

# LEGAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

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The American Bar Association has approved this program for the education of paralegals. Legal Studies prepares individuals for careers as paralegals or for positions where organizational and analytical skills as well as knowledge of the law and legal procedures are necessary. Paralegals work under the supervision of an attorney or perform work for which an attorney is responsible. Paralegals do not practice law nor give legal advice. The goal of the department is to educate students of diverse backgrounds to become effective, ethical, and professional paralegals who are employable in a variety of legal settings. The five cornerstones to achieving this goal are knowledge of law, practical application, analytical ability, effective communication, and technology literacy.

The minor in American Law is not approved by the American Bar Association and does not prepare a student for a career as a paralegal.

LS 301 American Legal Studies and LS 304 Legal Research and Writing are prerequisites to all other courses, and a grade of C or better in each is required for the student to continue.

## Program Offerings

### Majors

- Legal Studies (BS) (<https://laverne-public.courseleaf.com/college-arts-sciences/undergraduate/legal-studies-department/legal-studies-bs/>)

### Minors

- American Law Minor (<https://laverne-public.courseleaf.com/college-arts-sciences/undergraduate/legal-studies-department/american-law-minor/>)