

# Paralegal Degree/Certificate General Education Requirements

1. 18 Units of American Bar Association Approved General Education Courses.

The following requirements apply to general education.

1. A general education course is an academic college-level course designed to give students a broadly based liberal arts education. This definition of general education may differ from the definition adopted by a particular institution or a particular accrediting agency. For purposes of these Guidelines:

- a. A general education course ordinarily provides the students with critical reasoning and writing skills.
- b. Such courses are usually in the areas of social and behavioral science, English composition and literature, foreign language, mathematics, humanities, natural science, and the fine arts.
- c. Courses specifically designed to develop professional, vocational, and technical skills or that are remedial in nature are not classified as general education.
- d. Examples of courses that are not classified as general education include, but are not limited to, physical education, performing arts, accounting, computers, technical writing, business mathematics, business English, keyboarding, and business law.
- e. Degree candidates must satisfy the general education requirements under either plan A,B or C as set forth in the College Catalog. These units may be used to satisfy section 2 below.

2. Both degree candidates and certificate candidates must satisfy the ABA 18 units of general education requirement. Within the requirement for 18 semester credits or the equivalent of general education course work, students must take courses in at least three disciplines, such as social sciences, natural sciences, mathematics, humanities, foreign language, and English.

Course	Discipline	Units