

# VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

## PARALEGAL STUDIES AND LEGAL STUDIES

### ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

#### 2006-2007 UCF ARTICULATED UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

<b>Title of Agreement</b>	: ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE (A.S.) DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN PARALEGAL STUDIES AND A BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.) OR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.) DEGREE IN LEGAL STUDIES
<b>Type of Agreement</b>	: ARTICULATED ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE AGREEMENT
<b>Major</b>	: LEGAL STUDIES
<b>College</b>	: HEALTH AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS
<b>School/Dept.</b>	: DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND LEGAL STUDIES
<b>Degree</b>	: BACHELOR OF ARTS OR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
<b>Options/Tracks</b>	: NONE
<b>Limited Access</b>	: NO

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### INTRODUCTION

Valencia Community College (VCC) in collaboration with the College of Health and Public Affairs at the University of Central Florida (UCF) has constructed an A.S. in Paralegal Studies to the B.A. or B.S. in Legal Studies. If the program of study described below is followed, it will be possible for students to enter the upper division in the College of Health and Public Affairs with a major in Legal Studies without additional prerequisite hours.

## PARALEGAL STUDIES

Students intending to major in Paralegal Studies should include lower division prerequisite courses within their A.S. These courses partially satisfy general education requirements at Valencia Community College.

After students have completed the following course protocol, they will be eligible for the A.S. with a major in Paralegal Studies at Valencia Community College. Students may continue to follow this protocol and obtain their Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies at the University of Central Florida.

### ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE WITH A MAJOR IN PARALEGAL STUDIES AT VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

#### YEAR ONE

##### FALL SEMESTER

<b>ENC 1101</b>	<b>Fresh. Comp. I.....</b>	<b>3</b>
PLA 2003	Intro to Para. Prac.& Ethics	.3
BUL 2241	Business Law I.....	3
PLA 1104	Legal Research/Theory I.....	3
<b>POS 2041</b>	<b>U.S. Government.....</b>	<b>3</b>
Total	.....	15

##### SPRING SEMESTER

<b>SPC 1600</b>	<b>Fundamentals Speech.....</b>	<b>3</b>
PLA 1611	Real Property I.....	3
<b>ENC 1102</b>	<b>Fresh. Comp. II.....</b>	<b>3</b>
PLA 2203	Civil Litigation I.....	3
<b>XXX xxxx</b>	<b>Sci/Math Gen Ed<sup>1</sup>.....</b>	<b>3</b>
PLA 2732	Legal Technology.....	3
Total	.....	18

#### YEAR TWO

##### FALL SEMESTER

PLA 2433	Business Organizations.....	3
PLA 1730	Computer Asstd Legal Rsch 1	
BUL 2242	Business Law II.....	3
ACG 2021	Prin Financial Accg.....	3
<b>PSY 1012</b>	<b>General Psychology.....</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>XXX xxxx</b>	<b>Humanities Gen Ed<sup>2</sup>.....</b>	<b>3</b>
Total	.....	16

##### SPRING SEMESTER

<b>Litigation Specialization</b>		
PLA 2223	Civil Litigation II.....	3
PLA 2465	Debtor-Creditor/Bankruptcy	.3
PLA 1114	Legal Research/Theory II.....	3
PLA 2192	Legal Research and Theory III	
	Capstone.....	3
PLA xxxx	Paralegal Studies Elective.....	3
Total	.....	15

##### **Transactional Specialization**

PLA 2612	Real Property II.....	3
PLA 2601	Wills, Trust, & Est Admin I...	3
PLA 1114	Legal Research/Theory II.....	3
PLA 2192	Legal Research/Theory III....	3
PLA xxxx	Paralegal Studies Elective.....	3
Total	.....	15

**Total Hours Required .....64**

Paralegal Studies Electives: these courses may be used as the Paralegal Studies Electives, if not required by the Specialization:

PLA 2465 Debtor-Creditor Bankruptcy  
PLA 2223 Civil Litigation II  
PLA 2601 Wills, Trusts, Estate Administration I  
PLA 2602 Wills, Trusts, Estate Administration II  
PLA 2612 Real Property II  
PLA 2800 Family Law  
PLA 2942 Internship in Paralegal Studies  
CJL 2100 Criminal Law  
CJL 2102 Criminal Evidence and Procedures

*NOTE: Specialized program courses are offered on the East Campus.*

<sup>1</sup>Students should select **one** of the following courses:

MGF 1106, MAC 1105, MAC 1114, MAC 2233, MAC 2311, MAC 2312, **OR** MAC 2313;  
**OR** AST 1002, PSC 2121, PHY 1053C, CHM 1020, BSC 1005, BSC 1050, **OR** GLY 1001.

<sup>2</sup>Students should select **one** of the following courses: HUM 2220, HUM 2223, HUM 2232,  
HUM 2234, ARH 2050, ARH 2051, PHI 2010, LIT 2110, LIT 2120, MUL 1010, REL 2000,  
**OR** THE 1020.

**BACHELOR OF ARTS OR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN LEGAL STUDIES  
UPPER DIVISION PROGRAM  
AT UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA**

**REQUIRED COURSES** **(21 hours)**

PLA	3013	Law and the Legal System.....	3
PLA	3104	Legal Research*.....	3
PLA	3155	Legal Writing*.....	3
PLA	3201	Civil Practice and Procedure.....	3
PLA	3610	Property and Real Estate Law.....	3
PLA	4700	Professional Ethics Liability.....	3
PLA	4935	Capstone: Legal Issues*.....	3

*Note: Courses marked with asterisk (\*) must be completed with a “C” or better.*

**UPPER DIVISION RESTRICTED ELECTIVES** **(21 hours)**

Twenty-one (21) additional hours of legal studies course work. Courses must be selected in consultation with an advisor. *Note: the following electives must be completed with a minimum grade of “C” (2.0): PLA 4020, PLA 4240, PLA 4910. NOTE: Students may not satisfy this requirement with lower division PLA courses.*

**SUPPORTING COURSES** **(9-15 hours)**

Students pursuing the B.A. must complete nine (9) semester hours of supporting course work at the upper level. Students pursuing the B.S. must complete fifteen (15) semester hours of supporting course work at the upper level. Courses may be selected from any department or program, as long as they are relevant to legal studies and are approved by an advisor; the department maintains an approved list of “Legal Studies Supporting Courses.” *Students may satisfy no more than nine (9) hours of this requirement with lower division PLA course substitutions selected in consultation with the student’s advisor.*

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS** **(15 hours)**

If General Education Program requirements are not completed at Valencia Community College, students must meet the current UCF requirements for general education.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Students must earn at least a 2.0 GPA in PLA coursework AND at least a 2.0 UCF GPA.

Forty-eight (48) hours of upper division course work is to be completed at UCF. Students are required to have a minimum of 120 semester credit hours to graduate from UCF. **Lower division courses may not substitute for upper division requirements.** Students must take a minimum of thirty-three (33) hours of PLA courses at UCF.

Students must earn thirty (30) of the last thirty-six (36) semester hours in regular courses at UCF.

Students must complete the General Education Program, the Gordon Rule, and the CLAST requirements.

Grades of “D” do not transfer into the major, nor do they count to meet Gordon Rule requirements.

## **AGREEMENT PROVISIONS**

### **Admission to UCF**

Students who have followed the program of study and completed their Associate in Science at Valencia Community College as described herein and maintained a 2.0 GPA (not counting grade forgiveness) in transfer work will be accepted to the UCF College of Health and Public Affairs.

### **Foreign Language Admission Requirement**

Students who have not completed two units of the same foreign language or American Sign Language in high school may complete a minimum of eight semester hours of college level foreign language or demonstrate proficiency. Students admitted to UCF without completing this requirement must satisfy it prior to graduation from the university.

### **Foreign Language Graduation Requirement**

Students pursuing the B.A. must demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language equivalent to one year at college level.

### **College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST)**

Transfer students with more than 55 credit hours who have not taken the CLAST or met the requirement may be admitted, but must complete the CLAST requirement during their first term at UCF. Students who have not passed all four parts of the CLAST may enroll for an additional 36 hours of upper division credit. However, any future enrollments beyond the initial 36 hours will be restricted until the CLAST requirement has been met.

### **Immunization**

Students who matriculate at a state university are required to provide proof of immunization against Rubeola (measles) and Rubella (German measles) prior to enrollment.

### **Updates**

This agreement is subject to change by legislative action, the Department of Education, the Board of Education, the State Board of Community Colleges, University of Central Florida, Valencia Community College, or external accrediting agencies. This agreement will be reviewed by both parties on a yearly basis to ensure the timeliness of this document.

### **Resources**

Resources for implementation of the Agreement may come from either party, depending upon budgetary availability. No party hereto is obligated hereby to expend any resources whatsoever in connection with this Agreement. No implementation of any portion of the Agreement, nor commencement of any specific projects, may be initiated prior to the written assurance of such budgetary availability to the other party hereto. To the extent any external funding is required by the university in order to implement this Agreement and funding for such purposes is not appropriated to the university by the Legislature of the State of Florida or is not otherwise available to the university, the university shall thenceforth have no further financial obligations hereunder. In the

event the university does not have sufficient legislative appropriations to carry out any obligations under this Agreement, it shall immediately notify Valencia Community College of such fact and of such portions of this Agreement that may be deemed terminated as a result of such failure of appropriations.

### **AGREEMENT TERMS**

A. This Agreement shall take effect on April 1, 2006 and shall terminate on March 31, 2007. It may be automatically renewed for additional one (1) year periods unless either party provides the other notice no later than sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the preceding term that it wishes to terminate this Agreement. If either party fails to follow the terms and conditions of the Agreement as set forth herein, the other party has the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice to the other.

B. Notices with respect to rights and obligations of each party hereto shall be provided as follows:

University of Central Florida:

Dr. Mark Allen Poisel, Associate Vice President, Academic Development & Retention

Ms. DeLaine Priest, Assistant Vice President, Student Success Services

Dr. Maribeth Ehasz, Vice President, Student Development and Enrollment Services

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C. Modifications, additions, or deletions from this Agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties. The designated representatives for the university and college are listed under "Approvals."