

Legal Studies: Associate in Science – Non-Transfer

If you're interested in being a part of an exciting profession that impacts every area of our lives, then becoming a legal assistant is the right career for you. But what does a legal assistant, or paralegal, do? Basically, they help the attorneys they work for keep things organized and on track by doing important legal tasks. This can include assisting attorneys during trials, organizing and managing case files, performing legal research, preparing legal briefs, filing legal documents, and conducting client and witness interviews. The legal assistant program will challenge you intellectually and provide you with the skills needed to work in this exciting field.

Please see a Pathways Counselor: Transfer degrees require a minimum of 60 semester CSU transferable units or UC semester transferable units with a minimum 2.0 GPA overall. [Contact a Counselor](#) to create an education plan customized to meet your needs.

Transfer Majors/Award Focus

- Legal Studies, A.S.
- Legal Studies, Certificate


GE Pattern/Units

- GE Pattern: Option A
- Total Units: 60

Program maps indicate the major coursework and recommended general education courses to fulfill your degree in 2 years (approximately 15 units/semester or 30 units/year). If you are a part-time student, start Semester 1 courses and follow the course sequence. Some of the courses listed may be substituted by another course. Please view these options in the official course [catalog](#).


Semester 1

16 Units

	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	LEG 100	Foundation of the Legal System	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	LEG-505	California Civil Procedure	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	CSCR-502 or HS-121	Personal Success Habits of Highly Effective People or Healthful Living	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL 101	English Composition	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM-100	Public Speaking	3

Semester 2

15 Units

	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	LEG-507	Research and Writing for Legal Assistant	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ANTH-101	Biological Anthropology	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	HIST-112	U.S. History Since 1865	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	LEG-560	Business Organization	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	MATH-140	Introduction to Statistics ¹	3

Career Options

Paralegals and Legal Assistants (C, A, B)
 Title Examiners, Abstractors, and Searchers (SM, C, B)
 Legal Secretaries (SM, A, B)
 Find more careers: msjc.emsicc.com
 Required Education: SM: some college; C: Certificate; A: Associate, B: Bachelor's

Notes:

¹ AREA G (Math Competency) can be demonstrated by a high school math course at or above the level of Algebra 2 with a grade of C or better.

Financial Aid

Financial aid is determined by the number of credit hours you take in a semester. Maximize your financial aid by taking 12-15 units per semester.


Semester 3

14 Units

	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	LEG-524	Immigration Law	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	LEG-534	Family Law	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	LEG-549 or CWE-549	Cooperative Work Experience: Legal Studies or General Work Experience	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	AJ-101	Criminal Law	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	LIT-280/ETHS-280	Multiethnic Literature	3

Semester 4

15 Units

	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	LEG-512	Administrative law	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	LEG-503	Elder Law	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	AJ-103	Criminal Evidence	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	AJ-111 or AJ-515	Criminal Procedures or Introduction to Probation and Parole	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ANTH-102	Cultural Anthropology	3

Work Experience

Sign up for a special project or internship opportunity. Gain [work experience](#) and earn credits.