

LEGAL STUDIES

ASSOCIATE DEGREE & CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

2023-2024 CATALOG

DESCRIPTION

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The Legal Studies Degree Program is designed for students wishing to transfer into four-year college degree programs by satisfying lower division requirements for transfer to baccalaureate programs in business administration, business economics, business law, management, managerial economics, pre-law, law and society, legal studies, or political science programs. A legal studies degree is also an excellent first step for students considering law school or other post-baccalaureate programs in the social sciences or business.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Students who complete an [Associate Degree for Transfer \(ADT\)](#) and transfer to a similar major at a CSU are guaranteed a pathway to finish their baccalaureate degrees in 60 semester or 90 quarter units. These degrees require students to meet both of the following requirements: (1) Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following: (A) The Intersegmental GE Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University GE-Breadth Requirements (CSU GE-Breadth). (B) A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district. (2) Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

DEGREES, CERTIFICATES & AWARDS

- Associate in Arts for Transfer (A.A.-T.)
- Associate in Arts (A.A.)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Banking
- Corporate Legal Departments
- Finance
- Government
- Insurance
- Law Offices
- Other Legal Service Providers
- Politics
- Real Estate

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An Associate Degree, depending on the focus of study, is designed to prepare students for transfer into upper division course work in a bachelor’s degree program, or, to prepare students to enter the workforce in a particular vocational field. To qualify for an Associate’s Degree, a student must: (1) complete each major-specific course required for the degree with at least a “C” grade or better, (2) complete all Cuesta College general education, graduation and residency requirements, and (3) achieve an overall grade point average of 2.0 for all courses attempted (major, general education, elective).

ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR TRANSFER PROGRAM

Law, Public Policy, And Society — Associate in Arts for Transfer

The Associates in Arts in Law, Public Policy and Society for Transfer degree (AA-T in Law, Public Policy and Society) has been identified as good preparation for law school upon completion of a bachelor’s degree. This interdisciplinary area of emphasis emphasizes the development of communication skills, introduces students to the legal field, and prepares students for further study in a variety of majors. Students who opt to pursue this course of study are encouraged to engage in further exploration of one or more specific majors as they select electives for degree completion.

This inter-disciplinary area of emphasis allows students to explore the role of institutions and the subsequent policies that frame society. Society is a reflection of the framework of many influences, and this degree reflects that. Students can choose an area of influence such as, but not limited to: economic institutions, the role of politics and government, the judicial system, or how diverse populations experience such institutions.

Required Core: (8 courses)

- PHIL 213 Philosophical Classics In Ethics And Social Philosophy . 3
- ENGL 201A . . . English Composition 4
- MATH 247 . . . Introduction To Statistics 4
- POLS 202 Government And Politics Of The United States 3

Choose one from:

- LGL 217 Introduction To Law 3
- or CJ 202 Introduction To Criminal Justice (3)
- or CJ 204 Principles And Procedures Of The Justice System (3)
- or CJ 206 Concepts Of Criminal Law (3)
- or BUS 218 . . . Business Law (4)

Choose one from:

- COMM 201 . . . Public Address 3
- or COMM 210 Small Group Communication (3)
- or COMM 215 Argumentation And Debate. (3)

TRANSFER PREPARATION

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree may differ from those needed to prepare to transfer. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with a Cuesta College counselor to develop a student education plan (SEP) before beginning their program.

TRANSFER RESOURCES:

CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and Majors Search Engine:
www.ASSIST.org
 CSU System Information:
www2.calstate.edu

FINANCIAL AID

Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that Cuesta College offers a full array of financial aid programs—grants, work study, scholarships, federal loan programs, and fee waivers. These programs are available to both full-and part-time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. For those who qualify, financial aid is available to help with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare. Please log onto our website for additional information:
www.cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/finaid

Choose one from:

- ENGL 201C . . . English Composition: Critical Thinking 4
 or COMM 215 Argumentation And Debate (3)
 or PHIL 208 . . Introduction To Logic (3)

Choose one from:

- HIST 207A . . . History Of The United States 3
 or HIST 207B . History Of The United States (3)

List A: Complete two courses (6-7 units total), each from a different Area. Choose from courses that have not been completed as part of the Required Core.

Area 1: Administrative of Justice/Criminal Justice/Criminology

- CJ 202 Introduction To Criminal Justice 3
 or CJ 204 Principles And Procedures Of The Justice System (3)
 or CJ 206 Concepts Of Criminal Law (3)
 or CJ 208 Legal Aspects Of Evidence (3)
 or CJ 224 Community, Diversity And The Justice System (3)
 or CJ 228 Introduction To Corrections (3)

Area 2: Business

- BUS 218 Business Law 4

Area 3: Economics

- ECON 201A . . Principles Of Macroeconomics 3
 or ECON 201B Principles Of Microeconomics (3)

Area 4: Political Science

- POLS 201 Introduction To Political Science 3
 or POLS 204 . . World Politics (3)
 or POLS 206 . . Comparative Government (3)
 or POLS 209 . . Introduction To Political Theory (3)

Area 5: Public Policy

- GLST 210 Introduction To Global Studies 3
 or GLST 220 . . Global Problems And Issues (3)
 or SOC 202 . . . Social Problems (3)
 or HEED 206 . . Health Aspects Of Drug Use (3)

Area 6: Diversity

- ANTH 203 Cultural Anthropology 3
 or ANTH 220 . . California Indians (3)
 or ANTH 221 . . North American Indians (3)
 or CJ 224 Community, Diversity And The Justice System (3)
 or COMM 212 Intercultural Communication (3)
 or GEOG 202 . . Cultural Geography (3)
 or HEED 208 . . Multicultural Health (3)
 or HEED 203 . . Women's Health Issues (3)
 or HIST 212 . . History Of Mexican Americans (3)

- or HIST 233 . . . History Of African Americans. (3)
- or HIST 237 . . . History Of American Women. (3)
- or SOC 206 . . . Introduction to Race and Ethnicity (3)
- or SOC 208 . . . Introduction To Gender Studies (3)

Area 7: College Success

- CSS 225 College Success 3

Area 8: Internship/Fieldwork

- PLGL 203 Paralegal Internship 3

Total Credits: 32 - 35

“P” (Pass) grade is acceptable for major coursework in the Associate Degrees for Transfer.

In addition to major preparation course work listed above, completion of the CSU GE or IGETC pattern is mandatory.

Courses completed for the major can also be double counted towards GE, where appropriate. See a counselor for details.

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Legal Studies: Business Option — Associate in Arts

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Required Courses (13 credits)

BUS 218 Business Law	4
ECON 201A . . Principles Of Macroeconomics	3
LGL 217 Introduction To Law	3
POLS 202 Government And Politics Of The United States	3
Plus 6-8 credits from the following:	
ACCT 201A . . . Financial Accounting	4
ACCT 201B . . . Managerial Accounting	4
BUS 245 Introduction To Business	3
ECON 201B . . Principles Of Microeconomics	3
MATH 247 . . . Introduction To Statistics	4
MATH 255 . . . Calculus For Business And Management	3
PLGL 206 Business Organizations	3
PLGL 220 Legal Research And Writing	4
Total Credits:	19 - 21

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BUS 218	Business Law	4
LGL 217	Introduction To Law	3
POLS 202	Government And Politics Of The United States	3
SOC 201A	Introduction To Sociology	3

Plus 6-7 credits from the following:

ANTH 203	Cultural Anthropology	3
ECON 201A	Principles Of Macroeconomics	3
ECON 201B	Principles Of Microeconomics	3
HIST 203A	History Of World Civilizations	3
HIST 203B	History Of World Civilizations	3
HIST 204A	History Of Western Civilization	3
HIST 204B	History Of Western Civilization	3
HIST 207A	History Of The United States	3
HIST 207B	History Of The United States	3
PHIL 208	Introduction To Logic	3
PHIL 213	Philosophical Classics In Ethics And Social Philosophy	3
PLGL 220	Legal Research And Writing	4
POLS 201	Introduction To Political Science	3
POLS 206	Comparative Government	3
POLS 209	Introduction To Political Theory	3

Total Credits: 19 - 20

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