

# Paralegal A.A.S.

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The courses in this program of study may not be offered every semester. It is important to consult with your advisor to determine course schedules to stay on track to graduate.

NOTICE(s): Gadsden State Community College's Paralegal Program is approved by the American Bar Association. Legal specialty courses transferred from regionally accredited programs must be evaluated by the program coordinator to ensure that the content of the course is comparable to the Gadsden State course before acceptance. It is the responsibility of the student to verify the transferability of credit in this program to a senior institution with the appropriate senior institution advisor.

- Legal specialty courses taken at ABA-approved schools will transfer automatically to equivalent Gadsden State courses if the student has a grade of C or above in the course.
- Legal specialty courses from non-ABA schools in Alabama will be evaluated by the program director to determine if credit will be awarded.
- Legal studies courses from non-ABA out-of-state programs will not be considered for transfer credit.
- Transfer credit for Paralegal courses will be limited to six (6) semester credit hours.
- A student must take at least nine (9) semester credit hours in the legal specialty courses through synchronous instruction.
- These policies are published in the Paralegal Brochure, the Paralegal webpage, and the GSCC catalog.
- **Paralegals may not provide legal services directly to the public, except as permitted by law.**

**Program:** Paralegal

**Type:** Associate in Applied Science Degree

## Area I – Written Composition

Item #	Title	hours
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
ENG 102	English Composition II	3
	Sub-Total Credits	6

## Area II – Humanities and Fine Arts

Item #	Title	hours
	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3
	Sub-Total Credits	3

## Area III – Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Item #	Title	hours
BIO 103	Principles of Biology I	4
MTH 116	Mathematical Applications	3
	Sub-Total Credits	7

## Area IV – History, Social and Behavioral Sciences

Item #	Title	hours
ECO 231	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
	PSY 200 or SOC 200	3
	Sub-Total Credits	6

## Area V – Pre-Professional, Pre-Major and Electives

\* PRL 101 and PRL 102 are corequisites AND prerequisites to other legal specialty courses.

Item #	Title	hours
BUS 215	Business Communication	3
BUS 241	Principles of Accounting I	3
	BUS 242 or ECO 232	3
BUS 263	The Legal and Social Environment of Business	3
CIS 146	Microcomputer Applications	3
OAD 101	Beginning Keyboarding	3
ORI 101	Orientation to College	1
PRL 101	Introduction to Paralegal Study	3
PRL 102	Basic Research and Writing	3
PRL 103	Advanced Legal Research and Writing	3
PRL 160	Criminal Law and Procedure	3
PRL 210	Real Property Law	3
PRL 230	Domestic Law	3
PRL 240	Wills, Trusts, and Estates	3
PRL 262	Civil Law and Procedure	3
PRL 291	Internship	3
SPH 106	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
	Sub-Total Credits	49
	<b>Total credits:</b>	<b>71</b>