



# Pre-Law & Paralegal Studies Minor

**Prepare for a paralegal or law school career in 21 hours. Students in any major can earn this minor.**

A seven-course, 21-hour focus on pre-law study for any student pursuing any degree at NSULA.

and writing skills. The courses are designed to develop essential skills that will help you feel ready for law school, from reading and briefing cases, to conducting legal research using today's technologies.

## QUESTIONS?

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## About the Minor

Students will graduate with a Bachelor's degree in their chosen major and a minor in Pre-Law and Paralegal Studies (PLPS). All courses are taught by licensed attorneys and cover both Louisiana's unique civilian law, based on the Spanish and French civil codes, and the common-law of the other states.

To add this concentration, contact the Registrar's office. A sophomore level is required. PLPS 3010, Introduction to the Law, is highly recommended as a first course or concurrent course! Please contact the coordinator, Dr. Riall, before registering!

## Start a Paralegal Career

Paralegals are highly-skilled and trained assistants to lawyers—a lawyer's "other brain." Alongside and under the supervision of lawyers, paralegals conduct legal research and writings, draft documents, assist in trial preparation, interview clients and witnesses, and may manage law offices. Although they are not licensed to practice law and cannot appear in court or give legal advice, paralegals do much of the work that lawyers do and can save clients and firms money. PLPS graduates have legal research and writing skills and knowledge of substantive law. Through the course of the program, you will develop a rich portfolio that demonstrates for employers your ability to immediately go to work in the field.

## Or Get Ready for Law School

Law school presents unique challenges and pressures. In the PLPS courses, students learn substantive common law as well as legal research

## Internet or In-Person... Options for You

This minor can be earned online, in-person, or both. No campus visits are required—you can enroll and take classes over the Internet. NSU accepts transfer credits and is designated as a Military-Friendly University. Out-of-state students who are Internet-only pay the in-state tuition rate!

## Concentration Requirements

- PLPS 3010 (Introduction to the Law)
- PLPS 4020 and 4090 (Legal Research and Writing I and II)
- 12 additional hours of PLPS subject-area classes. Offerings vary but include Family Relations Law, Law Office Management, Wills and Estates, Litigation, Corporations, Contract Law, Torts/Personal Injury Law, and American Indians and the Law.
- A minimum of four classes are offered fall and spring semesters, meaning you can complete in one year with sufficient planning.

## Special Programs for Law Enforcement Officers, Public Safety Personnel, and Tribal Citizens

NSU offers a nine-hour undergraduate fee exemption for commissioned full-time law enforcement and public safety officers, including firefighters and EMS personnel. NSU also offers a tuition waiver for qualified citizens of federally recognized American Indian nations throughout the U.S.