

# B.S. Degree in Paralegal



## Core - All majors must complete the core. (37 CREDITS)

PARA 125	Introduction to Paralegal .....	3	PARA 375	Legal Ethics .....	3
PARA 250	Legal Research & Writing I .....	3		(pre-req. Para 250)	
PARA 251	Legal Research & Writing II .....	3	PARA 425	Advanced Legal Research & Writing .....	3
	(pre-req. Para 250)			(pre-req. Para 251, 325, 375)	
PARA 310	Civil Procedure I .....	3	PARA 469	Internship .....	4-12
	(pre-req. Para 250)			(pre-req. see below**)	
PARA 320	Family Law .....	3	ACCT 130	Fundamentals of Accounting .....	3
	(pre-req. Para 250)		ACCT 304	Legal Environment of Business .....	3
PARA 325	Interviewing .....	3	ACCT 306	Contracts & Business Entities .....	3
	(pre-req. Para 250)			(pre-req. Acct 304)	

## AREAS OF EMPHASIS (12 CREDITS)

Majors must complete at least one area of emphasis. This requires 12 credits from any area of emphasis. In addition, all majors must complete at least 3 credits from one other area of emphasis. Credits in excess of the minimum requirements are applied to general electives.

### Probate/Tax

PARA 380	Real Property Law (pre-req. Para 250) .....	3
PARA 405	Probate & Estate Planning (pre-req. Para 250 & 446) .....	3
PARA 446	Estate, Gift and Trust Taxation (pre-req. Para 250) .....	3
PARA 416	Elder Law (pre-req. Para 250) .....	3

### Civil Litigation

PARA 340	Evidence (pre-req. Para 251) .....	3
PARA 346	Public Benefits (pre-req. Para 250) .....	3
PARA 410	Civil Procedure II (pre-req. Para 250, 310) .....	3
PARA 435	Personal Injury (pre-req. Para 250, 310) .....	3

### Criminal Litigation

PARA 340	Evidence (pre-req. Para 251) .....	3
CJ 335	Criminal Law .....	3
CJ 337	Criminal Procedure .....	3
PARA 420	Criminal Litigation (Pre-req. Para 340 & CJ 335) .....	3

### Commercial Law

PARA 331	Debtor-Creditor/Bankruptcy (pre-req. Para 250) .....	3
PARA 380	Real Property Law (pre-req. Para 250) .....	3
ACCT 307	Commercial Transactions, Property & Special Topics .....	3
PARA 321	Employment Law (pre-req. ACCT 304) .....	3

Legal Research and Writing I and II must be completed with a grade of "C-" or better.

\*\* Internship prerequisites: Para 251, 310, 325, 375 and two courses from your area of emphasis and 2.25 GPA in paralegal courses.

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# Paralegal Department

## 1. Graduation Requirements for Paralegal

### a. GPA minimum:

2.00 MSUM overall  
2.00 Liberal Studies/Dragon Core  
2.25 Paralegal

### b. Semester Credit Minimums:

128 total  
52 in Paralegal  
45 in Liberal Studies/42 Dragon Core  
40 at 300 and 400 course level

## 2. Suggested Program of Study

	<i>First Semester</i>	<i>Second Semester</i>	<i>First Semester</i>	<i>Second semester</i>
<b>Year 1:</b>	Dragon Core Foundation Four PARA 125 - or -	Dragon Core  PARA 125	<b>Year 3:</b>	PARA core courses PARA track courses Free electives
<b>Year 2:</b>	PARA 250 ACCT 304 Dragon Core	PARA 251 Dragon Core	<b>Year 4:</b>	PARA 425 - or - PARA core courses PARA track courses Free electives Internship - or -
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(Note: Internship may be done between third and fourth year if all prerequisites have been completed)

## 3. Dragon Core (42 credits) – applies to students entering MSUM Fall 2006 and later.

The university's Dragon Core of 14 courses (42 credits) includes the following competency areas:

- Oral Communication
- Written Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Mathematical / Symbolic Systems
- Natural Sciences
- History and the Social Sciences
- Humanities - The Arts, Literature, and Philosophy
- Human Diversity
- Global Perspective
- Ethical and Civic Responsibility
- People and the Environment

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