

FULLERTON COLLEGE 2025 – 2026

Courses Accepted by ABA for Paralegal Studies General Education

PARALEGAL STUDIES ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE GENERAL EDUCATION

Twenty-two (22) units total minimum requirement – Three (3) units in each of Areas 1 through 6, plus minimum of 1 unit from Area 7

****Complete all courses with a grade of “C” or better****

NOTE: Courses in ***Bold Italics*** are new courses approved by the ABA.

Legend: **C** = Completed; **IP** = In Progress; **R** = Remaining

	C	IP	R
AREA 1: ENGLISH COMPOSITION, ORAL COMMUNICATION AND CRITICAL THINKING (6 units)			
1A. – English Composition (3 units): ENGL C1000 or C1000H , C1000E (formerly ENGL 100 F or 100HF, 101 F), 110 F (beg F20)			
1B. – Oral Communication and Critical Thinking (3 units): BUS 112 F; COMM C1000 (formerly COMM 100 F), 124 F, 135 F; ENGL C1001 or C1001H (formerly ENGL 103 F or 103HF), 104 F; JOUR 110 F or 110HF; PHIL 170 F, 172 F; READ 142 F			
AREA 2: MATHEMATICS CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING (3 units)			
MATH 100 F or 100HF , 129 F, 130 F, 131 F, 140 F , 141 F or 141HF, 142 F, 143 F, 144 F, 151 F or 151HF, 152 F or 152HF, 170 F, 171 F, 172 F, 203 F, 251 F, 252 F, 255 F, 260 F; PSY 161 F* (beg F13) or 161HF*; SOSC 120 F; STAT C1000 or C1000H , C1000E (formerly MATH 120 F or 120HF, 121 F)			
AREA 3: ARTS AND HUMANITIES (3 units)			
ASL 101 F (beg F24), 102 F (beg F24), 203 F (beg F24), 204 F, 206 F; ART 100 F; ARTH 100 F, 105 F, 115 F, 120 F, 125 F, 130 F, 135 F, 140 F, 145 F, 150 F, 155 F or 155HF, 160 F, 165HF (beg F22), 170 F; CDES 242 F; CISG 103 F; CRTV 121 F, 126AF, 126BF; DANC 101 F (beg F11), 200 F, 210 F; ENGL 102 F or 102HF, 105 F, 203 F, 204 F, 207 F, 208 F, 209 F (beg F19), 210 F, 211 F or 211HF, 212 F or 212HF, 221 F or 221HF, 222 F or 222HF, 224 F or 224HF, 225 F or 225HF, 234 F or 234HF, 239 F, 240 F, 243 F or 243HF, 245 F, 246 F, 248 F, 249 F, 250 F, 251 F, 253 F, 256 F; ETHS 130 F* or 130HF* (beg F22), 151 F* (beg F22), 160 F* (beg F21), 171 F* (beg F20); FASH 242 F; Foreign Languages: CHIN , FREN , GERM , ITAL , JAPN , PORT , SPAN 101 F or 101HF, 102 F or 102HF, 201 F, 203 F, 204 F, 205 F, 206 F, 207 F; KOR 201 F (beg F24), 203 F (beg F24), 204 F (beg F24); HIST 110 F* or 110HF*, 111 F* or 111HF*, 112 F* or 112HF*, 113 F* or 113HF*, 120 F* (F22), 121 F* (F22), 154 F*, 170 F* or 170HF*, 171 F* or 171HF*, 270 F*; IDES 180 F; MUS 106 F (beg F23), 113 F, 116 F, 118 F, 119 F; PHIL 100 F or 100HF, 101 F or 101HF , 105 F or 105HF, 135 F, 160 F, 195 F, 200 F (beg F11), 201 F (beg F11) or 201HF , 202 F (beg F11) or 202HF , 210 F (beg F11), 220 F or 220HF , 225 F (beg F17) or 225HF, 250 F (beg F11), 270 F (beg F11) or 270HF ; PHOT 111 F (beg F09), 118 F (beg F24), 119 F (beg F24); THEA 104 F, 105 F (beg F12), 109 F, 113 F , 165HF (beg F22)			
AREA 4: SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (3 units)			
ACCT 205 F; ANTH 102 F or 102HF, 103 F (beg F11) or 103HF, 105 F or 105HF, 106 F, 107 F or 107HF, 209 F or 209HF, 211 F or 211HF, 215 F; BUS 131 F, 240 F or 240HF (beg F12); CDES 120 F, 140 F, 201 F; COMM 105 F (beg F20), 120 F (beg F25); ECON 101 F or 101HF; ETHS 101 F or 101HF, 111 F or 111HF, 129 F or 129HF, 130 F* (beg F11) or 130HF*, 131 F, 150 F* or 150HF , 151 F*, 152 F, 153 F* or 153HF*, 159 F, 160 F* (beg F13), 162 F, 170 F, 171 F*, 201 F , 202 F, 220 F , 235 F or 235HF; GEOG 100 F or 100HF, 130 F, 160 F, 262 F; HIST 110 F* or 110HF*, 111 F* or 111HF*, 112 F* or 112HF*, 113 F* or 113HF*, 120 F*, 121 F*, 127 F, 151 F (beg F11), 152 F (beg F11), 154 F*, 160 F, 161 F, 165 F (beg F11) or 165HF, 170 F* or 170HF*, 171 F* or 171HF*, 190 F, 191 F, 270 F*, 273 F, 275 F (beg F11); MKT 100 F; POLS C1000 or C1000HF (formerly POSC 00 F or 100HF); POSC 110 F (beg F11) or 110HF, 120 F, 150 F, 200 F, 215 F (beg F07), 216 F, 220 F, 230 F (beg F07), 250 F, 275 F (beg F11); PSYC C1000 or C1000H (formerly PSY 101 F or 101HF); PSY 120 F, 131 F, 139 F, 145 F (beg F11), 202 F (beg F11) or 202HF, 221 F, 222 F (beg F11), 225 F, 233 F, 251 F (beg F11) or 251HF; SOC 101 F or 101HF, 102 F, 201 F, 230 F or 230HF, 250 F, 275 F or 275HF 277 F or 277HF, 280 F, 285 F or 285HF, 290 F or 290HF, 292 F or 292HF, 295 F; SOSC 125 F (beg F25), 130 F; WMNS 100 F or 100HF			
AREA 5: NATURAL SCIENCES (3 units)			
ANAT 231 F (beg F12), 240 F (beg F13); ANTH 101 F or 101HF; BIOL 100 F (beg F11), 101 F or 101HF, 102 F, 104 F, 108 F (beg F11), 109 F, 141 F, 170 F, 190 F, 222 F, 272 F (beg F11), 274 F; CHEM 100 F, 101 F, 103 F, 107 F, 111AF, 111BF (beg F13); ENVS 105 F; ESC 100 F, 103 F, 104 F, 105 F, 107 F, 110 F, 116 F or 116HF, 120 F, 130 F or 130HF, 190 F; GEOG 102 F or 102HF; HORT 152 F (beg F13), 205 F (beg F13), 207 F (beg F13); MICR 220 F (beg F13), 262 F (beg F13); NUTR 210 F or 210HF; PHYS 120 F, 130 F, 205 F, 206 F (beg F13), 210 F (beg F13), 211 F (beg F13), 221 F, 222 F (beg F13), 223 F (beg F13)			
AREA 6: ETHNIC STUDIES (3 units)			
Substitutions with courses completed prior to FALL 2023 are not permitted. ETHS 101 F* or 101HF* , 111 F* or 111HF* , 131 F* , 150 F* , 153 F* or 153HF* , 160 F* , 171 F*			
AREA 7: LIFELONG LEARNING AND SELF-DEVELOPMENT (minimum 1 unit)			
COUN 135 F (beg F20) or 135HF; MIND 101 F, 105 F; NUTR 220 F; WELL 242 F			

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT FOR ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE

1. Completion of **30** units of specified course work in the major with a grade of “C” or better (see reverse side).
2. Completion of **22 units of general education** as shown above with a grade of “C” or better in all courses (note this is different from the standard AA/AS degree general education list for other majors at Fullerton College).
3. Completion of additional units will be needed to meet the total of at least **60 degree applicable units** required for graduation. An overall **GPA of 2.0** (or better) is required.

*Courses can be used in only one area (1-7).

PARALEGAL STUDIES 2025– 2026

PARALEGAL STUDIES ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE (AS) DEGREE

The Fullerton College's **ABA-approved curriculum** leads to an **Associate in Science (AS) Degree** and entry-level employment in a paraprofessional capacity as an assistant to an attorney in private practice, in a governmental agency, or in private industry. This degree requires **30 units**, of which **24** are in **required** paralegal courses below. An **additional 6 units** must be chosen from the paralegal restrictive electives listed below. A **minimum grade of "C"** is required in all required and restrictive elective courses.

Paralegals may perform many tasks under the supervision of a licensed attorney including preparation of forms and pleadings, interviewing clients, researching and writing legal documents, managing in a law office, and preparing word processing forms and documents. **The Fullerton College Paralegal Studies Program is approved by the American Bar Association (ABA) and does not prepare students for law school or the practice of law. Under California's Business and Professions Code, Section 6450 (et seq.), a paralegal may not market his or her services to the public, but must work under the direct supervision of an attorney licensed to practice law.**

PARALEGAL STUDIES CERTIFICATE

The Paralegal Studies Certificate requires the completion of **33 units** of which **24** are in the required courses below. An **additional 9 units** must be chosen from the restrictive electives listed below. A minimum grade of "C" is required in each course. All required courses must be completed at Fullerton College. Students must possess an AA, AS, BA, BS or higher degree from a **regionally-accredited** college. Students with an Associate degree must have their transcript(s) evaluated for General Education requirements as listed in the GE requirements for an Associate of Science in Paralegal Studies. **The Fullerton College Paralegal Studies Program is approved by the American Bar Association (ABA) and does not prepare students for law school or the practice of law. Under California's Business and Professions Code, Section 6450 (et seq.), a paralegal may not market his or her services to the public, but must work under the direct supervision of an attorney licensed to practice law.**

Students who wish to transfer course work from another ABA-approved paralegal program may be able to transfer up to six (6) restricted elective units provided the course is the same as a course offered in the Fullerton College Paralegal Studies Program and awards exactly the same number of units. Students who wish to attain an Associate in Science Degree or a Certificate from Fullerton College's Paralegal Studies Program must complete the 24 units of required courses for the major at Fullerton College. Students who wish to transfer in Paralegal Studies units must obtain prior approval from the Paralegal Department Coordinator or the Business Division Dean.

Required Courses

PLEG 101 F	Introduction to Paralegal Studies (3)
PLEG 104 F	Introduction to Legal Research and Terminology (3) <i>(formerly PLEG 103 F)</i>
PLEG 105 F*	Introduction to Legal Writing (3) <i>(formerly PLEG 102 F)</i>
PLEG 116 F	Law Office Technology (4)
PLEG 201 F*	Civil Litigation I (3)
PLEG 202 F*	Civil Litigation II (3)
PLEG 221 F*	Ethics for Paralegals (2)
PLEG 223 F*	Advanced Legal Research and Writing (3)

Restrictive Electives

PLEG 203 F*	Torts Law (3)
PLEG 204 F*	Family Law (3)
PLEG 205 F*	Probate, Wills, and Trusts (3)
PLEG 206 F*	Bankruptcy Law and Procedure (3)
PLEG 208 F*	Workers' Compensation Law (3)
PLEG 209 F*	Criminal Law and Procedures (3)
PLEG 210 F*	Paralegal Internship (2-4)
PLEG 211 F*	Real Property Law and Procedures (3)
PLEG 213 F*	Employment and Labor Law (3)
PLEG 214 F*	Contract Law and Procedure (3)
PLEG 215 F*	Electronic Discovery and Software Application (3)
PLEG 217 F*	Immigration Law (3)
PLEG 218 F	Entertainment and Sports Law (3)
PLEG 219 F*	Intellectual Property (3)
PLEG 222 F*	Alternative Dispute Resolution (3)
PLEG 225 F	Law Office Management (3)
PLEG 226 F	Constitutional Law (3)
PLEG 227 F	International Law (3)

Recommended Electives

CIS 100 F	Introduction to Personal Computers (4)
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* Requires completion of prerequisites before enrollment.

The Paralegal Studies major requires **restricted general education**.

See the reverse side of this sheet for a list of the general education courses approved by the ABA.

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FULLERTON COLLEGE PARALEGAL STUDIES 2025 – 2026

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE

PROGRAM CODE: 2S08434

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** Program plan will depend on placement results. This program could be adjusted. **

DEGREE-ORIENTED PARALEGAL STUDENTS

FIRST SEMESTER	UNITS
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PLEG 101 F Introduction to Paralegal Studies	3
PLEG 104 F Introduction to Legal Research and Terminology	3
PLEG 116 F Law Office Technology	4
Area 1A (<i>Written Communication</i>): ENGL C1000, C1000H, C1000 or 110 F	4-5

Total:	14-15
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SECOND SEMESTER	UNITS
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PLEG 105 F Introduction to Legal Writing (1)	3
3 units of Paralegal Restrictive Electives	3
Area 1B (<i>Oral Communication and Critical Thinking</i>)	3
Area 2 (Mathematics) MATH 40 F or higher	3-6
Area 4 (<i>Social and Behavioral Sciences</i>)	3-4

* Most 200 F level classes require the successful completion of PLEG 101 F & 104 F. PLEG 105 F requires a minimum completion of PLEG 101 F, 104 F, and ENGL C1000, C1000H, C1000 F or 110 F before a student is allowed to register.

Please Note: PLEG 201 F, 202 F, 210 F and 223 F have additional requirements.

Total:	15-19
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THIRD SEMESTER	UNITS
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PLEG 201 F Civil Litigation I (2)	3
PLEG 221 F Ethics for Paralegals (4)	2
3 units of Paralegal Restrictive Electives	3
Area 3 (<i>Arts and Humanities</i>)	3-5
Area 7 (Lifelong Learning and Self-Development)	2-3

++Student may need to add **three units** of Paralegal Restrictive Electives or General Education courses to fulfill the 60-unit requirement++

Total:	13-16++
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FOURTH SEMESTER	UNITS
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PLEG 202 F Civil Litigation II (3)	3
PLEG 223 F Advanced Legal Research and Writing (2)	3
3 units of Paralegal Restrictive Electives	3
Area 5 (<i>Natural Sciences</i>)	3-5
Area 6 (<i>Ethnic Studies</i>)	3

++Student may need to add **three units** of Paralegal Restrictive Electives or General Education courses to fulfill the 60-unit requirement++

Total:	15-17++
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- (1) Upon successful completion of prerequisites: ENGL C1000, C1000H, C1000 F or 110 F, PLEG 101 F, & 104 F.
 - (2) Upon successful completion of prerequisites: PLEG 101 F, 104 F, & 105 F.
 - (3) Upon successful completion of prerequisites: PLEG 101 F, 104 F, 105 F, & 201 F.
 - (4) Upon successful completion of prerequisite: PLEG 101 F.

Note: Students must have a minimum of 30 Paralegal Studies units for the degree.

FULLERTON COLLEGE PARALEGAL STUDIES 2025 – 2026

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

PROGRAM CODE: 2C21275B

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CERTIFICATE-ORIENTED PARALEGAL STUDENTS

FIRST SEMESTER

UNITS

PLEG 101 F Introduction to Paralegal Studies	3
PLEG 104 F Introduction to Legal Research and Terminology	3
PLEG 116 F Law Office Technology	4
ENGL C1000, C1000H, C1000 F or 110 F (if necessary)	4-5
Total:	14-15

SECOND SEMESTER

UNITS

PLEG 105 F Introduction to Legal Writing (1)	3
PLEG 221 F Ethics for Paralegals (4)	2
3 Units of Paralegal Restrictive Electives	3

** Most 200 F level classes require the successful completion of PLEG 101 F & 104 F. PLEG 105 F requires a minimum completion of PLEG 101 F, 104 F, and ENGL C1000, C1000H, C1000 F or 110 F before a student is allowed to register.*

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Total:	8
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THIRD SEMESTER

UNITS

PLEG 201 F Civil Litigation I (2)	3
PLEG 223 F Advanced Legal Research and Writing (2)	3
3 Units of Paralegal Restrictive Electives	3
Total:	9

FOURTH SEMESTER

UNITS

PLEG 202 F Civil Litigation II (3)	3
3 Units of Paralegal Restrictive Electives	3
Total:	6

- (1) Upon successful completion of prerequisites: ENGL C1000, C1000H, C1000 F or 110 F, PLEG 101 F, & 104 F.
- (2) Upon successful completion of prerequisites: PLEG 101 F, 104 F, & 105 F.
- (3) Upon successful completion of prerequisites: PLEG 101 F, 104 F, 105 F, & 201 F.
- (4) Upon successful completion of prerequisite: PLEG 101 F.
- (5) Students are encouraged to take PLEG 210 F Internship after completing prerequisites PLEG 101 F, 104 F, 105 F, 201 F, & 202 F.

NOTE: Students must have a minimum of 33 Paralegal Studies units for the certificate.