PARALEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM   **ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE**
PROGRAM CODE: 27013   **TOTAL CREDITS – 64**

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE
WOLFSON CAMPUS
PARALEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM
(For students who enrolled in the program __AFTER__ the Fall 2007 term.)

The Paralegal Studies program prepares students to obtain entry-level employment in law offices, government agencies, and other business corporations. It also enables persons working in the field without a degree to upgrade their skills to become a qualified paralegal. The MDC Paralegal Studies Program has been approved by the American Bar Association (ABA) since 1987.

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE REQUIREMENTS (18 credits)

ENC 1101	English Composition 1	3 credits	
ENC 1102	English Composition 2	3 credits	Pre/Req ENC 1101
PHI 2604	Critical Thinking and Ethics	3 credits	Pre/Req ENC 1101
CLP 1006	Psychology of Personal Effectiveness	3 credits	
PSC 1515	Energy in the Natural Environment	3 credits	
SPC 1017	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3 credits	Pre/Req ENC 1101

MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS (43 credits)

PLA 2003	Fundamentals of Law	3 credits	Pre or Co-Req ENC 1101
PLA 2104	Legal Research	3 credits	Pre/Req PLA 2003
PLA 2114	Legal Writing	3 credits	Pre/Req PLA 2104
PLA 2203	Trial Preparation	3 credits	Pre/Req PLA 2114
PLA 2223	Trial Practice and Appeals	3 credits	Pre/Req PLA 2203
PLA 2273	Torts	3 credits	Pre/Req PLA 2203
PLA 2303	Criminal Law & Litigation	3 credits	Pre/Req PLA 2203
PLA 2600	Wills, Trusts, & Estates	3 credits	Pre/Req PLA 2203 & REE 2040
PLA 2763	Law Office Management	3 credits	Pre/Req PLA 2203
PLA 2800	Family Law	3 credits	Pre/Req PLA 2203
BUL 2241	Business Law 1	3 credits	
BUL 2242	Business Law 2	3 credits	Pre/Req BUL 2241
REE 2040	Real Estate Principles and Practices	4 credits	
PLA 1949	Paralegal Studies Practicum **(or)**	3 credits*	Exit Course
PLA 2940	Paralegal Studies Internship	3 credits*	Exit Course

LEGAL SPECIALTY SEMINAR REQUIREMENTS (3 credits)

The student must complete two (2) credits from the following group:

PLA 2931	Legal Seminar	Ethics	1 credit +	Pre/Req PLA 2003, PLA 2104, PLA 2114
PLA 2932	Legal Seminar	CALR	1 credit +	Pre/Req PLA 2003, PLA 2104, PLA 2114

The student must complete one (1) credit from the following group:

PLA 2933	Legal Seminar	Real Estate Closing **(or)**	1 credit +	Pre/Req PLA 2003, PLA 2104, PLA 2114, REE 2040
PLA 2934	Legal Seminar	Immigration Law **(or)**	1 credit +	Pre/Req PLA 2003, PLA 2104, PLA 2114
PLA 2935	Legal Seminar	Intellectual Property Law	1 credit +	Pre/Req PLA 2003, PLA 2104, PLA 2114

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It is necessary to see a Law Center advisor prior to beginning the program **and** before registering each term. Students wishing to pursue a baccalaureate degree should also consult with a Law Center advisor to learn more about MDC's dual A.A./A.S. degree track. **For more information, please contact The Law Center at (305) 237-7813.**

NOTES:
*This is an exit level course to be taken during the last term in the program. Students must meet with a Law Center advisor in order to register for either of these exit courses.

+Students must take at least three (3) credits of required legal seminars. PLA 2931 and PLA 2932 are mandatory for all students. Students may choose either PLA 2933, PLA 2934 __or__ PLA 2935 for their third seminar. The legal seminars can only be completed during the last year of the program, and requires department approval in order to register.

#All graduates must be proficient in word processing, database management, and spreadsheet skills to be competitive in the job market. Therefore students are required to take CGS 1060 (Intro to Microcomputer Usage). Students who have prior training/experience in computers may opt to take the CSP (Computer Skills Placement Test) in lieu of enrolling in CGS 1060. A passing score of at least 70 on the CSP shall fulfill the CGS 1060 requirement. Paralegal Studies students may need to take additional computer courses since the job market requires proficiency in word processing, spreadsheets and database systems.

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