

## 2021-22 ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

### PARALEGAL STUDIES/PRE-LAW (AAPSPL)

#### Associate in Arts

Prepare for an exciting and interesting career in the legal field! This degree is the first two years of a bachelor degree in paralegal studies. You will be given the opportunity to take many legal courses here at WCC before transferring to EMU to learn how to do legal research and writing. When you complete your 4 year degree you will be able to work with attorneys in the courts and assist with legal research and writings. While working as a professional paralegal, you may wish to continue your education and pursue a law degree having obtained a great foundation!

This is a **high demand, high skill** and **high wage** program as defined by the [Michigan Community College Network](#).

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#### Description

This program prepares students for entry-level positions or further study in the field of law. Entry-level paralegal positions are available in legal offices such as corporate, prosecuting and public defense in addition to some courts. Under the supervision of an attorney, paralegals may assist with research, court filings, documentation and depositions. Students who wish to continue their education may continue on to a bachelor's degree or a Juris Doctorate degree.

#### Articulation

Eastern Michigan University, BS degree

Copies can be obtained from the Counseling Office, a program advisor, or from the Curriculum and Assessment Office Web site: <https://www.wccnet.edu/learn/transfer-wcc-credits/articulation-agreements.php>.

#### Course Requirements

##### First Semester

Class	Title	Minimum Credits
CJT 130	Introduction to Paralegal Studies	3
CJT 156	Everyday Law	4
COM 102	Interpersonal Communication	3
ENG 111	Composition I	4
	Nat. Sci. Elective(s)	3
Total		17

##### Second Semester

Class	Title	Minimum Credits
BOS 206	Personal Management Application and Internet Resources	2
CJT 120	Criminal Justice Ethics	3
ENG 226	Composition II	3
MTH 160	Basic Statistics	4
SOC 100	Principles of Sociology	3
Total		15

##### Third Semester

Class	Title	Minimum Credits
ACC 111	Principles of Accounting I	3
CJT 160	Criminal Justice Constitutional Law	3
HST 200	Michigan History	3
	Nat. Sci. Lab Elective(s)*	3
	General Education Elective(s) (0-1 credits) to reach a minimum 30 General Education Credits	1
	Elective(s) to reach minimum 60 credits	1
Total		14

##### Fourth Semester

Class	Title	Minimum Credits
BMG 111	Business Law I	3
CJT 208	Criminal Evidence and Procedure	3
CJT 209	Criminal Law	3
MUS 147	Arts, Media and Entertainment Law	3
PHL 250	Logic	3
Total		15

**Total Credits Required: 61**

**Footnotes**

\*Students wishing to transfer to EMU should follow the articulation guide.

Accurate as of 05/18/2021 Information is subject to change without notice.