisticated, topical, and relevant, with 15 4-credit courses addressing the art and science of the law. Participants study with the nation's leading experts and get the critical knowledge and skills they need to enter the profession with confidence.

Visit the program website (<https://www.cps.gwu.edu/paralegal-studies-bachelor-arts/>) for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

Admission deadlines: Fall Priority Deadline - May 1; Fall Final Deadline: August 1

Recommendations required: One letter of recommendation (academic or professional)

Prior academic records: Transcripts are required from all institutions attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended should be uploaded to your online application. Official transcripts are required only of applicants who are offered admission.

Transcripts from institutions outside the United States must be accompanied by an official transcript evaluation from an accredited independent evaluating agency. Please be sure you request a detailed evaluation that includes all course titles, credit hours, grade-point average (GPA), United States degree equivalency, and date of degree conferral. Please see the list of acceptable foreign credential evaluation services: <http://www.naces.org/members> (<http://www.naces.org/members/>).

Statement of purpose: Please submit a 250-500 word essay on your purpose for applying to study at GW. Please describe your relevant qualifications and academic objectives and address the specific program you are applying to as well as any concentration, if applicable. This is an opportunity to expand upon or address anything not covered in the rest of your application.

International applicants only: Please review International Applicant Information (<https://graduate.admissions.gwu.edu/international-student-application-requirements>) (<https://graduate.admissions.gwu.edu/international-student-application-requirements/>) carefully for details on required documents, earlier deadlines for applicants requiring an I-20 or DS-2019 from GW, and English language requirements.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

College of Professional Studies – Office of Admission
George Washington University
805 21st Street, NW
Suite 301
Washington DC 20052

Contact for questions:

CPS Office of Admission
applycps@gwu.edu ~ 571-553-0025 (phone) ~ 202-242-1047 (fax)
8:30 am – 5:00 pm EST, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 120 credits, including 22 credits in general education courses and 38 credits in elective courses, completed at any regionally accredited institution, and at least 60 credits in courses for the major, which must be completed at GW*.

Code	Title	Credits
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General education

The general education requirement may be fulfilled through either prior completion of an associate of arts or associate of science degree, or with 60 credits in courses completed at any regionally accredited institution*:

22 credits in general education courses, taken as follows:

6 credits in English composition

3 credits in speech communications (introduction to communications or public speaking) or 3 credits in a foreign language

3 credits in arts and humanities

3 credits in behavioral or social science

4 credits in physical or life science with lab

3 credits in mathematics (quantitative reasoning or higher); and,

Electives *

38 credits in elective courses.

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60 credits in core courses for the major, which must be completed at GW

PSLX 3210	Introduction to the U.S. Legal System
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PSLX 3211	Legal Research and Analysis
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PSLX 3212	The Art and Science of Litigation
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PSLX 3213W	Argument and Logic
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PSLX 3214	Legal Writing
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PSLX 3215	Law, Literature, and Pop Culture
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PSLX 3216W	The U.S. Constitution
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PSLX 3217	Real Estate and Property
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PSLX 3218	Survey of Torts and Criminal Law
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PSLX 3219	Estates and Trusts
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PSLX 3220	Business Law
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PSLX 3221	Immigration Law
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PSLX 3222	Senior Thesis
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PSLX 3224	Mock Trial
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PSLX 3298	Practicum
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* General education and elective courses may be completed at any regionally accredited institution. A minimum grade of C is required for transfer credit to be approved; grades of C- and below are not acceptable. General education and elective coursework may be completed before, during, or within five years of completing the other requirements for the bachelor's degree.