

LEGAL STUDIES (CERTIFICATE)

Public Service

Program website (<https://www.harpercollege.edu/academics/public-service/legal-studies/legal-studies-certificate.php>)

Program Overview

This 24 credit-hour certificate program is designed for those individuals who are currently employed or employable in the legal field or those who, because of legal experience, could benefit from these specialty options. The various choices available allow the student to develop special interests and skills.

To receive a certificate in Legal Studies, students must have earned an Associate in Applied Science degree, an Associate in Arts or Science degree, or a bachelor's degree which includes general education courses equivalent to those required in Harper College's Associate in Applied Science degree in Legal Studies. Students who have earned an AGS degree do not qualify to receive a certificate in Legal Studies. Verification of the degree must be submitted before the certificate will be awarded. Contact evaluation@harpercollege.edu prior to submitting the application for graduation for the Legal Studies certificate to confirm eligibility.

Students who complete the 24 credit-hour certificate are eligible to use our computerized placement service and otherwise work as paralegals/legal assistants/or another supporting role for a practicing attorney. Students should be aware that there are legal restrictions on the practice of law by laymen.

Students pursuing this certificate program should be aware that the American Bar Association requires that a minimum nine (9) credit hours must be completed face-to-face or in a synchronous/live online modality.

Students electing to earn a certificate in Legal Studies are eligible to apply credits earned toward completion of the Associate in Applied Science degree.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required		
LGS 101	Introduction to Legal Studies	3
LGS 103	Litigation	3
LGS 115	Legal Research and Writing	3
LGS 208	Internship in Legal Studies	3
or LGS 215	Today's Law Office	
LGS 216	Ethics, Legal Writing and the Law Office	3
Electives		
Select at least 9 credit hours from the following courses, providing the combination has the approval of the coordinator or an academic advisor:		9
LEJ 201	Criminal Law ¹	
or LEJ 202	Criminal Procedures	
LGS 105	Family Law	
LGS 110	Law Office Technology	
LGS 123	Real Property Law	

LGS 201	Tort Law
LGS 205	Contract Law
LGS 206	Environmental Law
LGS 210	The Law of Business Organizations
LGS 212	Law Office Management
LGS 221	Bankruptcy Law
LGS 222	Intellectual Property
LGS 224	Commercial Real Estate Law
LGS 225	Immigration Law
LGS 230	Topics in Legal Studies

Total Hours **24**

¹ Students may take LEJ 201 or LEJ 202, but not both. Prerequisite of LEJ 101 will be waived for Legal Studies certificate students.

Gainful Employment

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