

Core- All majors must complete the core. (34 credits)

PARA 125	Introduction to Paralegal.....3	PARA 375	Legal Ethics.....3 (pre-req. Para 251)
PARA 251	Legal Research & Writing *....3 (W)***	PARA 405	Wills, Estates & Taxation.....3 (pre-req. Para 251, Para 325)
PARA 310	Civil Procedure I.....3 (pre-req. Para 251)	PARA 416	Elder Law.....3 (pre-req. Para 251, Para 325)
PARA 320	Family Law.....3 (pre-req. Para 251)	PARA 425	Advanced Legal Research & Writing....3 (pre-req. Para 251, 325, 375) (W)***
PARA 325	Interviewing.....3 (pre-req. Para 251)	PARA 469	Internship.....4-12 (pre-req. see below**)
PARA 331	Debtor-Cred/Bankruptcy.....3 (pre-req. Para 251)		

AREAS OF EMPHASIS (12 CREDITS + 6)

Majors must complete at least one area of emphasis. This requires 12 credits from either area of emphasis. In addition, all majors must complete at least 6 credits from the other area of emphasis. Credits in excess of the minimum requirements are applied to general electives.

Litigation

PARA 346	Public Benefits (pre-req. Para 251).....	3
PARA 410	Civil Procedure II (pre-req. Para 251, 310).....	3
PARA 420	Criminal Litigation (pre-req. Para 251).....	3
PARA 435	Personal Injury (pre-req. Para 251, 310).....	3

Transactions

PARA 321	Employment Law (pre-req. Acct 304).....	3
PARA 380	Real Property Law (pre-req. 251).....	3
ACCT 304	Legal Environment of Business.....	3
ACCT 306	Contracts & Business Entities (pre-req. Acct 304).....	3

OR

PARA 350	Contract Law and Drafting (pre-req. Para 251).....	3
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*Legal Research and Writing 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.

***Designated Writing-Intensive (W) courses.

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Paralegal Department

1. Graduation Requirements for Paralegal

a. GPA minimum:

- 2.00 MSUM overall
- 2.00 Liberal Arts & Sciences Curriculum (LASC)
- 2.25 Paralegal

b. Semester Credit Minimums:

- 120 total
- 52 in Paralegal
- 42 (LASC)
- 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>
Year 1:	LASC PARA 125 - or -	LASC PARA 125	Year 3:	PARA core courses PARA track courses Free electives	PARA core courses PARA track courses Free electives
Year 2:	PARA 251 ACCT 304 LASC	PARA 325 LASC PARA 375 PARA 321	Year 4:	PARA core courses PARA track courses Free electives Internship - or -	PARA 425 PARA core courses PARA track courses Free electives Internship

(Note: *Internship may be done between third and fourth year if all prerequisites have been completed*)

3. Liberal Arts & Sciences Curriculum (LASC) (42 credits) - applies to students entering MSUM Fall 2011.

The university's Liberal Arts & Sciences Curriculum (LASC) (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

**Paralegals may not provide legal services directly to the public
except where authorized by law.**

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