

# PARALEGAL STUDIES (A.A.) - ONLINE

**Important:** This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

## General Education/Foundational Skills Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Communication &amp; Information Literacy</b> <sup>1</sup>		
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
	Communications Elective	3
	Information Literacy Elective	3
<b>Technological Solutions &amp; Quantitative Reasoning</b> <sup>1</sup>		
UNIV 104	Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning	0-3
	Math Elective MATH 114 or higher	3
<b>Critical Thinking</b> <sup>1</sup>		
RLGN 104	Christian Life and Biblical Worldview <sup>2</sup>	4
	Critical Thinking Elective	3
<b>Civic &amp; Global Engagement</b> <sup>1</sup>		
	Cultural Studies Elective	3
<b>Social &amp; Scientific Inquiry</b> <sup>1</sup>		
	Natural Science Elective	3
	Social Science Elective	3
<b>Christianity &amp; Contexts</b> <sup>1</sup>		
BIBL 104	Survey of Old and New Testament	4
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey <sup>2</sup>	4
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36-39</b>

<sup>1</sup> Refer to the list of approved general education electives before enrolling in foundational skill requirements

<sup>2</sup> Students transferring in 45 or more UG credit hours will have the requirement of RLGN 104 waived; Students transferring in 60 or more UG credit hours will also have the requirement of THEO 104 waived

## Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Major Core</b>		
PLST 200	Introduction to Paralegal Studies	3
PLST 201	Legal Research	3
PLST 202	Legal Writing	3
PLST 205	Foundations of Law	3
PLST 220	Civil Practice	3
PLST 230	Criminal Practice and Procedures	3
PLST Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

<sup>1</sup> Choose any PLST course not already required in the major

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Free Electives</b>		
Choose 0-3 credit hours of Free Electives <sup>1</sup>		0-3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>0-3</b>

<sup>1</sup> It is strongly recommended that the student choose PLST courses not already required by the degree.

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*

## Graduation Requirements

- **60** Total hours
- **2.0** Overall grade point average
- **Grade of 'C'** Minimum required for all upper-level courses in the major
- **25%** Of major taken through Liberty University
- **15** Hours must be completed through Liberty University
- **Grad App** Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

## Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
BIBL 104	Survey of Old and New Testament	4
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
RLGN 104	Christian Life and Biblical Worldview	4
UNIV 104	Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning	0-3
PLST 200	Introduction to Paralegal Studies	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14-17</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey	4
	Communications Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
	Information Literacy Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
	Math Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
PLST 201	Legal Research	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
	Critical Thinking Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
	Social Science Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
PLST 202	Legal Writing	3
PLST 205	Foundations of Law	3
	Paralegal Studies Elective <sup>2</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
	Natural Science Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
	Cultural Studies Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
PLST 200	Introduction to Paralegal Studies	3
PLST 230	Criminal Practice and Procedures	3

Course	Title	Hours
Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
Hours		15
Total Hours		60-63

<sup>1</sup> Refer to the list of approved general education electives here before enrolling in foundational skills requirements

<sup>2</sup> Choose any PLST course not already required in the major

<sup>3</sup> It is strongly recommended that the student choose PLST courses not already required by the degree