

YEAR 1				
SEMESTER	FALL		SPRING	
RECOMMENDED COURSES	CM 101 Public Speaking (Communication Intensive)	3	ENG 152 Writing about Literature	3
	ENG 151 Composition & Writing from Sources <sup>1</sup>	3	POSCI 102 American Government (SS II)	3
	LAW 102 Introduction to Legal Studies <sup>1</sup>	3	LAW 112 Torts	3
	LAW 114 Estates and Trusts <sup>1</sup>	3	LAW 125 Legal Research and Writing I	3
	LAW 120 Contract Law <sup>1</sup>	3	LAW 130 Business Organizations Law	3
	SBL 100 New Student Seminar	1		
<b>CREDITS</b>	<b>16 CREDITS</b>		<b>15 CREDITS</b>	
YEAR 2				
SEMESTER	FALL		SPRING	
RECOMMENDED COURSES	Scientific Reasoning Lab (SR-L)	4	Humanities I (HUM)*	3
	Quantitative Literacy (QL) <sup>2</sup>	3-4	LAW 204 Constitutional Law	3
	Fine Art (FA)	3	LAW 216 Civil Litigation and Pleading	3
	LAW 210 Legal Research and Writing II (200-level Writing Intensive)	3	LAW Elective <sup>3</sup>	3
	LAW 225 A Internship Part I	1	LAW 225 B Internship Part II	2
<b>CREDITS</b>	<b>14-15 CREDITS</b>		<b>14 CREDITS</b>	
YEAR 3				
SEMESTER	FALL		SPRING	
RECOMMENDED COURSES	Social Science I (SS)**	3	Humanities II (HUM)*	3
	General Elective	3	Quantitative Literacy /Scientific Reasoning (QL, SR, or SR-L)	3-4
	General Elective	3	ACC 215 Survey of Accounting	3
	LAW Elective <sup>3</sup>	3	LAW 352 Law Office Technology	3
	LAW Elective <sup>3</sup>	3	LAW Elective <sup>3</sup>	3
<b>CREDITS</b>	<b>15 CREDITS</b>		<b>15-16 CREDITS</b>	
YEAR 4				
SEMESTER	FALL		SPRING	
RECOMMENDED COURSES	Humanities III (HUM)*	3	Humanities IV (HUM)*	3
	General Elective	3	General Elective	3
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	General Elective	3	LAW 480 Legal Studies I Capstone (300-400 level)Writing Intensive	3
	LAW Elective <sup>3</sup>	3	LAW Elective <sup>3</sup>	3
<b>CREDITS</b>	<b>15 CREDITS</b>		<b>15 CREDITS</b>	

**PROGRAM POLICIES**

Students must earn a minimum GPA of 2.00 in the major, and the lowest acceptable grade is a "C" in all major and Stevenson Educational Experience (SEE) courses. No student, regardless of major, will be permitted to advance to the next course without earning a grade of "C" or better in the prerequisite course(s). When a grade below "C" is earned in a major course, the student must repeat the course.

Legal studies majors who do not successfully complete a LAW course with a grade of "C" or better after a third attempt will not be allowed to continue in the legal studies program.

Students must take a minimum of 18 credits or the equivalent of legal specialty courses at Stevenson University to earn a

degree in legal studies. A legal specialty course is a LAW course that covers substantive law or legal procedures or process, has been developed for paralegals, emphasizes practical paralegal skills, and meets the American Bar Association's instructional methodology requirements. The legal studies program offers traditional, hybrid, and online delivery of legal specialty courses approved by the ABA, as well as other LAW courses. Students must take a minimum of ten semester credits or the equivalent of legal specialty courses, and may take all legal specialty and other LAW courses, through traditional classroom instruction at Stevenson University.

Credit for equivalent law courses considered legal specialty courses under the ABA Guidelines is accepted for students transferring from paralegal

programs, whether ABA-approved or not.

If a student has earned credit from an institution that is not ABA-approved, the program director for traditional students or the Associate Dean of Business Programs for GPS students review the description of the course content, the course syllabus (if necessary), and information about the institution before credit is transferred for equivalent law courses. A maximum of 24 credits will be accepted for equivalent law courses.

## **PROGRAM POLICIES (cont'd)**

Some students work as paralegals while completing the legal studies program. These students may apply for a waiver of the internship requirement. Paperwork from the student and the employer is required to verify that the student successfully performed paralegal tasks for a minimum of 135 hours. If approved, the student will take another three-credit legal specialty course in place of the internship class. GPS students working full-time, not as paralegals, satisfy the internship requirement by completing a virtual internship as a paralegal, supervised by the School of Graduate and Professional Studies. This three-credit virtual internship class is considered non-legal specialty.

The award of legal specialty credits through examination or portfolio is monitored by the legal studies program director to ensure that the quality and integrity of the legal studies program are maintained. A maximum of six legal specialty credits can be earned through examination or portfolio. To receive credit for prior learning for a legal specialty course through examination or portfolio, the examination or portfolio must be evaluated by a faculty evaluator, under the supervision of the program director. In conducting this evaluation, the faculty evaluator will ensure that the credit sought can be classified as legal specialty, the student meets the course objectives and practical skills to be developed for the course for which credit is sought, the student meets the needs of the legal community the program serves, and the student's work is comparable to course work offered within the legal studies program.

## **COURSE INFORMATION**

<sup>1</sup> Students taking developmental English course start taking LAW classes *after* they become eligible to take ENG 151 (until then, substitute 100-level non-LAW classes, such as SS, COM, FA, MATH, SCI, HUM, and general electives).

<sup>2</sup> MATH course preferred.

<sup>3</sup> Students take six LAW electives and up to two of these can be taken at the lower-level.

## **GENERAL EDUCATION NOTES**

**General Education courses are identified in blue.**

- **Specific courses that fulfill SEE general education requirements are listed in the catalog and on the portal.**
- **Students must complete all general education and major requirements and earn a minimum of 120 credits.**
- **15 credits must be taken at the 300 or 400 level.**
- **All courses in the student's last 30 credits must be taken at Stevenson.**

**\*HUMANITIES classes must be from at least three different disciplines.**

**\*\*SOCIAL SCIENCE classes must be from two different discipline**