The University of Mississippi Fall 2018 Catalog Information

CURRICULUM FOR THE

BACHELOR OF PARALEGAL STUDIES

2018-2019

This curriculum reflects course suggestions to fulfill requirements for the Bachelor of Paralegal Studies degree at UM-Tupelo. Degree and admission requirements are subject to change. This curriculum may not reflect the requirements of Associate of Arts programs at ICC. Consult your academic advisor for Associate’s degree requirements.

Freshman and Sophomore Courses Available from Itawamba Community College

APPLIED SCIENCES CORE CURRICULUM – 38 hours

English – 12 hours

_____, _______ ENG 1113, 1123 English Composition I, II
_____ Choose any literature. (American, British, or World.)
_____ WRIT 250 Advanced Composition – Available only at UM-Tupelo after transfer.

Fine Arts - 3 hours

_____ Choose any 3-hour Art, Music, or Theatre course.

Social Science – 6 hours

_____ SOC 2113 Introduction to Sociology
_____ PSY 1513 General Psychology

Mathematics – 6 hours

Statistics

_____ PSY 2323 Statistics for Behavioral Sciences or MAT 2323 Statistics
College Algebra or more advanced mathematics course
_____ MAT 1313 College Algebra, MAT 1323 Trigonometry, or MAT 1613 Calculus I-A

Natural Sciences with Labs – 8 hours

Principles of Biology I, General Biology I, or Anatomy & Physiology I (required)
_____ BIO 1114 with lab, BIO 1134 with lab, or BIO 2514 with lab
Natural Science
_____ Choose a second natural science with lab. If BIO 1114 is chosen for first science, BIO 1134 will not satisfy this requirement, and vice versa. BIO 1613 Nutrition will not satisfy this requirement.
CORE CURRICULUM (contd.)

Humanities – 3 hours
   Additional Humanity or Fine Art

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT COURSES FOR PARALEGAL STUDIES MAJORS – 18 hours

Foreign Language – 6 hours
   _______ MFL 1113 French I or MFL 1213 Spanish I
   _______ MFL 1123 French II or MFL 2223 Spanish II

Public Speaking – 3 hours
   _______ SPT 1113 Oral Communication or SPT 2163 Public Speaking

Philosophy – 3 hours
   _______ Phil 103 Logic: Critical Thinking

History – 3 hours
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Political Science – 3 hours
   _______ PSC 1113 American National Government

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The University of Mississippi-Tupelo
Bachelor of Science in Paralegal Studies

PROFESSIONAL PARALEGAL COURSES – 18 hours

_____ LA 201 Introduction to Law at UM or LET 1123 Introduction to Law at ICC
_____ LA 204 Legal Research/Writing I at UM or LET 1213 Legal Research at ICC
_____ LA 205 Legal Research/Writing II at UM or LET 1713: Legal Writing at ICC
_____ LA 303 Civil Litigation I
_____ LA 304 Civil Litigation II
_____ LA 305 Criminal Law and Procedure

Emphasis Requirement - 21 hours

_____ LA 440 Issues in Access to Justice
_____ LA 490 Advanced Seminar in Legal Studies
_____ LA Electives 15 hours (LA 495 is strongly recommended)

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**Description of Applied Sciences Core Requirements**

**LITERATURE.** Recommended courses are ENGL 221, 222, 223, 224, 225 and 226.

**FINE ARTS.** Courses that meet the fine arts requirement are Art History 101, 102, 201, 202; Music 101, 102, 103, 104, 105; Dance 200; and Theatre 201.

**HUMANITIES.** The course may be chosen from courses with any of the following prefixes: African American Studies (AAS), Classics (CLC), Gender Studies (GST), Literature, Modern Languages, Philosophy (PHIL), Religion (REL), and Southern Studies (SST).

**MATHEMATICS.** Courses that meet the mathematics requirement are MATH 121, 123, 125, 261, 267.

**STATISTICS.** Courses that meet the statistics requirement are MATH 115, ECON 230, BUS 230 and PSY 202.

**HUMAN BIOLOGY WITH LAB.** UM courses that meet this requirement are BISC 102/103, 160/161, 206 or 207. Some transfer courses like Zoology and Botany may show up on the transfer equivalency as being equivalent to our BISC 102 or 160; however, the School of Applied Sciences will not accept those courses as meeting the human biology requirement.

**ADDITIONAL SCIENCE WITH LAB.** This course may be chosen from any of the following areas of science: Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Physics or Astronomy. ASTR 101 and 102 do not include laboratory work; ASTR 103 and 104 do include laboratory work and satisfy this requirement. A student cannot receive credit for taking ASTR 101 or 102 with either 103 or 104. In addition, students cannot receive credit for taking both BISC 102/103 and BISC 160/161 or BISC 104/105 and 162/163.

**College/School-wide Degree Requirements**

Professional core course work for newly admitted students, readmitted students, and transfer students must be current within a seven-year period at the time of admission to a program, unless more current course work is required by accreditation standards; there will be no limit on general course work.

Within the University of Mississippi's academic residency requirement which states that at least 30 semester hours of residence credit must be taken in the school or college recommending the degree, at least 15 of those hours must be professional courses required in the major.

**Total Hours Required - At least 120 semester hours with passing grades must be completed for any School of Applied Sciences degree.**

**Advanced Work Requirement - At least one-third of the hours applied toward a degree must be at the 300-, 400-, or 500-level. For example, a student qualifying for a degree with 124 semester hours must show at least 40 hours of work at the 300 level or above.**

**Exercise and Leisure Activity Courses - While exercise and leisure activity (EL) courses are not required, a maximum of 6 hours of these courses may be counted toward a School of Applied Sciences degree. These Courses are taken only on a pass-fail grading basis.**

**For majors requiring students to complete a minor** – At least 6 credit hours of minor course work must be taken from The University of Mississippi. Unless otherwise stated in the catalog, a 2.0 must be obtained on all work applied to the minor both overall and in residence. Consult catalog for specific requirements for individual minors.

Applying for degree - Each senior must apply for a degree by submitting an "Intent to Graduate" Form (available in the George Street House or on the School of Applied Sciences web site) to the dean's office in the semester preceding the semester in which the student expects to graduate. The dean's office sets the application deadlines and notifies students of their specified deadlines by e-mail. This deadline will allow the student time to make any schedule changes required to complete all degree requirements and should guard against the disappointment of having graduation delayed.
University Degree Requirements

**Minimum Grade-point Average** - For the award of a bachelor’s degree from any school or college of The University of Mississippi, a student must earn a GPA of at least 2.00 on all course work submitted in fulfillment of the course requirements for the degree. In addition, the student must earn a minimum GPA of 2.00 on all course work attempted at The University of Mississippi. Finally, the student must have a minimum 2.00 GPA on all college work attempted at any institution of higher learning.

**Residency Requirement** - At least 25 percent of the semester credit hours required for an undergraduate degree (e.g., 31 hours for a 124-hour degree) must be taken in residence. At least 30 semester hours of residence credit must be taken in the school or college recommending the degree. Both hours taken before and after a student declares a major in a particular school or college may be used to satisfy the 30-hour residence requirement.

**Community College Credit Hour Limit** - The limit on the acceptance of credit from a junior or community college is one-half the total requirements for graduation in a given curriculum.

**Last 21 Hour Residency Requirement** - Students must acquire at least 15 of their last 21 credit hours in residence at the university. That is, no more than 6 of the last 21 hours may be transfer credit. A student may not apply courses taken from the university’s Independent Study department or via the university’s study abroad or exchange programs towards this 15 hour requirement unless the student has obtained written approval from the student’s academic department and dean before enrolling in the course.