

GENERAL LEGAL STUDIES, B.A.

The General Legal Studies Bachelor of Arts degree and accompanying Paralegal Certificate require 120 credits for completion, including 36 credits in the major. Coursework begins with core skills classes that emphasize legal research, writing, and analysis, along with law office technology and other practical aspects of the legal profession. In ensuing semesters, upper-level electives allow you to explore important areas of substantive law. In or near the final semester, students take the practicum course, which includes a 100-hour internship in a legal services office and an instructional component focusing upon legal ethics, professionalism, and career success skills.

Tulane's General Legal Studies Program does not accept the transfer of credits for paralegal courses completed at paralegal programs that were not approved by ABA's Standing Committee on Paralegals at the time the courses were taken. All transfers of credit for paralegal courses must comply with SoPA's policies and ABA Guidelines and are subject to review by the program director.

Note: Paralegals are trained professionals who work under the supervision of licensed attorneys. Paralegals are not lawyers and are not permitted to practice law or to provide legal services directly to the public, except as permitted by law.

Optional 4+1 Program

Undergraduate students in the General Legal Studies Program who have earned at least 75 credits, including all 36 credits in the GLS major and a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0, may apply for admission to the Master in Public Administration (MPA) 4+1 Program. If accepted, students attending full-time may earn the MPA in a single year after completing the SoPA Bachelor of Arts degree in General Legal Studies (GLS). Up to six graduate-level public administration credits (at the 6000 level or higher) may count toward both the non-major requirements of the GLS bachelor's degree and the MPA degree, and up to six additional graduate credit hours taken as overload during undergraduate study (exceeding the required 120 credit hours of the bachelor's) may be applied toward the MPA degree.

Requirements

Course ID	Title	Credits
Core Competencies		
ENGL 1010	Writing	4
Select one of the following:		3
Math		
PHIL 1060	Critical Thinking	
PHIL 1210	Elementary Symbolic Logic	
CPST 1070	Math For Info Technology	
BLSL 3250	Business Statistics (recommended)	3
Foreign Language or non-Western Culture		6-8
Supporting Requirement		
Select one Oral Communications Course:		3
SPEC 1400	Persuasive Public Speaking	
SPEC 3110	Small Group Communicatn	
THEA 2100	Fundamentals of Acting	
BLSL 2250	Business Communications	3
Distribution Requirements		
Select at least two disciplines per category:		
Humanities		12
Sciences		12
Social Sciences		12
Writing Requirement		
Designated writing course		3-4
Total Credit Hours		61-64

Major Requirements

To ensure compliance with ABA requirements, all students must complete at least 12 credits of GLSP coursework (four GLSP classes) via in-person or synchronous transmission format.

Course ID	Title	Credits
Major Core Courses		
GLSP 2010	Intro to the Legal System	3
GLSP 3020	Legal Research	3
GLSP 3030	Legal Writing ¹	3
GLSP 3050	Litigation I	3
GLSP 3060	Litigation II ¹	3
GLSP 3070	Legal Technology	3
Select five GLSP 4000+ level (taken only after the completion of the Paralegal courses above)		15
GLSP 5900	Gen Legal Studies Practicum (final semester, includes 100-hour internship requirement)	3
Minor (optional)		
Varies according to minor chosen		
General Electives		
As needed to total 120 credits		22-26
Total Credit Hours		58-62

¹ Preceding course is a prerequisite