

# PARALEGAL STUDIES (B.S.) - ONLINE

**Important:** This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2023 through summer 2024. 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 <sup>1</sup></b>		
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
	Communications Elective	3
	Information Literacy Elective	3
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<b>Technological Solutions &amp; Quantitative Reasoning <sup>1</sup></b>		
UNIV 104	Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning	0-3
	Math Elective MATH 114 or higher	3
<b>Critical Thinking <sup>1</sup></b>		
RLGN 104	Christian Life and Biblical Worldview <sup>2</sup>	4
	Critical Thinking Elective	3
<b>Civic &amp; Global Engagement <sup>1</sup></b>		
	Cultural Studies Elective	3
<b>Social &amp; Scientific Inquiry <sup>1</sup></b>		
	Natural Science Elective	3
	Social Science Elective	3
<b>Christianity &amp; Contexts <sup>1</sup></b>		
BIBL 104	Survey of Old and New Testament	4
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey <sup>2</sup>	4
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>39-42</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 Christian Life and Biblical Worldview (4 c.h.) waived; Students transferring in 60 or more UG credit hours will also have the requirement of THEO 104 Introduction to Theology Survey (4 c.h.) waived

## Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Major Core</b>		
GOVT 200	Constitutional Government and Free Enterprise	3
GOVT 220	American Government	3
PLST 200	Introduction to Paralegal Studies	3
PLST 201	Legal Research	3
PLST 202	Legal Writing	3
PLST 205	Foundations of Law	3
PLST 206	Ethics and Professional Responsibility	3
PLST 220	Civil Practice	3

Code	Title	Hours
PLST 225	Tort Law	3
PLST 226	Contracts	3
PLST 230	Criminal Practice and Procedures	3
PLST 235	Wills, Trusts, and Estates	3
PLST 320	Constitutional Law	3
PLST 340	Family Law	3
PLST 450	Negotiations	3
PLST 460	Law Office Management	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>48</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Free Electives</b>		
Choose 30-33 credit hours of Free Electives <sup>1,2</sup>		30-33
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30-33</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> May need 18 hours of 300-400 level course work to fulfill upper-level courses graduation requirement

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*

## Graduation Requirements

- 120 Total hours
- 2.0 Overall grade point average
- 30 Hours must be upper-level courses (300-400 level)
- **Grade of 'C'** Minimum required for all upper-level courses in the major
- 25% Of major taken through Liberty University
- 30 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>Freshman 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
	Communications Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
	<b>Hours</b>	<b>14-17</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey	4
	Critical Thinking Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
	Information Literacy Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
	Social Science Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
PLST 200	Introduction to Paralegal Studies	3
	<b>Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Sophomore Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
Information Literacy Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
Math Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
Natural Science Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
GOVT 200	Constitutional Government and Free Enterprise	3
PLST 201	Legal Research	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
Cultural Studies Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
GOVT 220	American Government	3
PLST 202	Legal Writing	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Junior Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
PLST 205	Foundations of Law	3
PLST 220	Civil Practice	3
PLST 225	Tort Law	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
PLST 206	Ethics and Professional Responsibility	3
PLST 226	Contracts	3
PLST 230	Criminal Practice and Procedures	3
PLST 235	Wills, Trusts, and Estates	3
Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Senior Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
PLST 320	Constitutional Law	3
PLST 340	Family Law	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
PLST 450	Negotiations	3
PLST 460	Law Office Management	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120-123</b>

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