

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN LEGAL STUDIES

SCHOOL OF LEGAL STUDIES



ONE DEGREE. MANY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES.

Kaplan University's online legal studies program is the largest in the United States¹ and is designed to provide graduates with a solid foundational knowledge to help them advance to law school or graduate school, or to pursue a variety of careers in the legal field, government, and the corporate world.² Our broad range of courses allows students to customize their education to a particular legal focus. And our flexible classes are ideal for working professionals and others with busy schedules.

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THE LEGAL FIELD IS PROJECTED TO GROW. YOU CAN BECOME PART OF THAT GROWTH.

The legal field is projected to expand as business industries create in-house legal departments and litigation continues to rise. The growth rate for arbitrator, mediator, and conciliator positions is expected to reach up to 19 percent by 2018.³ Furthermore, the current economic environment could also lead to industry expansion due to the increased numbers of bankruptcies, foreclosures, and other legal proceedings. But while opportunities are rising, the legal field remains a competitive one.



A LEGAL STUDIES DEGREE IS NOT JUST FOR THE LEGAL FIELD

A Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies could prepare you for administrative positions not only in law offices, but also in corporations or the government.² Regardless of the industry, many of these positions require a broad range of legal knowledge—knowledge that you could gain at Kaplan University.

Graduates of the bachelor's degree program may pursue work in the following environments:

- Local, state, and federal government agencies
- Corporate law departments and private law offices
- Banks at the local, state, and national level
- Health or life insurance companies
- Real estate firms

Careers you could attain with this degree include:

- Arbitrator
- Mediator
- Patent agent
- Title examiner
- Legislative assistant
- Lobbyist
- Political office holder
- Corporate executive
- Abstractor

- Claims examiner
- Compliance and enforcement inspector
- Occupational and safety health worker
- Jury consultant

POSSIBLE DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES COULD INCLUDE:²

- Analyze evidence and apply relevant laws, regulations, policies, and precedents in order to reach conclusions
- Prepare written opinions and decisions regarding cases
- Direct activities of employees who search records and examine titles, including assigning, scheduling, and evaluating work as well as providing technical guidance⁵
- Find and study legal documents to investigate case law, to determine causes of action, and to prepare cases
- Deliver or direct delivery of subpoenas to witnesses and parties to action



THE PATH TO SUCCESS CAN START WITH THE RIGHT LEGAL EDUCATION

Kaplan University's legal studies program offers a solid foundation in legal theory and practice, and helps prepare graduates for law school or a variety of legal positions in business, government, health care, and more.² Curriculum is designed to provide a well-rounded general education and helps to build legal competencies and ethics. It also introduces students to various fields of law and a variety of topics covered in-depth at law school. The legal studies program offers a broad array of courses allowing students to customize the program to meet their particular legal interests. Furthermore, the knowledge gained in the duration of the program is applied during a culminating capstone course, which can be completed either as a research project or an internship in a professional setting.

Offered courses include:

- Constitutional law
- Legal philosophy
- Introduction to legal research
- Law and society
- Introduction to legal technology
- Legal ethics

Upon completion of the program, graduates may be able to:

- Define the basic theories, elements, and principles of law
- Find relevant primary and secondary legal sources in electronic and print media
- Apply investigative techniques to support the development of a legal argument
- Use concepts from specialized areas of law to produce communications appropriate to the field

Program Detail

Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies

- Credit Hours: 180

Accelerated Master's Degree Option for Bachelor's Degree Students

Eligible students in this bachelor's degree program who want to continue on to pursue a master's degree within the School of Legal Studies or School of Criminal Justice may be interested in the accelerated master's degree option. Students complete graduate-level courses within this undergraduate plan of study. Once accepted to the master's degree program, students transfer in the graduate courses and matriculate into a shortened degree plan. This accelerated option allows students to complete both their bachelor's degree and master's degree in less time and at a lower cost than completing both programs separately. Speak to an Academic Advisor for more details upon enrollment in this bachelor's degree program.



Kimberely Hernandez⁴

- 2009 Graduate, Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies

“The professors at Kaplan University have helped me achieve my goals by being very understanding and supportive. They were very helpful, and they were always responsive to my questions... If I didn't understand something I could either call them or email them, they would take the time to work with me. And the classes were so convenient—I can't stress the convenience enough.”

Brandy Kreisler⁵

- Adjunct Instructor, School of Legal Studies

“Kaplan University offers programs that are head and shoulders above others. I have had great feedback from the students who have contacted me after the semester has ended. I have been told, 'Your class has allowed me to apply to a job I never thought I could get.’”

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WHY KAPLAN UNIVERSITY?

Our programs are designed to offer you the freedom to grow and pursue your goals. We offer:

- Online classes that allow you to study virtually anytime, anywhere you have an Internet connection.
- Personal Advisors to help you select the courses to meet your goals.
- Reduced tuition rates for active-duty service members and veterans.
- Scholarships for eligible Kaplan University students.
- A portfolio development course that could help translate your work and life experiences into college credit.⁷

Other Programs

In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:

- › Bachelor of Science in Public Administration and Policy
- › Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy and Management
- › Bachelor of Science in Paralegal Studies
- › Master of Science in Legal Studies
- › Executive Juris DoctorSM, Concord Law School
- › Juris Doctor, Concord Law School

Note From Dean

Programs in legal and paralegal studies prepare you for exciting and demanding careers in the fast-moving areas of today's legal environment. You will not just learn the skills needed for success but will practice skills by applying them to real situations and problems that legal professionals encounter on a daily basis. The curriculum is designed to actively engage you in dynamic discussions with your instructors and classmates and to teach you to think critically, solve problems, and collaborate with colleagues.



Karen Evans, PhD
Interim Dean, School of Legal Studies



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ

¹ Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), 2007–2008 Bachelor's Degrees Conferred, Law and Legal Studies, on the Internet at nces.ed.gov/IPEDS..

² Kaplan University's programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue employment in fields related to their subjects of study, such as the positions provided as examples. However, Kaplan University does not guarantee that graduates will be placed in any job, equipped to perform all the tasks noted, or eligible for job advancement opportunities. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization. Graduates are not authorized to practice law and will not be eligible to sit for any state's bar examination.

³ Source: O*Net OnLine, Summary Report for Arbitrators, Mediators, and Conciliators, on the Internet at online.onetcenter.org/link/summary/23-1022.00#WagesEmployment. These employment projections are provided for informational purposes only and may not reflect actual job demand in any particular field or region.

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⁶ Classes will count toward a student's degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period. The introductory period is five weeks, and begins on day one of the student's first academic term. If at any point during the introductory period a student chooses to opt out, he or she will have no other obligation to the University except for the application fee. Only available to new students; continuing students are not eligible.

⁷ Kaplan University does not guarantee the transferability of credit. See University Catalog for Prior Learning Assessment Policy.