



<b>DEGREE</b>	Associate of Arts
<b>CONCENTRATION</b>	Legal Studies (CAS)

Student ID (790): _____	Credits Required: _____	Certificate: 30
Student Name: _____		Degree: 60
Advisor Name: _____		

\*Please note: This is a \*sample\* degree path/map. Please meet with an advisor to confirm individualized plan dependent on course availability, substitutions and your preferences.

FALL SEMESTER					
COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE	NOTES	
WRIT 101	College Writing I	3		Writing Gen Ed	
LEG 184E	Legal Ethics	3		E = Ethics Gen Ed	
LEG 187	Legal Research & Writing I	2			
LEG 183	Contracts	2		8 week course	
LEG 185	Introduction to Paralegal Studies	2		8 week course	
LEG 191	Special Topics: Torts	2		8 week course	
	<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>14</b>			

SPRING SEMESTER					
COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE	NOTES	
LEG 298	Paralegal Internship	2			
LEG 286	Legal Research & Writing II	3			
PSCI 210S	Intro to American Government	3		S = Social Sciences Y = Democracy & Citizenship	
LEG 188	Principles of Real Estate	2		8 week course	
LEG 189	Criminal Procedures	3		8 week course	
LEG 270	Civil Litigation	3		8 week course	
	<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>16</b>			

FALL SEMESTER					
COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE	NOTES	
COMX 111A	Intro to Public Speaking	3		A = Expressive Arts	
M 115	Probability & Linear Mathematics	3		Math Gen Ed	
BIOB 101N OR GEO 101N/102	Discover Biology OR Physical Geology & Lab	3 4		N = Science Gen Ed (w/Lab)	
	100 or 200 Level Elective course toward areas of interest	3			
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	<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>15-16</b>			

SPRING SEMESTER					
COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE	NOTES	
LIT 110L	Intro to Literature	3		L = Literary & Artistic Studies Intermediate Writing	
ANTY 101H	Anthropology & The Human Experience	3		H = Historical Studies	
BGEN 215	Career Readiness	3		X = Cultural & International Diversity	
CJUS 125N OR NUTR 221N	Fundamentals of Forensic Science OR Basic Human Nutrition	3		N = Science Gen Ed (w/out Lab)	
	100 or 200 Level Elective course toward areas of interest	3			
	<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>15</b>			

**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Do you find the legal system interesting? Get your AA with a certificate in legal studies. This program prepares individuals looking to work as paralegals or legal assistants at a law office. This degree is flexible with room for electives and a combination of both 16 week and 8 week courses. You will also participate in a paralegal internship your first year gaining real world experience and making valuable connections for your future job search.

**CAREER INFORMATION**

Paralegals and legal assistants assist lawyers by investigating facts, preparing legal documents, or researching legal precedent. Other job duties include conducting research to support a legal proceeding, assisting in the formulation of a defense, or help initiate legal action. The median salary for legal support workers in Western Montana is \$57,127 (data pulled from Lightcast, 2022).

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