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College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAMS



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Message From Our Dean



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Dear prospective students,

Our mission in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences is to prepare our students to become professionals and leaders in their chosen fields and communities. We offer a variety of academic programs that support career paths that make a difference in response to human societal causes, issues, and needs.

Our courses are designed with the principles of communication, social awareness, critical thinking, and ethical decision-making to address the complex, evolving, and unique challenges our students will face in their careers. Students find strong connections with their instructors and classmates through our interactive classrooms and course structure.

Purdue Global helps our graduates take the next step in their careers and in their lives, and I hope you will consider a program that meets your career goals.

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Miranda Brand". The script is elegant and cursive, with a large, flowing "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Purdue Global

Purdue's Online University for Working Adults

Backed by one of the most respected universities in the nation, Purdue Global is built for the driven adult learner. Get the online flexibility you need to fit a respected degree into your life.

An Entire Campus, Online

The hub of your student life is entirely online at Purdue Global Campus. This is where you'll find all of your courses, degree plans, support services, and the tools and resources you need to succeed.

Cutting-Edge Courses

At Purdue Global, your courses will be interactive and engaging. We use advanced technology and enhanced delivery methods that make classes accessible and easy to use. Navigate lessons and web field trips with a simple click, and communicate with fellow students and faculty through discussion boards.

Learning Online, But Not on Your Own

Online learning has a reputation for being a solitary experience. Not at Purdue Global. Connect to peers and faculty in and out of class through a variety of opportunities including:

- Live seminars
- Roundtable discussions
- Speaker series webinars that connect students, alumni, subject-matter experts, and industry leaders
- Discussion boards to foster lively academic discussions
- Social media tools including school-specific Facebook pages and community interactions
- Special career-specific activities, events, and clubs that allow you to meet and network with people in your field

Giving You the Credit You Deserve

You've spent years working hard and building knowledge, and Purdue Global values your experiences. We offer several pathways that help you save time and money as you earn your degree:¹

- Earn academic credit for prior college education, as well as work and life experience¹
- Choose an accelerated bachelor's-to-master's degree option²
- Qualify for reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, including Guard and Reserve, military veterans, and their spouses
- Start whenever you're ready – our 10-week academic terms begin every month

Academic Quality

Career-Focused Curriculums

Come back qualified for the roles you want.³ Our programs and courses are regularly monitored to ensure current industry alignment. Purdue Global is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The HLC (HLCcommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Expert Faculty With Real-World Experience

Our faculty are experienced practitioners, many of whom hold advanced degrees in their respective fields. They have the first-hand knowledge and subject-matter proficiency to shape our curriculum to meet your needs. Nearly all of Purdue Global's more than 1,600 faculty members (98%) have an advanced academic degree; 51% hold a doctorate.⁴

Personalized Degree Paths

Whether entering a new field or enhancing your established career, Purdue Global delivers a curriculum that helps you reach your unique goals. Personalize your degree through concentrations or open electives that set you up for success.

A Network of Good

There's a growing need for professionals who contribute to the well-being of society. Don't just go back to school — come back stronger and more prepared than ever to support your community. Whether your passion resides in applying and interpreting laws and regulations, improving community governance, or making a difference in an individual's life, Purdue Global is here to help you advance in your chosen field and bring about positive change.³

**TRY OUR CLASSES BEFORE
YOU OWE ANY TUITION.**



That's the Purdue Global Commitment

You should feel fully confident about where you choose to pursue your education — before you owe any tuition.

Start your comeback with a Purdue Global undergraduate program for an introductory 3-week period to see if online learning is right for you.⁵



Degrees and Programs

Purdue Global's College of Social and Behavioral Sciences offers a wide breadth of academic programs that develop professionals, leaders, and change agents in fields that make a difference in response to human and societal causes, issues, and needs. Whether you are planning to start or advance your career, or are pursuing a career change, our programs can help you meet your goals.



Clubs and Organizations

Purdue Global's Office of Student Life offers programs and services aimed at helping students engage in their program of study outside the classroom and providing both personal and professional growth opportunities.

Student organizations include:

Ambassadors and Leaders Group
Autism Speaks U
Educators Association
Human Services Club

Law Society
Student Military Association
Opportunities With Life Studies (OWLS)
Psychology Club

Honor Societies

Your academic achievement deserves recognition.
University chapters include:

Alpha Beta Kappa Honor Society
Golden Key International Honour Society

National Society of Collegiate Scholars
Psi Chi (International Honor Society in Psychology)
The Society for Collegiate Leadership and Achievement
Tau Upsilon Alpha Honor Society (National Honor Society in Human Services)

Legal Studies

Whether you aspire to or currently work in a regulated field or within the legal framework or process, gaining advanced insights into the law could help you increase your effectiveness and career opportunities.⁶ Legal knowledge is no longer solely in demand in legal departments and offices; insight and expertise in this area could provide a marketable edge.

In addition to the master’s and bachelor’s degrees in legal studies, Purdue Global offers a **Pathway to Paralegal Postbaccalaureate Certificate**.

Associate of Applied Science in Legal Support and Services

The Associate of Applied Science in Legal Support and Services program is designed to offer you a comprehensive study in areas such as legal research and writing, civil litigation, legal ethics, torts, and various legal disciplines to prepare you for diverse opportunities in the legal field. You will gain foundational knowledge of the law and legal administrative skills.

The program prepares you to provide legal services and support not only in law firms but also in corporations, health care institutions, and more. Graduates can pursue career paths in environments that include contract-driven industries such as real estate and licensing, corporate legal departments, the court and judicial system, legal firms, insurance companies, and consulting firms.

Prepare for the Certified Paralegal Examination

The National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA) recognizes the Associate of Applied Science in Legal Support and Services, the Bachelor of Science in Legal Support and Services, and the Pathway to Paralegal Postbaccalaureate Certificate as meeting the coursework criteria for eligibility to sit for the Certified Paralegal Examination.

Get a Head Start on Your Next Degree

By completing the associate’s degree in legal support and services you can transfer your degree into a Purdue Global bachelor’s degree in legal support and services, covering half of the program’s requirements.

HIGHLIGHTED COURSES	
LS100	Introduction to the Law and Legal Profession
LS185	Introduction to American Jurisprudence
LS204	Legal Research and Writing
PA110	Civil Litigation
PA165	Introduction to Torts
PA230 or IT133	Introduction to Legal Technology or Microsoft Office Applications on Demand
PA250	Family Law
PA253	Legal Ethics
PA260	Criminal Law
LS298	Associate of Applied Science in Legal Support and Services Capstone



Bachelor of Science in Legal Support and Services

The Bachelor of Science in Legal Support and Services degree program provides a solid foundation in legal theory and practice, offering you broad-based knowledge of the law as well as practical areas of study required by many professions both inside and outside the legal field. The program could also prepare you for or enhance your skills within the paralegal field.

The legal education and training provided in the Bachelor of Science in Legal Support and Services program may prove useful if you are interested in pursuing occupations in the legal, business, government, health care, banking, real estate, or service industry, including the following: title examiner, paralegal, legal assistant, and legal secretary.

Our program offers a practical curriculum and specialized elective options that allow you to customize your education, including a concentration in paralegal studies. The paralegal concentration includes courses in litigation, criminal law, and administrative law.

HIGHLIGHTED COURSES

LS100	Introduction to the Law and Legal Profession
LS185	Introduction to American Jurisprudence
LS204	Legal Research and Writing
LS244	Advanced Legal Research and Writing
PA253	Legal Ethics
LS308	Law and Society
LS311	Business Law
LS312	Ethics and the Legal Environment
LS490	Legal Philosophy
PA412	Alternative Dispute Resolution
LS495	Bachelor of Science in Legal Support and Services Capstone

Paralegal Concentration

PA110	Civil Litigation
PA260	Criminal Law
PA301	Administrative Law
PA305	Law Office Management

GET A HEAD START ON YOUR MASTER'S DEGREE

Complete your master's degree sooner with a graduate program pathway. It weaves graduate-level courses into your bachelor's program, giving you a jump on your master's degree requirements. You'll save on time and tuition compared with finishing both programs separately.

Plus, your degrees don't have to be in the same fields. You can customize your academic journey to support your career goals and interests. To learn more, view the University Catalog or connect with an Advisor.⁷

Master of Science in Legal Studies

The Master of Science in Legal Studies program is designed to provide a solid foundation in legal doctrine and concepts while developing and refining your ability to identify and analyze legal issues. If you are not interested in practicing law, but want to develop a better understanding of the law as it affects your career or other areas of interest, this may be the program for you. The program in legal studies does not prepare you for the practice of law, and you are not eligible to sit for any state's bar examination based solely on your completion of this program.

Upon graduation, you could pursue career opportunities in law and law-related fields, which you can find in government, nonprofit, or business organizations,³ or you may prepare for further graduate study to advance your career goals.²

HIGHLIGHTED COURSES

LS500	Legal Methods and Process
LS501	Ethics and the Professional
LS502	Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing
LS504	Applied Research in Legal Studies
LS506	Understanding Civil Responsibility
LS507	Understanding Criminal Responsibility
LS508	Family and the Legal System
LS509	Contracts as Private Law

Admissions

Purdue Global is committed to admitting individuals who are academically prepared to succeed in our programs. We are also committed to making the process as easy and straightforward as possible. Your Admissions Advisor will walk you through the entire process and is there to answer your questions.

Admissions Overview

Specific admissions requirements vary by program, and details can be found in the University Catalog (Catalog.PurdueGlobal.edu). No matter what educational or career path you choose, you can expect to do the following:

- Complete an interview with your Admissions Advisor in which you identify your educational and professional goals, ask questions, and explore whether Purdue Global is right for you.
- Take a virtual tour to see what our online classrooms are really like.
- Submit any required documents (e.g., unofficial transcripts).
- Complete and sign your Enrollment Agreement.

Basic Requirements

Undergraduate Applicants

You must have completed high school or received a General Equivalency Diploma (GED) or other approved equivalent.

Graduate Applicants

You must have completed a bachelor's degree program at an accredited college or university with a 2.5 cumulative grade point average (CGPA) or higher.

International Applicants

You will need to provide evidence of English language proficiency.

Transcripts from foreign institutions must meet the same requirements as domestic institutions and must be translated and evaluated by an approved foreign credential evaluator prior to enrollment.

Speak to your Admissions Advisor for information related to international availability. Not all programs are available for enrollment.



ONLINE LIBRARY

Access books and other resources without having to leave your desk.

Through the Purdue Global Library's website, you will have access to thousands of e-books and periodicals, including professional, scholarly, and trade journals, and other monographs. Because library skills are an integral part of your academic achievement, guidance on the use of our research tools and resources is available to you through interactions with library staff, video demonstrations, and other instructional aids. Professional librarians and trained support personnel are available to assist you by email, live chat, and telephone.

Paying For School

Financial Aid

Our Student Finance Office works with you from enrollment to graduation to ensure you understand your financial options and to help you plan the most efficient use of your resources. Together, we'll help you find the fastest, most affordable path to your degree.

Before enrolling at Purdue Global, we encourage you to explore all available financial options, including employer tuition benefits, military tuition assistance, and tuition reductions.

Financial aid is available to those who qualify. Financial aid awards vary depending on individual student eligibility and need.

Loans (Subject to Eligibility Requirements)

- Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan (undergraduate only)
- Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan
- Federal PLUS Loan and Graduate Federal PLUS Loan
- Alternative Loans

Other Agencies and Programs for Eligible Students

- Promise Jobs
- Veterans Administration Benefits
- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education
- Support (DANTES)

Employer Relationships

Purdue Global partners with a variety of organizations to provide educational benefits to their employees. Speak with your human resources department about your eligibility for benefits including:

- Tuition reduction on undergraduate and graduate programs
- Textbooks included for undergraduate programs
- Additional savings for Indiana resident employees

Giving You the Credit You Deserve

You've spent years working hard and building knowledge, and Purdue Global values your experiences. It's time to get credit for the life you've lived and all you've already learned. We offer several pathways to turn that experience into college credit¹:

- Transfer of eligible credits earned at an accredited institution
- College credit opportunities for work and life experiences
- Competency assessments to earn course credit
- Credit for eligible professional certifications
- **PME2Degree™** program that awards college credit for military training

To apply for credit, you must first submit official transcripts, course descriptions, and supporting documentation to the Office of the Registrar.

Visit Catalog.PurdueGlobal.edu for the Prior Learning policy.

Note: Unless by specific arrangement, graduate students are not eligible for experiential credit or credit by examination.

Uncompromising Support

Come Back With a Community by Your Side

You're not alone on your educational journey. From highly engaged faculty to technical assistance and career guidance, you'll have access to a variety of resources that help you achieve your most ambitious goals.

Personal Support

Student support staff work with you one on one to provide individualized guidance on:

- Degree planning
- Answers to questions about your program
- Motivation to stay on track to graduation
- Access to resources and academic tools
- Course selection and registration
- Helping you handle issues before they become problems

Tutoring Services and Academic Success Centers

Purdue Global offers rich academic support through a suite of tutoring services. Our Writing Center, Math Center, Technology Center, Science Center, and Business Center provide subject-specific assistance. Depending on the center, services can include:

- Live tutoring from faculty and professional tutors
- Subject support, including an essay review service
- Workshops covering a wide range of topics
- Podcasts, self-paced tutorials, and additional resources

Center for Career Advancement

Career Specialists help you leverage your education and professional experience to market yourself toward the roles you're after.³

The Center for Career Advancement offers:

- Career planning to ensure a personalized approach to pursuing your goals
- Résumé and cover letter reviews, mock interview assistance, and networking advice
- 24/7 access to the Center for Career Advancement portal on Purdue Global Campus, which includes job postings and career services tools
- An official competency report that lets you show employers your work-related skills and readiness to contribute on day one
- A mentoring program to help connect you with alumni in your field

Student Accessibility Services

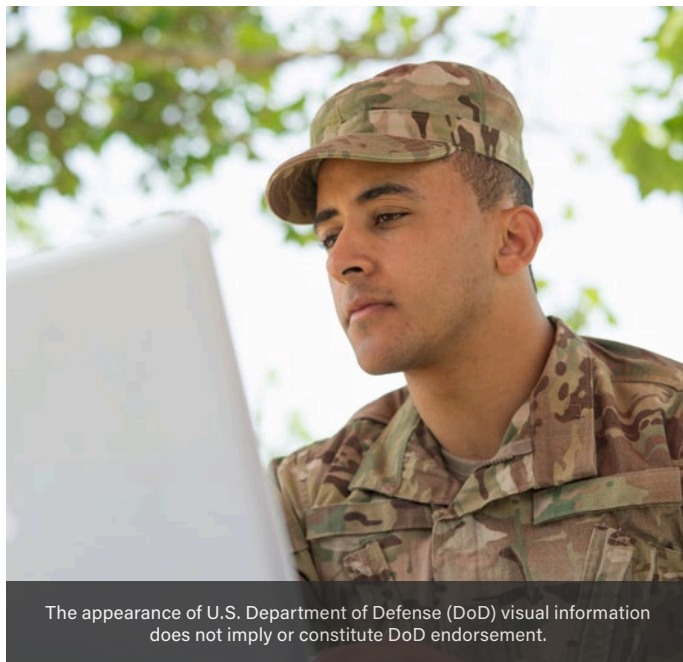
We're committed to making quality online education accessible to all. Students seeking reasonable and appropriate accommodations may request, through student support staff or directly to contact Student Accessibility Services.

Military Overview

Supporting Military Members, Veterans, and Their Spouses

If you or your spouse served in the U.S. Armed Forces, Purdue Global provides support to help you reach your educational and career goals — whether military or civilian.

- Reduced tuition for servicemembers, including National Guard and Reserve, spouses, and veterans
- College credit for DANTES/CLEP exams and eligible military occupations or training
- Specially trained staff within our Military Student Support Center who understand military culture, procedures, and complex military educational benefits
- Compliance with Executive Order 13607, establishing principles of excellence for educational institutions serving servicemembers, veterans, their spouses, and other family members
- Special deployment policies if you must drop a course or take a leave of absence due to a deployment or change of orders



About Purdue Global

Building on Purdue's mission to provide greater access to affordable, world-class education, Purdue University Global delivers a fully personalized online experience that's tailored to working adults. By opening the doors to adults who need flexibility to fit learning into their busy lives, we make it possible to earn a degree from a school within the respected Purdue University system — completely online.⁸

Purdue Global offers more than 175 online programs at the associate's, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels, with courses taught by highly respected faculty members who are experts in their fields.⁴ Our dedicated faculty and support teams are here every step of the way to help you achieve your goals, providing one-on-one mentoring, educational advising, and comprehensive career services to graduation and beyond.



If you have questions about admissions requirements or financial aid, or need help determining which program is right for you, contact an Advisor.



Call 844-PURDUE-G or visit PurdueGlobal.edu.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ

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

Degree plan information is current as of February 26, 2025, and is subject to change. For official course offerings, programs, and curriculum requirements, please refer to Catalog.PurdueGlobal.edu.

1. Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit from any of these sources. See the University Catalog for the Prior Learning policy. Graduate students are not eligible for experiential credit.
2. 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 policy.
3. Purdue Global does not guarantee employment placement or career advancement. Actual outcomes vary by geographic area, previous work experience and opportunities for employment.
4. Statistics include all Purdue Global faculty members and are not school- or program-specific calculations. Source: Purdue Global Office of Reporting and Analysis, July 2022. 2021–2022 academic year.
5. Students who inform Purdue Global they do not wish to pursue the program during the 3-week trial will not be charged. Students who choose to continue at Purdue Global will be billed for the full first term's tuition, including the 3-week trial, and will need to meet other specific requirements. Classes will be applied toward a degree if satisfactorily completed and students select to continue their studies at Purdue Global. 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. Graduate programs and BS in Professional Flight not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizen students. For further information, see the University Catalog.
6. Graduates are not authorized to practice law and will not be eligible to sit for any state's bar examination. Paralegals are not lawyers and cannot practice law or give legal advice. Purdue Global's legal studies programs were 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.
7. Estimated graduation date is based on the assumption that you will enroll in time to begin classes on the next upcoming start date, will remain enrolled for each consecutive term, and will maintain satisfactory academic standing in each term to progress toward completion of your program. Completion time is based on a full-time schedule. Programs will take longer for part-time students to complete.
To start a Graduate Program Pathway, students should consult with their Student Advisor to confirm eligibility. Not all Graduate Program Pathways are available on all tracks, and some may require students to meet academic standards to continue taking graduate courses in their bachelor's degree program. Visit the University Catalog for more information.
8. Some Purdue Global programs are not 100% online; some programs require you to gain hands-on experience in a real-world work environment. Contact an Admissions Advisor for additional information.



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