Bachelor of Science in

LEGAL SUPPORT AND SERVICES

Come Back Stronger, Ready to Move Your Legal Career Forward

This is your time. Your moment. Earn your bachelor's degree and prepare for a career in a wide range of fields 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. Gain a solid understanding of legal theory and practice, broad-based knowledge of the law, and the practical skills you'll need for the next stage of your life and career.
Why Study Law at Purdue Global?

Built for Working Adults
Complete courses online, without compromising your work or family schedule.

Backed by the Power of Purdue
Earn a degree you can be proud of — and one that employers will respect. Achieve more in the legal field with a name that opens doors in your career.

Your Experience Counts as College Credit
It’s time to get the recognition you deserve. Transfer up to 75% of your degree requirements to graduate sooner and save on tuition.2

Affordable Tuition
You can lower the cost of your education through military tuition reductions, employer reimbursement options, transfer credit, and more.3 Our average bachelor’s graduate saves 50% on tuition with credit for prior learning.4 You’re worth the investment.

Expert Faculty
Learn from legal practitioners with the real-world experience to know what it takes to advance in the field. All faculty possess advanced academic degrees and relevant industry credentials.

Personal Support
Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and seminars, 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

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.7 Graduates may also be eligible to sit for professional industry certifications.8

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.

ACCELERATED MASTER’S DEGREE OPTION
Complete both your bachelor’s and master’s degrees in less time and at a lower cost than completing both programs separately. While you earn your bachelor’s degree,9 you can work toward a Purdue Global master’s degree in one of the following areas:
- Criminal Justice
- Education
- Educational Psychology
- Higher Education
- Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Human Services
- Instructional Design and Technology
- Legal Studies
- Public Administration
- Psychology
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 2021–2022 was 2.1 years.)

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 Global
- Executive Juris Doctor — Concord Law School at Purdue Global
Career and Networking Opportunities

Industry Outlook

- Employment of legal assistants and paralegals is expected to grow 14% from 2021 to 2031 — 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 Outcomes

Roles
- Title examiner
- Legal secretary
- Paralegal or legal assistant
- Legal analyst

Industries
- Legal
- Business
- Government
- Health care

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.

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