

ARIZONA JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Request for Council Action

Date Action Requested:

June 19, 2026

Type of Action Requested:

Formal Action/Request
 Information Only
 Other

Subject:

Approval of Rio Salado Community College Bachelor of Applied Science in Law and Legal Studies – Legal Paraprofessional Emphasis

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DISCUSSION:

The Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 7-210(E)(6) establishes the education and experience requirements for licensure as a Legal Paraprofessional in Arizona. One of the accepted education qualifications is “A bachelor’s degree in law from an accredited college or university and approved by the Arizona Judicial Council...” § 7-210(E)(6)(b)

Arizona Revised Statutes § 15-1444.01 authorizes community colleges to offer bachelor degrees.

Rio Salado Community College submitted a degree framework in support of a two track Bachelor of Applied Science in Law and Legal Studies, with a Legal Paraprofessional Specialization. The Division appointed a curriculum review team composed of Abby Raddatz (Division Director), Mark McCall (LSI Manager), and Ainslee Marcus (LSI Lead Investigator). This team provided feedback to Rio Salado and ultimately determined the proposed framework meets the ACJA requirements for coursework for licensure in Administrative, Criminal,

Probate, Civil, and Family laws. The proposed degree will not provide coursework in Juvenile law.

The degree framework and presentation is attached for the Council's review.

The Division invited Rio Salado's faculty to make a formal presentation to the Board on Nonlawyer Legal Service Providers at its March 30, 2026 meeting. The Board unanimously approved the presentation and the Division's recommendation to place it on the June 19, 2026 agenda of the Arizona Judicial Council.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

The Division supports the opportunity to open a new education pathway for prospective Legal Paraprofessionals and requests the Arizona Judicial Council approve the degree pending the college's accreditation process.

Rio Salado College, Bachelor of Applied Science in Law and Legal Studies

Legal Paraprofessional (LP) Documentation
BAS in Law and Legal Studies
Degree Requirements, Course Descriptions and LP Guidelines

The following documentation is submitted for court consideration and approval based on
Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 7-210(E)(6)(b)

Rio Salado College, Bachelor of Applied Science in Law and Legal Studies

BAS in Law and Legal Studies Degree Requirements

Program Description:

The Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Law and Legal Studies provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the American legal system, its institutions, and the role of law in governing society. Introduction to foundational areas of law with an emphasis on legal research, analytical reasoning, communication skills, and ethics, including professional responsibility. Exploration of how legal rules develop, how courts and regulatory agencies operate, and how law interacts with political, economic, and social systems. Provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to serve as paralegals, legal paraprofessionals, or pursue a range of administrative, policy, and legal-adjacent roles. Students may select degree specializations to prepare for Legal Paraprofessional licensure in Arizona for the following areas: Family Law, Civil Law, Criminal Law, Administrative Law, and Probate Law.

Admission Criteria: None

Program Prerequisites: None

Related Programs: None

Program Notes:

Students must earn a grade of C or better in each course in the program.

+ indicates course has prerequisites and/or corequisites

Students intending to apply to a graduate or professional program should discuss eligibility requirements and admission criteria, such as GPA, GRE, and/or LSAT expectations with a faculty or academic advisor.

Licensing Disclosures:

The Arizona Legal Paraprofessional specialization is designed to meet the coursework requirements for education-based Legal Paraprofessional licensure in the State of Arizona. In addition to completing the required coursework, students seeking licensure must satisfy all applicable state requirements, which may include, but are not limited to: passing required licensure examination(s), submitting a licensure application and paying associated fees, obtaining a fingerprint clearance card, and completing a character and fitness evaluation.

For more information on Arizona Legal Paraprofessional licensure, please visit <https://www.azcourts.gov/cld/Legal-Paraprofessional> or refer to Arizona Code of Judicial Administration Section 7-210: Legal Paraprofessional.

Program Learning Outcomes:

1. Evaluate legal rights and remedies, including concepts of justice and due process. (LAW301, LAW305, LAW310, LAW315, LAW320, LAW325, LAW330, LAW335, LAW340, LAW345, LAW405, LAW410, LAW415, LAW420, LAW425, LAW430, LAW450, LAW490, LAW499, ENG101/107, ENG102/108, MAT14+)

2. Analyze the nature, sources, and types of law, jurisprudence, and legal processes. (LAW301, LAW305, LAW310, LAW315, LAW320, LAW325, LAW330, LAW335, LAW340, LAW345, LAW405, LAW410, LAW415, LAW420, LAW425, LAW430, LAW450, LAW490, LAW499, ENG101/107, ENG102/108)
3. Synthesize legal research to produce legal documents using primary and secondary authority and legal citation formats. (LAW301, LAW305, LAW310, LAW315, LAW320, LAW325, LAW330, LAW335, LAW340, LAW345, LAW405, LAW410, LAW415, LAW420, LAW425, LAW430, LAW450, LAW490, LAW499, ENG101/107, ENG102/108, MAT14+)
4. Analyze legal issues by applying critical-thinking frameworks used in the evaluation of arguments and development of legal solutions. (LAW301, LAW305, LAW310, LAW315, LAW320, LAW325, LAW330, LAW335, LAW340, LAW345, LAW405, LAW410, LAW415, LAW420, LAW425, LAW430, LAW450, LAW490, LAW499, ENG101/107, ENG102/108, MAT14+)
5. Develop oral and written communication skills for legal, academic, and community audiences. (LAW301, LAW305, LAW310, LAW315, LAW320, LAW325, LAW330, LAW335, LAW340, LAW345, LAW405, LAW410, LAW415, LAW420, LAW425, LAW430, LAW450, LAW490, LAW499, ENG101/107, ENG102/108, MAT14+)
6. Assess ethics and professional responsibilities when working in a legal context. (LAW301, LAW305, LAW310, LAW315, LAW320, LAW325, LAW330, LAW335, LAW340, LAW345, LAW405, LAW410, LAW415, LAW420, LAW425, LAW430, LAW450, LAW490, LAW499, ENG101/107, ENG102/108, MAT14+)
7. Analyze procedural rules governing jurisdiction, pleadings, discovery, evidence, hearings, and appeals. (LAW301, LAW305, LAW310, LAW315, LAW320, LAW325, LAW330, LAW335, LAW340, LAW345, LAW405, LAW410, LAW415, LAW420, LAW425, LAW430, LAW450, LAW490, LAW499, ENG101/107, ENG102/108, MAT14+)

PLAN REQUIREMENTS

Required Courses Credits: 15

Required Courses Detail:

LAW301 Foundations of Law and Legal Studies 3
 LAW305 The Judicial System 3
 LAW315 Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing 3
 LAW320 Foundations of Constitutional Law 3
 LAW325 Civil Procedure 3

PLAN ELECTIVES

Restricted Electives Credits: 15

Restricted Electives Detail:

Complete all courses in the specialization below that best aligns with your academic and professional goals. Consult with an academic, faculty, or program advisor.

Specialization 1: Legal Studies

Credits: 15

LAW330 Contracts 3
LAW335 Property 3
LAW340 Torts 3
LAW490 Law and Legal Studies Capstone (3) OR
LAW499 Law and Legal Studies Internship (3) 3

Students taking Specialization 1 must take an additional three (3) credits from courses in the LAW prefix not used to fulfill Plan Requirements. 3

Specialization 2: Arizona Legal Paraprofessional
Credits: 15

LAW310 Ethics and Professional Responsibility 3
LAW405 Evidence 3
LAW499 Law and Legal Studies Internship 3

Students taking Specialization 2 must complete six (6) credits within one of the following practice areas:

Family Law Legal Paraprofessional:
LAW420 Applied Family Law 3
LAW450 Advanced Arizona Civil Procedure 3

Civil Law Legal Paraprofessional:
LAW450 Advanced Arizona Civil Procedure 3
Three (3) additional credits from courses in the LAW prefix not used to fulfill Plan Requirements. 3

Criminal Law Legal Paraprofessional:
LAW410 Criminal Law 3
Three (3) additional credits from courses in the LAW prefix not used to fulfill Plan Requirements. 3

Administrative Law Legal Paraprofessional:
LAW415 Applied Administrative Law 3
Three (3) additional credits from courses in the LAW prefix not used to fulfill Plan Requirements. 3

Probate Law Legal Paraprofessional:
LAW425 Probate Law 3
Three (3) additional credits from courses in the LAW prefix not used to fulfill Plan Requirements. 3

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) Credits: 35
Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) Detail:

Written Communication [WCM] Credits: 6
Written Communication [WCM] Detail:
+ ENG101 First-Year Composition (3) OR
+ ENG107 First-Year Composition for ESL (3) AND
+ ENG102 First-Year Composition (3) OR
+ ENG108 First-Year Composition for ESL (3) 6

Oral Communication [OCM] Credits: 3

Oral Communication [OCM] Detail:

Any approved course in the Oral Communication [OCM] category.

Quantitative Reasoning [QNR] Credits: 3

Quantitative Reasoning [QNR] Detail:

+ MAT140 College Mathematics (5) OR

+ MAT141 College Mathematics (4) OR

+ MAT142 College Mathematics (3) OR

MAT145 College Mathematics with Review (5) OR

MAT146 College Mathematics with Review (6) OR

Higher-level course in the Quantitative Reasoning [QNR] category.

Arts and Humanities [AHM] Credits: 6

Arts and Humanities [AHM] Detail:

Any approved course in the Arts and Humanities [AHM] category.

Social and Behavioral Sciences [SCB] Credits: 6

Social and Behavioral Sciences [SCB] Detail:

Any approved course in the Social and Behavioral Science [SCB] category.

Institutions in the Americas [IAM] Credits: 3

Institutions in the Americas [IAM] Detail:

Any approved course in the Institutions in the Americas [IAM] category.

POS110 Recommended.

Natural Sciences [NSI] Credits: 8

Natural Sciences [NSI] Detail:

Any approved course in the Natural Science [NSI] category.

MCCCD REQUIREMENTS

MCCCD Additional Requirements Credits: 1-3

MCCCD Additional Requirements Detail:

FYE101 Introduction to College, Career, and Personal Success (1) OR

FYE103 Exploration of College, Career, and Personal Success (3)

GENERAL ELECTIVES

General Electives Credits: LEAVE BLANK

General Electives Detail: Select courses 100-level or higher to complete a minimum of 120 semester credits. Consult with a faculty advisor, program director, and/or academic advisor to identify coursework that best aligns with academic and professional goals.

Keywords for Program: Family Law, Criminal Law, Administrative Law, Probate Law, Compliance, Legal Assistant, Lawyer, Judge, Judicial, Justice, Legal Paraprofessional, Contracts, Torts, Probate, Civil Procedure, Alternative Dispute Resolution, ADR, Mediation, Arbitration, Employment Law, Evidence, Paralegal, Attorney

Rio Salado College, Bachelor of Applied Science in Law and Legal Studies

BAS in Law and Legal Studies Course Descriptions

LAW301 Foundations of Law and Legal Studies

3 credits

Description: Introduction to the study of law, including the history, foundations, and core principles of the American legal system. Examines the structure and sources of law; the role of federal, state, and administrative courts and agencies; and foundational doctrines in constitutional, civil, and criminal law. Overview of major types of law with emphasis on jurisprudence, legal reasoning, and the intersection of law with politics, ethics, and public policy.

LAW305 The Judicial System

3 credits

Description: Overview of the structure, jurisdiction, and function of federal, state, and local courts. Covers the U.S. Supreme Court's history and role in shaping constitutional governance and law. Politics, ethics and accountability in the judicial system and processes of judicial selection.

LAW310 Ethics and Professional Responsibility

3 credits

Description: Introduction to ethics and professional responsibilities related to work in the legal field. Exploration of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct, landmark ethics cases, and practical frameworks for navigating ethical dilemmas. Includes attorney-client relationships, confidentiality, conflicts of interest, advocacy ethics, and professional discipline.

LAW315 Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing

3 credits

Description: Introduction to legal research, analysis, and writing. Study of the role and significance of electronic databases. Focus on structured research strategies, analytical frameworks, synthesis of legal authority, construction of logical arguments, and the production of properly cited documents including case briefs, memoranda of law, pleadings, and legal instruments.

LAW320 Foundations of Constitutional Law

3 credits

Description: Examination of the Constitution as the foundation of American law and governance. Exploration of the structure of the United States legal system, including separation of powers, federalism, and the role of the judiciary in constitutional interpretation. Emphasis on the analysis of landmark Supreme Court case law.

LAW325 Civil Procedure

3 credits

Description: Introduction to the procedural framework governing civil litigation in state and federal courts, focusing on doctrine interpretation, analytical reasoning, and the practical application of rules to civil disputes. Examination of the life cycle of a civil case from jurisdiction and venue through pleading, discovery, trial, and judgment. Emphasis on the role of civil procedure in shaping substantive outcomes, access to justice, and competing values of judicial

efficiency, fairness, and accuracy. Prerequisite: A grade of C or better in LAW301 and LAW315 or permission of program director.

LAW330 Contracts

3 credits

Description: Introduction to contract law with emphasis on the formation, interpretation, and enforcement of agreements. Focus on offer, acceptance, consideration, defenses, enforceability, performance, breach, remedies, and third party rights through common law and statutory frameworks. Examines the ethical and social implications of contract law. Prerequisite: A grade of C or better in LAW301 and LAW315 or permission of program director

LAW335 Property

3 credits

Description: Examination of property law principles governing real and personal property, including the acquisition, ownership, transfer, use, and regulation of property. Emphasis on common law doctrines, statutory frameworks, and constitutional limitations. Prerequisite: A grade of C or better in LAW301 and LAW315 or permission of program director.

LAW340 Torts

3 credits

Description: Introduction to tort law advocacy, focusing on historical development, major case types, key legal principles, and essential procedures. Emphasis on litigating a tort cause of action, including proving its elements, establishing damages, determining remedies, and addressing defenses. Examination of contemporary developments in tort practice and reform. Prerequisite: A grade of C or better in LAW301 and LAW315 or permission of program director.

LAW345 Alternative Dispute Resolution

3 credits

Description: Introduction to alternative dispute resolution (ADR) with a focus on negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and hybrid models as alternatives to litigation. Exploration of the foundations of ADR processes and the roles of actors. Emphasis on conflict analysis and resolution strategies, procedural frameworks, enforceability, and ethics. Prerequisite: A grade of C or better in LAW301 and LAW315 or permission of program director.

LAW405 Evidence

3 credits

Description: Introduction to the rules and principles governing the admissibility and use of evidence in civil and criminal litigation, with a focus on the Federal Rules of Evidence. Examination of types of evidence, including conditions for admitting and challenging evidence at trial. Emphasis on the application of evidentiary doctrine in effective case management and trial advocacy. Prerequisite: A grade of C or better in LAW301, LAW315, and LAW325, or permission of program director.

LAW410 Criminal Law

3 credits

Description: Examination of substantive and procedural criminal law, including theories of criminal liability, classification and elements of crimes, and defenses. Emphasis on constitutional protections and rules of criminal procedure governing the criminal justice process through adjudication and sentencing. Prerequisite: A grade of C or better in LAW301 and LAW315 or permission of program director.

LAW415 Applied Administrative Law

3 credits

Description: Introduction to administrative law, including origins and purpose of administrative state and government agencies. Focus on administrative authority and control from legislative, executive, and judicial sources. Emphasis on separation of powers, agency rulemaking, adjudication procedures, and administrative agency limitations. Explores advocacy and professional responsibility in administrative law. Prerequisite: A grade of C or better in LAW301 and LAW315 or permission of program director. Corequisite: LAW325

LAW420 Applied Family Law

3 credits

Description: Introduction to family law advocacy, focusing on major case types, key legal principles, essential procedures, and ethical considerations. Focus on core issues in the establishment, modification, and enforcement of orders related to marriage, property division, paternity, child custody, and family support. Emphasis on document preparation, court processes, case management, litigation, and client support. Examines related areas of juvenile practice, and the intersection of family law issues with other legal considerations. Prerequisite: A grade of C or better in LAW301, LAW315, LAW325 or permission of program director. Corequisite: LAW450

LAW425 Probate Law

3 credits

Description: Introduction to the laws and doctrines shaping the practice of estate planning and probate litigation, with a focus on the Uniform Probate Code. Examination of primary succession modalities, including intestate and testate mechanisms, trusts, non-probate transfers, and probate proceedings. Emphasis on the application and execution of effective strategies in estate management, incapacity planning, and probate administration, including contemporary and ethical considerations of practice. Prerequisite: A grade of C or better in LAW301, LAW315 or permission of program director. Corequisite: LAW325

LAW430 Employment Law

3 credits

Description: Examination of laws and regulations governing the employment relationship, including discrimination, wages, workplace safety, privacy, and termination. Exploration of the rights and obligations of employers, employees, and labor organizations. Emphasis on statutory interpretation, regulatory compliance, case law analysis, and practical application in the public and private sectors. Prerequisite: A grade of C or better in LAW301, LAW315, and LAW325, or permission of program director.

LAW450 Advanced Arizona Civil Procedure

3 credits

Advanced civil procedure knowledge, application of litigation and courtroom advocacy skills with an emphasis on Arizona practice. Examination of complex procedural issues and evidentiary rules in litigation through intensive case analysis, simulated proceedings, and practical exercises. Emphasis on professional skills, including advanced legal writing, oral advocacy, evidence presentation, and strategic decision-making. Prerequisite: A grade of C or better in LAW301, LAW315, and LAW325, or permission of program director.

LAW490 Law and Legal Studies Capstone

3 credits

Description: Completion of a professional project within the field of law and legal studies applying concepts covered throughout the program. Students will demonstrate the steps for issue identification, related research, analysis, and presentation of information. Project topics will follow an instructor approval process. Prerequisites: Permission of Program Director or Department/Division Chair.

LAW499 Law and Legal Studies Internship

3 credits

Description: Experiential learning supervised by a licensed attorney or legal paraprofessional. Includes content on advocacy. Eighty (80) hours of designated work per credit. Prerequisites: Permission of Program Director or Department/Division Chair.

Course Notes:

For the purposes of Arizona Legal Paraprofessional licensure: "Advocacy" means course content or practical experience that demonstrates and develops skills that are associated with conducting court hearings and trials, administrative hearings, mediation and arbitration, and settlement and plea negotiation.

"Experiential learning" means learning through a format such as an internship, externship or clinical experience during which students develop knowledge, skills, and values from direct experiences outside a traditional academic setting.

**Rio Salado College, BAS in Law and Legal Studies
Legal Paraprofessional Program Guidelines - Administrative Law**

Program: BAS in Law and Legal Studies, Legal Paraprofessional Specialization Administrative Law	
<p>General Education and General Elective Requirements</p> <p>Total Credits: 90</p>	<p>Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) Credits: 35 Written Communication [WCM] Credits: 6 Oral Communication [OCM] Credits: 3 Quantitative Reasoning [QNR] Credits: 3 Arts and Humanities [AHM] Credits: 6 Social and Behavioral Sciences [SCB] Credits: 6 Institutions in the Americas [IAM] Credits: 3 POS110 Recommended. Natural Sciences [NSI] Credits: 8 MCCCD Additional Requirements Credits: 1-3 FYE101 Introduction to College, Career, and Personal Success (1) OR FYE103 Exploration of College, Career, and Personal Success (3) General Electives Detail: Select courses 100-level or higher to complete a minimum of 120 semester credits.</p>
<p>Plan Requirements</p> <p>Total Credits: 15</p>	<p>LAW301 Foundations of Law and Legal Studies Credits: 3 LAW305 The Judicial System Credits: 3 LAW315 Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing Credits: 3 LAW320 Foundations of Constitutional Law Credits: 3 LAW325 Civil Procedure Credits: 3</p>
<p>Legal Paraprofessional requirements</p> <p>Total Credits: 9</p>	<p>LAW310 Ethics and Professional Responsibility Credits: 3 LAW405 Evidence Credits: 3 LAW499 Law and Legal Studies Internship Credits: 3</p>
<p>Administrative Law Practice Area Requirements</p> <p>Total Credits: 6</p>	<p>LAW415 Applied Administrative Law Credits: 3 One additional LAW Course not used to fulfill Plan Requirements Credits: 3</p>

**Rio Salado College, BAS in Law and Legal Studies
Legal Paraprofessional Program Guidelines - Civil Law**

Program: BAS in Law and Legal Studies, Legal Paraprofessional Specialization Civil Law	
<p>General Education and General Elective Requirements</p> <p>Total Credits: 90</p>	<p>Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) Credits: 35 Written Communication [WCM] Credits: 6 Oral Communication [OCM] Credits: 3 Quantitative Reasoning [QNR] Credits: 3 Arts and Humanities [AHM] Credits: 6 Social and Behavioral Sciences [SCB] Credits: 6 Institutions in the Americas [IAM] Credits: 3 POS110 Recommended. Natural Sciences [NSI] Credits: 8 MCCCD Additional Requirements Credits: 1-3 FYE101 Introduction to College, Career, and Personal Success (1) OR FYE103 Exploration of College, Career, and Personal Success (3) General Electives Detail: Select courses 100-level or higher to complete a minimum of 120 semester credits.</p>
<p>Plan Requirements</p> <p>Total Credits: 15</p>	<p>LAW301 Foundations of Law and Legal Studies Credits: 3 LAW305 The Judicial System Credits: 3 LAW315 Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing Credits: 3 LAW320 Foundations of Constitutional Law Credits: 3 LAW325 Civil Procedure Credits: 3</p>
<p>Legal Paraprofessional requirements</p> <p>Total Credits: 9</p>	<p>LAW310 Ethics and Professional Responsibility Credits: 3 LAW405 Evidence Credits: 3 LAW499 Law and Legal Studies Internship Credits: 3</p>
<p>Civil Law Practice Area Requirements</p> <p>Total Credits: 6</p>	<p>LAW450 Advanced Arizona Civil Procedure Credits: 3 One additional LAW Course not used to fulfill Plan Requirements Credits: 3</p>

**Rio Salado College, BAS in Law and Legal Studies
Legal Paraprofessional Program Guidelines - Criminal Law**

Program: BAS in Law and Legal Studies, Legal Paraprofessional Specialization Criminal Law	
General Education and General Elective Requirements Total Credits: 90	<p>Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) Credits: 35 Written Communication [WCM] Credits: 6 Oral Communication [OCM] Credits: 3 Quantitative Reasoning [QNR] Credits: 3 Arts and Humanities [AHM] Credits: 6 Social and Behavioral Sciences [SCB] Credits: 6 Institutions in the Americas [IAM] Credits: 3 POS110 Recommended. Natural Sciences [NSI] Credits: 8 MCCCD Additional Requirements Credits: 1-3 FYE101 Introduction to College, Career, and Personal Success (1) OR FYE103 Exploration of College, Career, and Personal Success (3) General Electives Detail: Select courses 100-level or higher to complete a minimum of 120 semester credits.</p>
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Legal Paraprofessional requirements Total Credits: 9	<p>LAW310 Ethics and Professional Responsibility Credits: 3 LAW405 Evidence Credits: 3 LAW499 Law and Legal Studies Internship Credits: 3</p>
Criminal Law Practice Area Requirements Total Credits: 6	<p>LAW410 Criminal Law Credits: 3 One additional LAW Course not used to fulfill Plan Requirements Credits: 3</p>

**Rio Salado College, BAS in Law and Legal Studies
Legal Paraprofessional Program Guidelines - Family Law**

Program: BAS in Law and Legal Studies, Legal Paraprofessional Specialization Family Law	
General Education and General Elective Requirements Total Credits: 90	Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) Credits: 35 Written Communication [WCM] Credits: 6 Oral Communication [OCM] Credits: 3 Quantitative Reasoning [QNR] Credits: 3 Arts and Humanities [AHM] Credits: 6 Social and Behavioral Sciences [SCB] Credits: 6 Institutions in the Americas [IAM] Credits: 3 POS110 Recommended. Natural Sciences [NSI] Credits: 8 MCCCD Additional Requirements Credits: 1-3 FYE101 Introduction to College, Career, and Personal Success (1) OR FYE103 Exploration of College, Career, and Personal Success (3) General Electives Detail: Select courses 100-level or higher to complete a minimum of 120 semester credits.
Plan Requirements Total Credits: 15	LAW301 Foundations of Law and Legal Studies Credits: 3 LAW305 The Judicial System Credits: 3 LAW315 Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing Credits: 3 LAW320 Foundations of Constitutional Law Credits: 3 LAW325 Civil Procedure Credits: 3
Legal Paraprofessional requirements Total Credits: 9	LAW310 Ethics and Professional Responsibility Credits: 3 LAW405 Evidence Credits: 3 LAW499 Law and Legal Studies Internship Credits: 3
Family Law Practice Area Requirements Total Credits: 6	LAW420 Applied Family Law Credits: 3 LAW450 Advanced Arizona Civil Procedure Credits: 3

**Rio Salado College, BAS in Law and Legal Studies
Legal Paraprofessional Program Guidelines - Probate Law**

Program: BAS in Law and Legal Studies, Legal Paraprofessional Specialization Probate Law	
<p>General Education and General Elective Requirements</p> <p>Total Credits: 90</p>	<p>Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) Credits: 35 Written Communication [WCM] Credits: 6 Oral Communication [OCM] Credits: 3 Quantitative Reasoning [QNR] Credits: 3 Arts and Humanities [AHM] Credits: 6 Social and Behavioral Sciences [SCB] Credits: 6 Institutions in the Americas [IAM] Credits: 3 POS110 Recommended. Natural Sciences [NSI] Credits: 8 MCCCD Additional Requirements Credits: 1-3 FYE101 Introduction to College, Career, and Personal Success (1) OR FYE103 Exploration of College, Career, and Personal Success (3) General Electives Detail: Select courses 100-level or higher to complete a minimum of 120 semester credits.</p>
<p>Plan Requirements</p> <p>Total Credits: 15</p>	<p>LAW301 Foundations of Law and Legal Studies Credits: 3 LAW305 The Judicial System Credits: 3 LAW315 Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing Credits: 3 LAW320 Foundations of Constitutional Law Credits: 3 LAW325 Civil Procedure Credits: 3</p>
<p>Legal Paraprofessional requirements</p> <p>Total Credits: 9</p>	<p>LAW310 Ethics and Professional Responsibility Credits: 3 LAW405 Evidence Credits: 3 LAW499 Law and Legal Studies Internship Credits: 3</p>
<p>Probate Law Practice Area Requirements</p> <p>Total Credits: 6</p>	<p>LAW425 Probate Law Credits: 3 One additional LAW Course not used to fulfill Plan Requirements Credits: 3</p>

**Rio Salado College
Bachelor of Applied Science in
Law and Legal Studies
Arizona Legal Paraprofessional
Specialization**

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Bachelor's Degrees at Rio Salado College

Az. Rev. Stat. §15-1444.01

- authorized community colleges to offer bachelor degrees

Fall 2023 Rio launched 2 degrees:

- Bachelor's in Elementary Education/Special Education and
- Bachelor of Applied Science in Public Safety Administration

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BAS in Law and Legal Studies

Specialization 2: Legal Paraprofessional Course Requirements

35 credits	55 credits	15 credits	9 credits	6 credits	
AGEC general education requirements	General Education electives	LAW301 Foundations of Law and Legal Studies	LAW310 Ethics and Professional Responsibility	<u>Administrative Law</u> LAW415 Applied Administrative Law LAW4XX elective	
		LAW305 The Judicial System	LAW405 Evidence	<u>Criminal Law</u> LAW410 Criminal Law LAW4XX elective	
		LAW315 Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing	LAW499 Law and Legal Studies Internship	<u>Family Law</u> LAW420 Applied Family Law LAW450 Advanced Arizona Civil Procedure	
		LAW320 Foundations of Constitutional Law		<u>Probate Law</u> LAW425 Probate Law LAW4XX elective	
		LAW325 Civil Procedure			

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Bachelor in Law and Legal Studies

Specialization 2: Legal Paraprofessional - Administrative Law

Required coursework:

- 35 credits: AGEC general education requirements
- 55 credits: General Education electives
- 15 credits:
 - LAW301 Foundations of Law and Legal Studies
 - LAW305 The Judicial System
 - LAW315 Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing
 - LAW320 Foundations of Constitutional Law
 - LAW325 Civil Procedure
- 9 credits:
 - LAW310 Ethics and Professional Responsibility
 - LAW405 Evidence
 - LAW499 Law and Legal Studies Internship
- 6 credits:
 - LAW415 Applied Administrative Law
 - LAW4XX Elective

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Bachelor in Law and Legal Studies Specialization 2: Legal Paraprofessional - Civil Law

Required coursework:

35 credits:	GEC general education requirements
55 credits:	General Education electives
15 credits:	LAW301 Foundations of Law and Legal Studies LAW305 The Judicial System LAW315 Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing LAW320 Foundations of Constitutional Law LAW325 Civil Procedure
9 credits:	LAW310 Ethics and Professional Responsibility LAW405 Evidence LAW499 Law and Legal Studies Internship
6 credits:	LAW450 Advanced Arizona Civil Procedure LAW4XX Elective

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Bachelor in Law and Legal Studies Specialization 2: Legal Paraprofessional - Criminal Law

Required coursework:

35 credits:	AGEC general education requirements
55 credits:	General Education electives
15 credits:	LAW301 Foundations of Law and Legal Studies LAW305 The Judicial System LAW315 Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing LAW320 Foundations of Constitutional Law LAW325 Civil Procedure
9 credits:	LAW310 Ethics and Professional Responsibility LAW405 Evidence LAW499 Law and Legal Studies Internship
6 credits:	LAW410 Criminal Law LAW4XX Elective

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Bachelor in Law and Legal Studies Specialization 2: Legal Paraprofessional - Family Law

Required coursework:

35 credits:	AGEC general education requirements
55 credits:	General Education electives
15 credits:	LAW301 Foundations of Law and Legal Studies
	LAW305 The Judicial System
	LAW315 Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing
	LAW320 Foundations of Constitutional Law
	LAW325 Civil Procedure
9 credits:	LAW310 Ethics and Professional Responsibility
	LAW405 Evidence
	LAW499 Law and Legal Studies Internship
6 credits:	LAW420 Applied Family Law
	LAW450 Advanced Arizona Civil Procedure

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Bachelor in Law and Legal Studies Specialization 2: Legal Paraprofessional - Probate Law

Required coursework:

35 credits:	AGEC general education requirements
55 credits:	General Education electives
15 credits:	LAW301 Foundations of Law and Legal Studies
	LAW305 The Judicial System
	LAW315 Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing
	LAW320 Foundations of Constitutional Law
	LAW325 Civil Procedure
9 credits:	LAW310 Ethics and Professional Responsibility
	LAW405 Evidence
	LAW499 Law and Legal Studies Internship
6 credits:	LAW425 Probate Law
	LAW4XX Elective

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