



**CERTIFICATE** Certificate of Applied Science  
**CONCENTRATION** Legal Studies

Student ID (790):		Credits Required:	30
Student Name:			
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
COMX 111A	Intro to Public Speaking	3		A =Expressive Arts
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>		

**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Do you find the legal system interesting? Perhaps you already have a degree and are looking to specialize your skills into the area of law. This 2 semester program prepares individuals looking to work as paralegals or legal assistants at a law office. This certificate can be stacked with a general AA degree. This certificate can be completed in less than a year with a combination of both 16 week and 8 week courses. You will also participate in a paralegal internship 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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