

Eugenio María de Hostos Community College of the City University of New York
Academic Advisement, Division of Academic Affairs

For an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree in Paralegal Studies

Paralegal Studies (A.A.S.)

- *The Public Interest Paralegal Program offers an A.A.S. degree in paralegal studies with an emphasis on training students for public service legal work. Students will be trained in the skills necessary to provide paralegal services in legal service and legal aid offices, community and religious organizations, social services agencies, the courts, unions, and other public service institutions.*
- *The curriculum provides specialty training in the areas of Family Law, Employee and Public Benefit Law, and Immigration Law integrated with a general program of paralegal studies including legal writing and research as well as Hearing and Trial Advocacy.*
- *To insure access to the program for Spanish-dominant students, introductory law courses from the Public Policy & Administration Program that are required as part of the Paralegal Program are offered in Spanish as well as English.*
- *Students in the program will concentrate their studies in one of the three specialty areas: Immigration Law, Family Law, and Public & Employee Benefit Law. Each concentration includes an introductory course and an advanced course emphasizing practical implementation of legal services in the student's concentration area. Two, three-credit semester courses in a field placement office that offers services in the student's legal concentration are also required. Thus, upon graduation, the student will have completed twelve (12) credit hours of study in an area of legal concentration.*

The following represents the requirements for the A.A.S. degree in Paralegal Studies:

ENG 110	Expository Writing	3
ENG 111	Literature & Composition	3

Behavioral & Social Sciences 6

Choose two courses:

HIS 201	World History to 1500	3
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HIS 202	Modern World History	3
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HIS 210	United States History: Through the Civil War	3
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HIS 211	United States History: Reconstruction to the Present	3
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POL 101	American Government	3
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SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
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PSY 101	General Psychology	3
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Humanities 3

Choose one course:

BLS 114	The African-American Experience (3crs)	
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OR

HUM 100	Introduction to Humanities (3crs)	
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LAC 101	The Latino Experience In the United States (3crs)	
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PHI 100	Introduction to Philosophy (3crs)	
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OR

VPA 192	Fundamentals of Public Speaking (3crs)	
Natural Science		4
MAT 100, 120 or 130		3
Subtotal.....		22

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS.....36

LAW 101	Law & Social Change	3
LAW 202	Law & Evidence	3
LEG 101	Intro to Legal Systems	3
LEG 102	Law Office Management	3
LEG 130	Legal Research	3
LEG 131	Legal Writing.....	3
LEG 240	Legal Practicum I.....	3
LEG 241	Legal Practicum II	3
LEG 250	Hearing & Trial Advocacy	3

MAJOR ELECTIVES:

CHOOSE 3 COURSES:

CJ 101	Intro to Criminal Justice	3
LAW 120	Penal Law	3
LAW 125	Immigration Law	3
LAW 126	Family Law.....	3
LAW 127	Public & Employee Benefit Law	3
LAW 150	Criminal Law	3
Free Electives.....		2
Total Credits		60