



Legal Studies Bachelor of Arts Transfer Guide

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

Lewis & Clark Community College's Paralegal foundation work is 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 their Community College to satisfy the missing General Education requirements not fulfilled with the AAS. Those credits may also be completed at UIS (or via CLEP exam where available. See UIS Website for accepted CLEP exams). Students who have taken PLGL 140 (Legal Research and Writing I) at Lewis & Clark Community College will have LES 401 (Legal Research and Citation) completed as a lower division equivalent upon entry to UIS. Other core and elective courses may also be petitioned with UIS advisor approval. 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 Lewis & Clark Community College.

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](https://www.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.

Lewis & Clark Community College and University of Illinois Springfield Legal Studies Transfer Pathway (Fall 2025)

Associate in Applied Science			Bachelor of Arts		
Paralegal			Legal Studies (on campus only)		
					
IAI General Education Requirements at Lewis & Clark			Required Legal Studies Major Coursework		
Course #	Title	HRS	Course #	Title	HRS
ENGL 131	First Year English I	3	^ Notates if a requirement was fulfilled at LCCC		
SPCH 131	Public Speaking	3	LES/PSC 202^	Intro. to American Legal System	0^
MATH 129	Business Mathematics	3	LES 307	Law and Society	3
* / **	IAI Physical or Life Science Course	3-4	LES 401^	Legal Research And Citation	0^
**	IAI Humanities/Fine Arts	3	LES 414	Am.Const.: Gov. Powers & Institutions	3
POLS 131	American Government	3	LES/PSC 416	The American Const. & Civil Liberties	3
PSYC 131 or SOCI 131	General Psychology or Introduction to Sociology	3	LES 489	Closing Sem: Ethics & Current Legal Q's	3
Total Minimum Hours in this Section:		21	LES Electives***		12
* One lab science required for either Physical or Life Science.			Total Hours in this Section:		
**See LCCC Advisor or catalog (linked) for fulfillment options.			24		
Required Lewis & Clark CC Paralegal Coursework			***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 Lewis & Clark Community College. Additional courses from Lewis & Clark CC can be petitioned upon arrival and meeting with UIS advisor. Below are the L&C CC courses that can petition up to 9 hours of the remaining 12 elective hours (PLGL 150 counts as 3 of the 9 petitionable):		
PLGL 130	Introduction to Paralegal Studies	3	PLGL 150^	Tort Law	0^
PLGL 135	Technology for Paralegals	3	PLGL 170	Family Law	3
BUSN 141	Business & the Legal Environment	3	PLGL 180	Elder Law	3
PLGL 140	Legal Research and Writing I	3	PLGL 190	Electronic Discovery	3
PLGL 150	Tort Law	3	PLGL 200	Immigration Law	3
PLGL 160	Litigation	3	PLGL 220	Bankruptcy Law	3
MGMT 242	Human Resource Management	3	PLGL 230	Wills, Trusts, and Estate Law	3
PLGL 240	Legal Research and Writing II	3	Additional University Requirements: Engaged Citizenship Common Experience (ECCE)		
PLGL 260	Paralegal Internship	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.		
	Electives - see UIS elective section for recommendations	12	U.S. Communities OR Global Awareness ECCE course		
Total Hours in this Section:		39	ECCE Speaker Series Course		
Total Lewis & Clark CC Hours: 60			Total Hours in this Section:		
IAI General Education Missing Requirements for BA Completion. Can be taken at Lewis & Clark CC or UIS (or via CLEP exams). These are NOT required for AAS completion or for transfer INTO UIS, only for UIS Bachelor's completion.			6		
ENGL 132	First Year English II	3	UIS Requires 120 Minimum hours for Undergraduate Completion. These hours can be electives, remaining general education courses, a minor, interest courses, etc.		
**	IAI Humanities/Fine Arts	3	Total University of Illinois Springfield Hours: 60		
**	IAI Humanities/Fine Arts	3	Lewis & Clark CC Paralegal Website		
* / **	IAI Physical or Life Science Course	3-4	Lewis & Clark CC AAS Website		
**	IAI Social & Behavioral Sci. Course	3	Lewis & Clark CC Gen. Ed. Website		
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* One lab science required for either Physical or Life Science.					
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