

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN LEGAL SUPPORT AND SERVICES

GAIN THE LEGAL KNOWLEDGE TO ADVANCE IN A WIDE RANGE OF FIELDS

Prepare for a career within—or far beyond—the law firm. Corporations, insurance companies, consulting firms, and health care institutions are just a few types of employers who rely on legal support and services staff. This program helps you gain a solid understanding of legal theory and practice, a broad-based knowledge of the law, and the practical skills required to launch or advance a career in the legal support or paralegal fields.¹

WHY STUDY LAW AT PURDUE GLOBAL?

ONLINE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING ADULTS

Earn your degree 100% online, on your schedule. You can also visit one of our regional locations to take advantage of local, onsite support and services.

TRANSFER CREDITS

Transfer up to 75% of your degree requirements to accelerate completion of your degree and save on tuition.²

AFFORDABLE TUITION

Lower the cost of your education through military tuition reductions, employer reimbursement options, transfer credit, and more.³ Our average bachelor's graduate saves 45% on tuition with credit for prior learning.⁴

FACULTY EXPERTISE

Learn from legal practitioners with extensive experience in the field. All faculty possess advanced academic degrees and relevant industry credentials.

ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING

Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and faculty office hours, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

INTRODUCTORY TRIAL PERIOD

Make sure online learning at Purdue Global is right for you. Enroll in the University and try our classes for 3 weeks before you owe any tuition. That's the Purdue Global Commitment.⁵

NATIONALLY RANKED AND RESPECTED

Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue University is ranked in the top 10 best public universities in the U.S. by *The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education*.⁶

Purdue Global is the largest provider of legal support services programs in the U.S.,⁷ with more than 6,500 legal studies graduates since 2001.

TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR EDUCATION AND CAREER

Paralegal Concentration Option

Choose our paralegal concentration to build a career in this high-demand field.⁸ Graduates may also be eligible to sit for professional industry certifications.⁹

Accelerated Master's Degree Option

Work toward a Purdue Global master's degree in legal studies, public administration, educational psychology, human services, or psychology while you earn your bachelor's degree.¹⁰ Complete both your bachelor's and master's degrees in less time and at a lower cost than completing both programs separately.

Gain the Practical Knowledge and Skills That Employers Demand

- Demonstrate understanding of theories, elements, and principles of law such as justice, natural law, civil rights, and the social contract between a citizen and the government.
- Research relevant primary and secondary legal sources in electronic and print media and apply them to specific fact scenarios using prescribed analysis and argument.
- Apply investigative techniques to support the development of a legal argument.
- Incorporate legal principles and research data to the analysis of real-world social, political, and economic issues.
- Develop skills in legal research and legal writing and competencies related to many legal support positions.
- Exhibit professionalism while assisting with legal proceedings or investigations, preparing documents, managing technology, and researching legal issues.

CURRICULUM

The comprehensive curriculum provides a well-rounded academic foundation that emphasizes analytical thinking, reading comprehension, and communication skills. All courses are reviewed and revised continually by industry experts to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in the field.

COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Legal technologies
- Law and legal profession
- American jurisprudence
- Legal research and writing
- Legal ethics
- Law and society
- Business law
- Legal philosophy
- Alternative dispute resolution

TRACKS OF STUDY

Paralegal: Complete courses in litigation, criminal law, and administrative law, and law office management.

Standard: Specialize your degree by choosing the electives that best support your career goals.

CAPSTONE PROJECT

The program culminates in a final capstone project, which gives you the opportunity to apply the skills and concepts you study online to real-world legal issues.

PROGRAM DETAIL

Credit Hours: 180

Completion Time: 2–4 years (With transfer credit and other prior experience, the average completion time for Purdue Global bachelor's degree graduates in 2019–2020 was 2 years.)¹¹

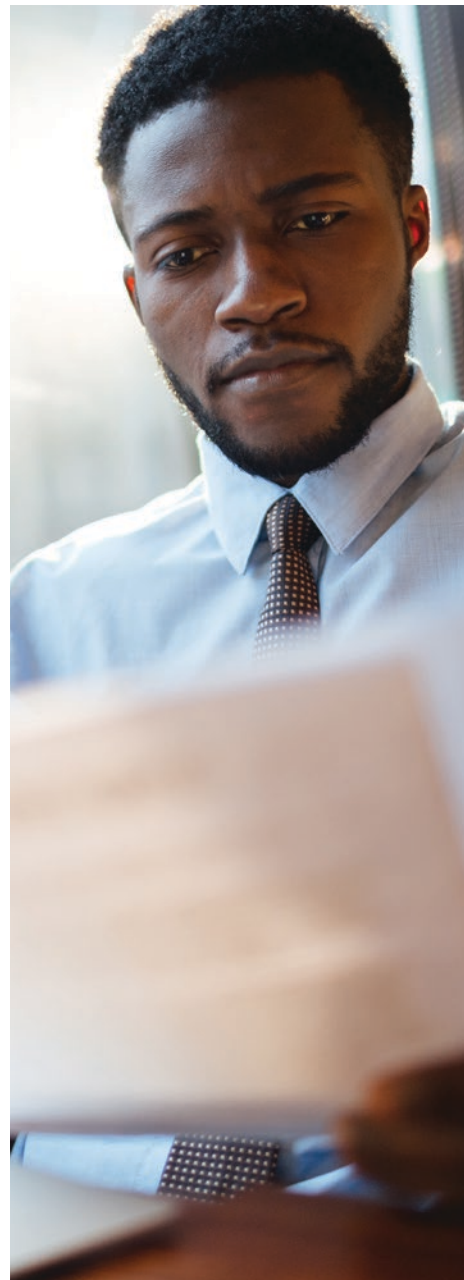
Course Load: 2–3 per term

Terms: 10 weeks long

Start Dates: Throughout the year

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

- Master of Science in Legal Studies
- Master of Public Administration
- Juris Doctor—Concord Law School at Purdue University Global
- Executive Juris Doctor—Concord Law School at Purdue University Global



CAREER AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK⁸

- Employment of legal assistants and paralegals is expected to grow 10% from 2019 to 2029—much faster than the average for all occupations.
- A strong demand for many more paralegals and legal assistants is expected, as businesses create in-house legal departments; as litigation rises; and as law firms try to increase the efficiency of legal services and reduce their expenses.

CAREER PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES¹²

Roles

- Title examiner
- Legal secretary
- Paralegal or legal assistant
- Legal analyst
- Judicial administrative assistant
- Litigation assistant

Industries

- Legal
- Business
- Government
- Health care
- Banking
- Real estate
- Service
- Many more

CENTER FOR CAREER ADVANCEMENT

Our team of Career Specialists connects you with job and networking opportunities, and offers the following assistance:

- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

Purdue Global Law Society seeks to promote the engagement of students in understanding and participating in key legal issues involving justice, public policy, and environmental law and policy.

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

Purdue Global is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The HLC (HLCommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

Contact an Admissions Advisor at 844-PURDUE-G or visit PurdueGlobal.edu.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit Info.PurdueGlobal.edu.

- 1 Paralegals are not lawyers and cannot practice law or give legal advice. Graduates are not authorized to practice law and will not be eligible to sit for any state's bar examination. This program was not designed to meet any specific state's requirements for licensure or certification, and Purdue Global makes no representations or warranties as to whether the degree or any individual courses meet such requirements. Refer to the University Catalog for additional information.
- 2 Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. Future transfer credit savings are subject to review and the academic policies of Purdue Global. See the University Catalog for Prior Learning Assessment policy.
- 3 May not be combined with other Purdue Global tuition reductions or ExcelTrack™ pricing.
- 4 Purdue Global online bachelor's degree students who graduated in 2019–2020 and applied eligible prior learning (transfer, experiential, or credit by exam) credits saved an average of \$30,000 toward the total degree. Campus tuition and prior learning savings vary by location. Savings based on overall cost of completion without prior learning credit. Calculation based on total prior learning credit times standard cost per credit in student's program of study. Individual savings will vary. Calculation includes campus and military students. Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. See University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment policy. Source: Office of Reporting and Analysis, October 2020. 2019–2020 academic year.
- 5 Classes count toward a degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period (3 weeks for new qualifying undergraduate students), which begins day one of the first term. Students who choose to continue their studies at Purdue Global will need to meet specific requirements. Graduate programs not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizen students. For further information, see the University Catalog.
- 6 Source: www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states. Rankings apply to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.
- 7 Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), 2018–2019 Total Degrees and Certificates Conferred, First Major, Legal Support Services, nces.ed.gov/ipeds. Based on total number of degrees and certificates granted by Purdue Global compared to other Title IV institutions.
- 8 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Paralegals and Legal Assistants, Legal Occupations. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.
- 9 Students are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams. In some cases, work experience, additional coursework beyond the Purdue Global program, fieldwork, and/or background checks may be necessary to be eligible to take or to successfully pass the exams.
- 10 The University cannot guarantee that students will be granted admission to any future programs. Speak to an Advisor about admissions requirements and transfer credit opportunities and see the University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment policy.
- 11 The average completion time for Purdue Global online bachelor's degree students who graduated in the 2019–2020 academic year was 2.1 years. Source: Purdue Global Office of Reporting and Analysis, July 2020.
- 12 Purdue Global cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization.