



Legal Studies Bachelor of Arts Transfer Guide

This articulation guide combines the completion of an associate's degree from an Illinois Community College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Legal Studies at University of Illinois Springfield.

Most Illinois Community Colleges with Legal Studies/Paralegal foundation work offer an associate in applied science degree. An associate in applied science degree fills most, but not all IAI General Education Core Curriculum Requirements for undergraduate degree completion.

Students may utilize electives at the Community College to satisfy the missing General Education requirements not fulfilled with the AAS. Those credits may also be completed at UIS if necessary.

Students who have taken an approved Legal Research and Citation course at an Illinois Community College may have LES 401 (Legal Research and Citation) waived upon entry to UIS. Other core and elective courses may also be waived. Students may check with the UIS advisor or on Transferology to determine whether the UIS Legal Studies program will accept other direct credit towards major requirements from the Community College they attended.



Students may be considered for admission to UIS as transfer students if they have attempted at least 24 transferable semester hours and have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale from a regionally accredited institution. Remedial and developmental courses are not accepted.

UIS is a participant in the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI), a statewide agreement designed to allow you to complete the Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum (IAI GECC), as well as credit earned in select majors, between participating institutions. To determine IAI GECC at your community college, use the course planning worksheet available at iTransfer.org. This information is also available from your community college catalog or by speaking with your community college advisor.

MyCreditsTransfer is a statewide initiative designed to facilitate transfer within Illinois using the nationally available tool, Transferology™ (transferology.com/school/uis). Within Transferology™ you can find the courses that transfer between institutions, degree requirements your courses satisfy and different majors that institutions offer. To set up your free Transferology™ account and see how your courses will transfer, visit <https://www.transferology.com/school/uis>. To receive information about transferring to UIS, please visit <https://www.uis.edu/admission-aid/request-info>.

Please direct any questions about transferring to Allison Kling in the Office of Admissions Processing at admprocessing@uis.edu or 217/206-6156.

Please direct any questions about the Legal Studies Program, double major opportunities, etc. to Jill Briggs the program's academic advisor at jhelm3@uis.edu or 217/206-6561.

Transfer Guide: Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies Spring 2025						
Joliet Junior College			University of Illinois Springfield			
Associate in Applied Science in Paralegal Studies			Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies			
 JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE —1901—						
IAI General Education Requirements at JJC			Required Legal Studies Major Coursework			
Course #	Title	HRS	Course #	Title	HRS	
ENG 101	Rhetoric I	3	^ Notates if a requirement was fulfilled at JJC			
COMM 101	Principles of Communication	3	LES/PSC 202^	Intro. to American Legal System	0	^
* / **	IAI Physical or Life Science Course	3-4	LES 307	Law and Society	3	
SOC 290	Cultural Diversity in America	3	LES 401^	Legal Research And Citation	0	^
PHIL 103	Introduction to Ethics	3	LES 414	Am.Const.: Gov. Powers & Institutions	3	
PSCI 101	American National Government	3	LES/PSC 416	The American Const. & Civil Liberties	3	
or PSCI 102	American State & Local Government		LES 489	Closing Sem: Ethics & Current Legal Q's	3	
Total Minimum Hours in this Section:		18	LES Electives***			12
* One lab science required for either Physical or Life Science.			Total Hours in this Section:			
See Joliet JC advisor or catalog (linked) for choices.			*Any LES-prefixed course that isn't listed above will count towards the LES elective requirement. 3 hours have been waived with work completed at Joliet Junior College.			
Required Paralegal Studies Coursework			Additional University Requirements: Engaged Citizenship Common Experience (ECCE)			
PLS 100	Introduction to Paralegal Studies	3	The Legal Studies BA requires ≥3 hours of internship for their ECCE Engagement Experience requirement. Students may take up to 6 internship hours towards the requirement; any hours beyond 6 will be general elective hours. Double majors may have different internship requirements & should consult with their LES/other major advisors.			6
PSL 105	Legal Research and Writing I	3				
PLS 120	Civil Litigation	3				
PLS 150	Torts	3				
PLS 160	Contracts	3				
PLS 200	Legal Research and Writing II	3				
PLS 220	Family Law	3	U.S. Communities OR Global Awareness ECCE course			3
LENF 225	Constitutional Law	3				
Total Hours in this Section:		24	ECCE Speaker Series Course			1
Paralegal Studies Electives (Choose at least 6)			Total Hours in this Section:			10
PLS 110	Legal Documents	3	UIS Requires 120 Minimum hours for Undergraduate Completion. These hours can be general education courses, electives, a minor, interest courses, etc.			~26
PLS 170	Real Property	3				
PLS 205	Corporations	3	Total University of Illinois Springfield Hours: 60			
PLS 210	Wills and Trusts	3				
PLS 215	Bankruptcy	3	Total Minimum Combined Joliet Junior College & UIS Hours for AAS & BA Completion: 120			
PLS 225	Labor and Employment Law	3				
PLS 230	Immigration Law	3				
PLS 270	Internship for Paralegal	3				
PLS 299	Special Topics	1-2				
LENF 103	Criminal Law	3				
BLAW 101	Business Law I	3				
BLAW 102	Business Law II	3				
Total Hours in this Section:		18				
Total Joliet Junior College Hours: 60						
IAI Gen.Ed. Missing Requirements for BA Completion. Can be taken at JJC, UIS, or CLEP.						
	English Composition II	3				
**	IAI Mathematics Course	3-4				
* / **	IAI Physical or Life Science Course	3-4				
**	3x IAI Humanities/Fine Arts (≥1 each)	9				

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