

## HAMLINE UNIVERSITY LEGAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

**Paralegal Certificate Information Sheet***All courses listed are four semester credits unless otherwise indicated.***1. REQUIRED BASIC COURSE**

Undergraduate Students	Post Baccalaureate Students
LGST 1110 Legal Systems in American Society (4 credits)	LGST 5000 Post Baccalaureate Orientation (2 credits)

**2. REQUIRED LEGAL SPECIALTY COURSES** - Every paralegal certificate student must take the courses listed below:

LGST 1250	Legal Research and Writing <sup>1</sup>
LGST 3520	Litigation and Trial Practice
LGST 3990	Paralegal Practicum <sup>2</sup>

**3. ELECTIVE LEGAL SPECIALTY COURSE REQUIREMENT** - Paralegal certificate candidates **must** select additional course work totaling **at least** twelve (12) semester credits from the following list of electives:

LGST 3410s	Special Topics in Law <sup>3</sup>	LGST 3640	Taxation of Individuals (2 credits)
LGST 3530	Estates and Trusts	LGST 3670	Legal Interviewing (2 credits)
LGST 3540	Family and Gender Issues in Law	LGST 3680	Law of Evidence for Legal Professionals
LGST 3550	Real Property	LGST 3750	Alternative Dispute Resolution
LGST 3560	Law of Business Organizations	LGST 3810	Criminal Law and Practice
LGST 3570	Probate Procedures (2 credits)	LGST 5410	Advanced Special Topics in Law (2 credits)

**4. ADDITIONAL ELECTIVE COURSE REQUIREMENT**

Undergraduate Students	Post Baccalaureate Students
Undergraduates must select additional courses totaling four (4) semester credits from the legal specialty courses listed above or the law related courses listed below:	Post baccalaureate paralegal students must select additional courses totaling at least six (6) semester credits from the legal specialty list above, or the law related courses listed below:

**Law Related Listings**

Undergraduate or Post Baccalaureate Students	
HIST 3400	Landmark Trials in American History
LGST 1440	Beginning Mock Trial (2 credits)
LGST 3100	American Constitutional Law
LGST 3410r	Special Topics in Law (Law Related)
LGST 3440	Advanced Mock Trial (2 credits)
LGST 3820	Constitutional Issues in Criminal Procedure
LGST 5800	Legal Studies Seminar
M&E 3600	Business Law
PHIL 1130	Logic
PHIL 3330	Social, Political, and Legal Philosophy
SOCJ 3200	Sexuality and the Law
GPA 8061	Administrative Law and Process <sup>4</sup>
GPA 8062	Law for Nonprofit Organizations <sup>4</sup>

**\*Submission of a Portfolio and Declaration Form is required prior to graduation. See requirements on the Legal Studies website at [http://www.hamline.edu/cla/acad/depts\\_programs/legal\\_studies/index.html](http://www.hamline.edu/cla/acad/depts_programs/legal_studies/index.html) or contact Karen Nelson at 651-523-2857.**

<sup>1</sup> Pre or co-requisite LGST 1110 or 5000.

<sup>2</sup> Prerequisite LGST 1110, 1250, 3520 and one other legal specialty. Take this class last.

<sup>3</sup> Not all special topics are legal specialty. Check with a Legal Studies advisor.

<sup>4</sup> Courses offered by the Graduate School of Management on a space-available basis. Registration requires completion of an Adult Special Application for admission to the Graduate School of Management and prior approval of the Legal Studies Department Chair.