For over 40 years, the Paralegal Studies Certificate at the SAN FRANCISCO STATE College of Extended Learning has been providing educational excellence to its students. It provides practical legal skills and substantive law instruction that is crucial for success in today’s competitive legal field.

**The Program provides instruction in the following legal courses:**

- Legal Research and Writing
- Criminal Law
- Environmental Litigation and Compliance
- Trademarks and Copyrights
- Immigration Law
- Contemporary Legal Issues
- Communications skills and Legal Ethics
- A full list of courses can found on: [cel.sfsu.edu/paralegal/classes](http://cel.sfsu.edu/paralegal/classes)

**As a student in the program you will:**

- Graduate with an ABA approved Paralegal Studies Certificate, which is the respected gold standard in the legal industry
- Learn from instructors who are practicing attorneys and paralegals
- Have the chance to gain hands-on industry experience through internship opportunities at local law firms
Credits earned can be counted towards a degree

Required courses in the program carry full upper-division academic credit. Some of the programs 30 academic credits can even be applied toward a San Francisco State University bachelor's degree.

Length of study

The program consists of 10 courses that can be taken over a 12 or 18 month period. Individual academic planning is available for international students to make sure visa requirements are met.

Admissions requirements

Students without a bachelor’s degree are required to have a minimum of 60 semester units of prior college-level courses. 30 semester units of which must be general education courses in oral communication, written composition, critical thinking, and mathematics must be included.

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