

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LEGAL STUDIES

ONLINE



Designed for people seeking employment in government, law enforcement and regulatory affairs/compliance offices; those considering law school; or individuals who want a rigorous social science degree offered in a flexible and convenient format.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

The primary audience is current and prospective paralegals, and the challenging curriculum is geared towards earning relevant certifications.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- (1) 30 or more hours of college or university credit or waiver from the Assistant Provost
- (2) High school diploma or equivalent earned at least seven years before applying or waiver from the Assistant Provost

COST:

See: <http://continuingstudies.dom.edu/tuitionaid>

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

Students apply for the program using our online application system at <https://apps.dom.edu/apply/login.aspx?id=14>. Admitted students will register using the online registration system with the help of an advisor.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

The University runs on a semester system. For the BLS, each semester is divided into two eight-week sessions. The academic calendar is available at https://jicsweb1.dom.edu/ics/Schools/School_of_Professional_and_Continuing_Studies/.

LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:

Online

TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

From an online provider, via textbook-ordering instructions provided at registration/or the Stephan bookstore (708) 524-6893 <http://www.dom.bkstr.com>.

TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

Students can transfer in a maximum of 90 credits, with a limit of 68 credits earned at community colleges. Students can transfer in up to 30 credits taken in non-degree seeking status.

TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:

120

FINANCIAL AID INFO:

Dominican University
– Financial Aid Office
Lewis Hall Room 120
7900 West Division Street
River Forest, IL 60305
Phone: (708) 524-6809
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SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Important to the non-digital native is that the initial course includes lessons in navigating the online environment. Students are expected to read about 100 pages, take a short online quiz, engage in online discussions with classmates and their instructor, and complete a written assignment each week. The ability to write well is fundamental to any professional field. That is why the BLS program requires students to produce a substantial amount of academic writing in each course. Graduates will have a large portfolio of written work which can be used to demonstrate learning outcomes and abilities.

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REQUIRED COURSES:

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| I. Proficiency Requirements | (9) |
| a. EN 102 Composition II | (3) |
| b. MT 150 Contemporary Math or Statistics | (3) |
| c. Religion elective | (3) |
| II. General Education Requirements | (18) |
| a. Social Science courses | (6) |
| b. Natural Science courses | (6) |
| c. Humanities courses | (6) |
| III. Major Requirements | (45) |
| a. SPCS 200 Adult Learning Seminar | (3) |
| b. LS 300 The American Legal System | (3) |
| c. LS 301 Legal Research & Writing
(pre-requisite: EN 102 Composition II) | (3) |
| d. LS 320 Religion & the Law | (3) |
| e. LS 321 Law & Economics | (3) |
| f. LS 322 Philosophical Basis of the Law | (3) |
| g. LS 325 Contracts | (3) |
| h. LS 400 Legal Ethics | (3) |
| i. Legal Studies Electives (sample) | (21) |
| LS 304 Law Office Management | (3) |
| LS 306 Basic Legal Training | (3) |
| LS 315 Disability and the Law | (3) |
| LS 323 Freedom of Speech | (3) |
| LS 324 Civil Rights | (3) |
| LS 340 Negotiation Theory | (3) |
| LS 350 Employment Law | (3) |
| LS 351 Criminal Law & Procedure | (3) |
| LS 352 Civil Litigation | (3) |
| LS 353 Family Law | (3) |
| LS 354 Estate Planning | (3) |
| LS 355 Real Estate Law | (3) |
| LS 357 The Uniform Commercial Code
(pre-requisite required: LS 322 Contracts) | (3) |
| Up to three additional 200-level or higher
social sciences courses | |
| IV. General Electives | (48) |