



ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF
PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Bachelor of Science Legal Studies



ABOUT THE LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

The Legal Studies Program is the undergraduate law major at St. John's. The program prepares students for entry-level work in law-related fields and for graduate school or law school by teaching legal analysis, legal research, and legal writing, and by teaching students what they need to know about substantive law, procedure, and professional practice to gain entry-level employment in the law.

The Legal Studies Program is an American Bar Association-approved Paralegal Education Program. **Legal assistants and paralegals may not provide legal services directly to the public, except as permitted by law.**

CAREER OUTCOMES

Graduates of the Legal Studies Program have been accepted at major accredited law schools, including St. John's, Georgetown, Fordham, Brooklyn, and Hofstra. Graduates of the Legal Studies Program have also obtained positions in government agencies, in the federal and state court systems, in private and nonprofit organizations, and in large and small law firms.

Many graduates of the Legal Studies Program practice as paralegals. Paralegals interview witnesses, conduct legal research, draft legal documents, prepare for corporate meetings, and provide other vital legal functions. The Bureau of Labor Statistics forecasts that employment in the paralegal sector will grow an impressive 28 percent by 2018.

LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM OPTIONS

In addition to a 126-credit bachelor of science degree, the Legal Studies Program also offers a 60-credit associate of science degree, an 18-credit certificate, and an 18-credit minor. All four program options are approved by the American Bar Association.

Students also have the option of pursuing a combined B.S. legal studies/M.A. in either sociology or government and politics, or of pursuing a combined B.S. legal studies/J.D. (law degree), which allows qualified students to complete both college and law school in a total of six years.

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CURRICULUM

Each Legal Studies Program option has five required courses that connect the legal studies curricula with a broader St. John's liberal arts education. These courses also lay a foundation for advanced course work and situate students within the profession by teaching basic procedure and the legal and ethical constraints faced by legal professionals.

- LES 1100—Introduction to Legal Studies
- LES 1101—Legal Research and Writing I
- LES 1102—Legal Research and Writing II
- LES 1004—Litigation Practice (Civil)
- LES 1015—Legal Ethics

Legal studies students also take elective courses in areas including tort (personal injury) law, family law, immigration law, property law, criminal law, corporate law, employment law, intellectual property law, constitutional law, contracts, and technology.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Many legal studies students also participate in additional law-related activities:

- **Internships.** Legal studies students have interned in federal, state, and local courts; in prosecutors' and indigent legal services providers' offices; in politicians' offices; at St. John's School of Law clinics; and in private law offices.
- **Mock Trial.** The St. John's Intercollegiate Mock Trial Team regularly competes in regional and national tournaments and has ranked as high as second in the country.
- **Legal Apprentice.** An undergraduate law journal that publishes law-related articles written by St. John's University students.
- **Legal Society.** A student organization that hosts guest speakers and networking events related to legal employment and law school.
- **Lambda Epsilon Chi.** The national paralegal honor society founded by the American Association for Paralegal Education.

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Admission Information

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