

# PARALEGAL STUDIES CERTIFICATE (M)

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## Purpose

The Paralegal Studies Certificate Program encompasses both a vocation and a way of thinking. It is characterized by attention to detail, logical reasoning, mental agility, versatility, the ability to identify and discern issues, critically synthesize and parse information and concepts, challenging oneself, and ethically and professionally resolving problems. Emboldened by CU's Christian mission of service to the Church and the world, emerging paralegal students are challenged to look through a service-oriented lens to benefit the legal profession, assist in the development and administration of public policy, promote justice, support the economic community, and strive to address conflict with Christian principles.

## Vision Statement

The vision of the Paralegal Studies Certificate Program is to be a dynamic neighbor and partner with organizations and communities in need of legal resources and is dedicated to training, nurturing, and developing valuable, ethical, and legal professionals through cultivating the knowledge and skills fundamental to achieving these ends.

## Mission Statement

The Paralegal Studies Certificate Program's mission is to offer a Christ-centered approach to educating, training, and developing students for careers in the paralegal profession and other law-related environments. The curriculum is based on the study of legal principles and the practical application of the law through simulation-concentrated learning.

## Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Required Courses</i>		<i>12</i>
PLGL 100	Introduction to Paralegal Studies & Ethics	
PLGL 101	Legal Research & Writing I	
PLGL 102	Legal Research & Writing II	
PLGL 201	Civil Litigation I	
<i>Select three (3) from the following list:</i>		<i>9</i>
PLGL/JPP 207	Substantive Criminal Law	
PLGL 210	Tort Law	
PLGL 220	Contract Law	
PLGL 230	Legal Aspects of Business Org	
PLGL/JPP 308	Procedural Criminal Law	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21</b>