

Why Enroll?

If you're interested in an in-demand role and stable career with a flexible work environment and the ability to grow in the field, the Certificate In Legal Studies at Hunter's Continuing Education can prepare you for your career as a paralegal professional. Paralegals are ranked as the 27th best job in the U.S. by CNN Money, and cited by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics as having a faster than average growth rate. Trained to assist attorneys and help provide top legal services to clients, paralegals are highly trained experts at their jobs and the background and experience gained is a great advantage should these professionals decide to proceed into law school. Paralegals may not provide legal services directly to the public except as permitted by law, but they are highly sought in areas such as:

- Law firms
- Government agencies
- Corporate legal departments
- Real estate and title agencies
- Trade associations
- Armed forces
- Financial and educational institutions

Prospective students should be aware that some employers require training from an American Bar Association (ABA) approved program. The ABA, for a fee, approves programs that meet certain standards relating to how the program is administered and most ABA approved paralegal programs are credit based at an associate degree level. Although CE's certificate program is not ABA approved, we remain committed to our students in offering high quality continuing education courses that prepare students for paralegal jobs in a short amount of time and at an affordable price.

Spring 2023 at CEP:

Spring semester runs from January 22- May 23. Classes do not meet on major holidays - please note skip dates

Open House will be held on:

Wednesday, January 25 @ 6pm (webinar)
RSVP by phone or online now!

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Course Schedule

Required

Introduction to Law (LSINTLAW)

Thu. 6:00 - 8:15pm; 2/9-3/23 (7 sess.)

Drafting Legal Instruments (LSDRALEG)

Wed. 6:00 - 8:15pm; 4/12-5/10 (7 sess.)

Contracts (LSCONTRA)

Mon. 6:00 - 8:15pm; 2/13-4/3 (7 sess.) Skip 2/20

Legal Research & Writing (LSLEGRES)

Wed. 6:00 - 8:15pm; 2/15-3/29 (7 sess.)

Litigation (LSLITIGA)

Tue. 6:00 - 8:15pm; 2/14-3/28 (7 sess.)

Electives

Torts (LSTORT)

Thu. 6:00 - 8:30pm; 4/6-5/11 (6 sess.)

Criminal Law (LSCRIPRO)

Mon. 6:00 - 9:00pm; 4/17-5/15 (5 sess.)

Landlord and Tenant (LSLANTEN)

Tue. 6:00 - 8:30pm; 4/11-5/16 (6 sess.)



Location:

695 Park Avenue, Room E1022, New York, NY 10065

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Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm

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Registration & Tuition:

Whether you are interested in a career as a Paralegal or are preparing to apply for Law School, our Certificate in Legal Studies helps you achieve your goal. The program consists of 5 courses. Tuition for the certificate is **\$2,800** plus a one-time \$25 registration fee, or you can register for each course individually plus the registration fee per semester. Payment plan options are available for students.

If you wish to take additional elective courses you can do so by paying the additional tuition per elective.

Required Courses:

Introduction to Law \$600 (LSINTLAW)

Provides students with an overview of law covering legal history, foundations of legal authority, nature of a lawsuit, concept of jurisdiction, legal terminology and basic concepts, structure of the court system, a brief survey of the substantive law including civil procedure, torts, contracts, corporations, criminal law and real property.

Drafting Legal Instruments \$600 (LSDRALEG)

Teaches practical skills for assisting lawyers in drafting basic legal documents, including affidavits, complaints, motions, wills and contracts. Students learn the basic components of these documents, where to find and how to use standard legal forms, and fundamental principles of effective legal writing.

Contracts \$600 (LSCONTRA)

Students study contract formation, defenses to the existence of contracts, the different kinds of contracts, contracts for the sale of land (real property) and the Uniform Commercial Code which involves contracts for the sale of goods in the United States.

Legal Research and Writing \$600 (LSLEGRES)

This course teaches students the fundamentals of legal research, kinds of law books, casebooks and treatises, official vs unofficial reporters, hands-on computer and library research, how to Shepardize cases and the basics of writing a legal memo.

Litigation \$600 (LSLITIGA)

A continuation of Intro to Law, this course focuses on causes of action, statutes of limitation, pleadings, provisional remedies, discovery, EBTs, motions to dismiss, summary judgment, settlement conferences, evidence, judicial discretion, judgments, enforcement and appeals.

ELECTIVES: If you would like take additional courses, you can do so and pay \$550 for each additional elective; if you complete two or more electives, you will get an advanced certificate.

Torts \$550 (LSTORT)

This class discusses the various kinds of torts (assault, defamation, negligence, medical malpractice, products liability, infliction of emotional distress, etc.) and the elements which need to be proven: various features of the CPLR (the basic guidebook of civil actions in New York), tort doctrines such as comparative negligence, res ipsa loquitur and assumption of risk.

Criminal Procedure \$550 (LSCRIPRO)

The objectives of this course are to (1) learn the law of criminal procedure through an understanding of the principles of law by examining real problems, challenges and cases, (2) gain knowledge of constitutional rights in the context of criminal law, (3) focus on the concept of reasonableness of restraints on those rights, (4) gain an understanding of the public policy considerations underlying the substantive criminal law and the manner in which such policies are effectuated through criminal procedural requirements, and (5) study specific procedural law issue/requirements, including right to counsel, exclusionary rule; search warrant; permissible warrantless searches; stop and frisk, entrapment, wiretapping, confessions, lineups, jury selection, voir dire, negotiated pleas and post-conviction relief.

Criminal Law \$550 (LSCRILAW)

This course covers selected topics in substantive criminal law: principles underlying the definition of crime such as the requirements of actus reus and mens rea and general doctrines such as ignorance of fact and ignorance of law, causation, attempt, complicity and conspiracy. Principles of justification and excuse are examined with particular

attention to the doctrines of necessity, intoxication, insanity, diminished capacity and automatism. The substantive offense of homicide is extensively reviewed, and from time to time other offenses such as theft. Throughout, emphasis is placed on the basic theory of the criminal law and the relationship between doctrines and the various justifications for imposition of punishment. (Not offered this semester.)

Evidence \$550 (LSEVIDEN)

This course examines the rules governing the admission, exclusion and presentation of evidence in judicial proceedings. Topics to be covered in this course include relevancy; authentication; the 'Best Evidence' doctrine; categorical rules of exclusion; character and habit evidence; competency of witnesses; examination and impeachment of witnesses; opinion and expert testimony; presentation of evidence; privilege; the hearsay rule and its exceptions; presumptions and burdens of proof; and the scope of judicial notice. (Not offered this semester.)

Business Law Corporation \$550 (LSBUSLAW)

The Business Law seminar presents an overview of the primary business entities: corporations, LLCs and partnerships, what they are, how they are formed, and the legal ramifications of each. We will also discuss business litigation such as "piercing the corporate veil," unfair competition, trademarks and trade secrets, with an introduction to debtor/creditor issues. (Not offered this semester.)

Federal Practice \$550 (LSFEDPRA)

There are two distinct legal systems which are going on at the same time in the United States -- the state judicial system and the federal system. Federal courts are found not by state but by "circuit," and federal law differs from state law except when federal courts are required to apply state law. The entire realm of federal practice will be explored by a long-time practitioner in the federal courts and popular Hunter professor. (Not offered this semester.)