



**PROPOSAL TO SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FROM
SOUTH COLLEGE ASHEVILLE LEARNING SITE
TRANSFER AGREEMENT
FOR
AAS IN PARALEGAL TECHNOLOGY
TO
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN LEGAL STUDIES**

The following proposal is designed to provide a means by which graduates of the AAS in Paralegal Technology from Southwestern Community College can transfer associate degree course credits to the Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies at South College Asheville Learning Site. The intent of the proposed agreement encourages students to complete their associate degree and all other prerequisites identified in the agreement before transferring into the BS degree at South College. The proposal outlines the curriculum of the BS in Legal Studies degree, the course transfer checklist for the two schools, and courses needed for the transfer student. Typically, the bachelor level courses are offered in the evenings, allowing students working in the paralegal field to work during the day in their field while completing the legal studies courses at night. In order to earn the degree, students must earn at least 40% of the required program credits at South College.

The proposal outlines this North Carolina Board of Governors, SACSCOC, and American Bar Association approved program to allow those with an associate degree in legal studies to continue with substantive law courses, obtain a bachelor degree, and prepare them, if they so desire, to pursue graduate studies.

OVERVIEW OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN LEGAL STUDIES

Bachelor of Science LEGAL STUDIES

The mission of the Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies program is to provide students with a broad academic background in general education, fundamental theoretical legal concepts, and practical applications. This rigorous ABA Approved Paralegal Education Program is designed for the student who clearly shows potential for a career in the legal profession and similar fields.

The coursework emphasizes the development of keen analytical skills and fosters sensitivity to cultural and political history and diversity. Graduates can become contributing members of the legal office in private law firms, banks, insurance companies, title and mortgage companies, governmental and law enforcement agencies, and other corporations. The curriculum's focus on legal theory, application, and critical thinking allow graduates to perform high-level paralegal duties, with the exception that paralegals are not permitted to give legal advice, appear in court, accept cases, or set fees.

The objective of this program is to provide students, through completion of courses consisting of lecture, practical application, and hands-on computer instruction, with the knowledge and skills necessary to become contributing members of a team in the legal environment.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Learning Outcome #1

Students will demonstrate knowledge of fundamental theoretical legal concepts necessary to hold a paralegal position under the direction and supervision of a licensed attorney.

Learning Outcome #2

Students will develop analytical and reasoning skills that promote independent thinking.

Learning Outcome #3

Student will demonstrate knowledge regarding the significance of historical, cultural, and political diversity as it relates to the laws and the administration of justice.

Learning Outcome #4

Students will develop legal research, writing and drafting skills necessary to hold a paralegal position under the direction and supervision of a licensed attorney.

Learning Outcome #5

Students will demonstrate knowledge of appropriate professional and ethical responsibilities as set forth in the rules of professional responsibility and other related guidelines, laws, and directives.

**Bachelor of Science
LEGAL STUDIES**

BS Legal Studies Curriculum.....			180 credits
Area I – Core Curriculum.....			72 credits
Business	BE 2230	Business Communications	4
	OTS 2900	Introduction to Word Processing	4
	Approved Business Elective		4
Computer Literacy	SCC 1030	Computer & Information Literacy	4
Mathematics	MAT 1500	College Mathematics I	4
	MAT 1510	College Mathematics II	4
	MAT 2500	Statistics	4
Written Communication	ENG 1200	English Composition	4
	ENG 1210	English Composition with Research	4
Humanities	Approved Humanities Electives		8
Communications	COM 1260	Effective Speaking	4
Personal Development	SCC 1010	College Management	2
	SCC 1020	Career Management	2
	SCC 2120	Professional Development	2
	SCC 2150	Interpersonal Communications	2
Science	Approved Science Elective		4
Social Science	Social Science Electives		12

Area II – Major Curriculum.....108 credits

PL 1010	Introduction to Paralegal Studies	4
PL 1020	Legal Research & Writing I	4
PL 1030	Legal Research & Writing II	4
PL 1060	Torts and Remedies	4
PL 1160	Contract Law	4
PL 2000	Civil Litigation	4
PL 2020	Domestic Law	4
PL 2060	Estate Planning and Probate	4
PL 2070	Computers in the Legal Office	4
PL 2080	Criminal Law	4
PL 2090	Real Estate Law	4
PL 2200	Paralegal Internship	4
Approved Paralegal Elective		4
LGS 3080	Legal Ethics	4
LGS 3100	Constitutional Law	4
LGS 3120	Evidence Law	4
LGS 3200	Bankruptcy Law	4
LGS 3250	Criminal Procedures	4
LGS 3500	Employment Law	4
LGS 4050	Business Organizations	4
LGS 4100	Law & Technology	4
LGS 4120	Special Topics in Legal Research	4
LGS 4130	Advanced Civil Litigation	4
LGS 4200	Mediation & Alternative Dispute Resolution	4
Approved Legal Studies Electives		12

COURSE LISTINGS

LIST A: COURSES COMMON TO BOTH ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

LIST B: COURSES FOR BACHELOR PROGRAM TO BE TAKEN AT SCC

LIST C: COURSES FOR BACHELOR PROGRAM TO COMPLETE DEGREE AT SOUTH COLLEGE

LIST A			
COURSES COMMON TO BOTH LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAMS TO BE TAKEN AT SCC			
SOUTH COLLEGE		SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	
Course Number	Course Name/Quarter Credits	Course Number	Course Name/Semester Credits
SCC 1030	Computer & Information Literacy	CIS 110	Introduction to Computers
OTS 2900	Introduction to Word Processing	CST 136	Word Processing
	Approved Business Elective	ACC 120	Principles of Financial Accounting
MAT 1510	College Mathematics II	MAT 143	Quantitative Literacy
ENG 1200	English Composition	ENG 111	Writing & Inquiry
ENG 1210	English Comp/Research	ENG 114	Professional Research and Reporting
	Humanities Elective		Humanities Elective
	Social Science Elective		Social Science Elective
SCC 1010	College Management	ACA 111	College Student Success
PL 1010	Introduction to Paralegal Studies	LEX 110	Intro to Paralegal Study + LEX 280 Ethics & Profession
PL 1020	Legal Research & Writing I	LEX 120	Legal Research/Writing I
PL 1030	Legal Research & Writing II	LEX 121	Legal Research/Writing II
PL 1160	Contract Law	LEX 150	Commercial Law I
PL 1060	Torts and Remedies	LEX 130	Civil Injuries
PL 2000	Civil Litigation	LEX 140	Civil Litigation I
PL 2020	Domestic Law	LEX 240	Family Law
PL 2060	Estate Planning and Probate	LEX 250	Wills, Estates, & Trusts
PL 2080	Criminal Law	LEX 160	Criminal Law & Procedures
PL 2090	Real Estate Law	LEX 210	Real Property I
	Approved Paralegal Elective (one of three)	LEX 260 LEX 141 LEX 211	Bankruptcy & Collections Civil Litigation II Real Property II
LIST B			
ADDITIONAL COURSES NEEDED FOR THE BACHELOR OF LEGAL STUDIES DEGREE TO BE TAKEN AT SCC			
SOUTH COLLEGE		SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	
Course Number	Course Name/Quarter Credits	Course Number	Course Name/Semester Credits
MAT 1500	College Mathematics I	MAT 121 OR MAT 171	Algebra/Trigonometry I OR Precalculus Algebra
MAT 2500	Statistics	MAT 152	Statistical Methods
COM 1260	Effective Speaking	COM 231	Public Speaking
SCC 2150	Interpersonal Communications	COM 140 OR COM 110	Introduction to Intercultural Communication OR Introduction to Communication
	Humanities Elective		Humanities Elective
	Social Science Elective		Social Science Elective
	Social Science Elective		Social Science Elective

BE 2230	Business Communications	BUS 260	Business Communications
LIST C			
COURSES NEEDED FOR THE BACHELOR OF LEGAL STUDIES DEGREE FROM SOUTH COLLEGE			
(72 quarter credits = 40% of degree)			
SCC 2120	Professional Development		
SCC 2150	Interpersonal Communications		
PL 2070	Computers in the Legal Office		
PL 2200	Paralegal Internship		
LGS 3080	Legal Ethics		
LGS 3100	Constitutional Law		
LGS 3120	Evidence Law		
LGS 3200	Bankruptcy Law		
LGS 3250	Criminal Procedures		
LGS 3500	Employment Law		
LGS 4050	Business Organizations		
LGS 4100	Law & Technology		
LGS 4120	Special Topics in Legal Research		
LGS 4130	Advanced Civil Litigation		
LGS 4200	Mediation & Alternative Dispute		
One of the courses listed on List B	To meet 40% of credits taken criteria for completion at South College (4 quarter credits)		
Legal Studies LGS Electives (3 courses)	12 quarter credits total		