

**Paralegal Studies  
Associate of Applied Science**

Texas Southmost College  
Health Care, Career and Technical Education Division

A degree in paralegal studies prepares a student for work in many areas of both the legal and business fields. Commonly students with a degree in paralegal studies work as paralegals and support staff for a law firm, government or corporation. As the law and its implications touch on all aspects of our daily life, a legal studies degree can prepare you for a career of your choice, pairing your legal skills with your specific passion to create exciting opportunities.

<b>FIRST YEAR - FALL SEMESTER</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>
BCIS 1305 Business Computer Applications .....	3
LGLA 1307 Introduction to Law and Legal Professions .....	3
LGLA 1355 Family Law .....	3
ENGL 1301 <sup>+</sup> Composition I.....	3
HRPO 1311 Human Relations.....	3

<b>FIRST YEAR - SPRING SEMESTER</b>	
XXXX X3XX <sup>1</sup> Language, Philosophy & Culture / Creative Arts Elective .....	3
LGLA 1345 Civil Litigation.....	3
BUSI 2301 Business Law .....	3
LGLA 1353 Wills, Trusts and Probate Administration .....	3
PSYC 2301 General Psychology .....	3

<b>SECOND YEAR - FALL SEMESTER</b>	
LGLA 2303 Torts and Personal Injury Law .....	3
LGLA 1301 Legal Research and Writing .....	3
LGLA 2313 Criminal Law and Procedure.....	3
GOVT 2306 Texas Government.....	3
POFI 1349 Spreadsheets.....	3

<b>SECOND YEAR - SPRING SEMESTER</b>	
BUSI 2304 Business Report Writing and Correspondence .....	3
LGLA 2309 Real Property.....	3
LGLA 2307 Law Office Management.....	3
LGLA 2380 <sup>+</sup> Cooperative Education - Legal Assistant/Paralegal.....	3
MATH 1314 <sup>+</sup> College Algebra.....	3

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION - 60**

<sup>+</sup> Grade of “C” or better is required for graduation.

<sup>1</sup>Language, Philosophy & Culture/Creative Arts Electives: Any General Education Core course that meets these categories

TSI Requirement (Texas Success Initiative - any other state-approved test) - Student must pass all three sections of state-approved test to graduate with this degree.

Students must graduate within two (2) years from the academic year of entrance or may be placed under the provisions of a later catalog.

A minimum grade of “C” must be obtained in each BCIS, LGLA, BUSI, POFI, HRPO course required in the degree plan.