

PARALEGAL ARTICULATION AGREEMENT GUIDE

Oakland Community College – AAS in Paralegal
Eastern Michigan University – BS in Paralegal

Oakland Community College Courses:

Eastern Michigan University Courses:

Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) Requirements (30 credits)

Students with the MTA endorsement on their community college transcript have satisfied EMU's General Education Core Requirements and will be required to complete only the General Education Application Requirements of one Perspectives on a Diverse World course, one Learning Beyond the Classroom experience, and a writing intensive course in the major. The writing intensive course for an EMU Paralegal major is LEGL 304W, Legal Writing, Research, and Analysis. Courses listed below for the MTA also satisfy program requirements at EMU and/or OCC. For OCC approved MTA courses go to the community college's website. Students without an MTA or MACRAO endorsement must complete EMU's general education program.

1. A course in English Composition

ENG 1510 Composition I3	WRTG 120 Composition I 3
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2. A course in English Composition or Communication

Choose one of the following: COM 1290 or COM 16003	COMM 227 Interpersonal or COMM 124 Fundamentals..... 3
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3. A course in Mathematics

Choose one from the approved MTA list4	General Transfer Credit..... 4
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4. Two courses in Natural Sciences from different disciplines (one lab required)

Choose two from the approved MTA list.....7-8	General Transfer Credit..... 7-8
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5. Two courses in Humanities and Fine Arts from different disciplines

Choose two from the approved MTA list.....6	General Transfer Credit..... 6
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6. Two courses in Social Sciences from different disciplines

* Choose first course of a sequence (SOC or ECO)3	First course in foundational sequence (SOCL or ECON)..... 3
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SOC 2510 Sociology or ECO 2610 Economics I	SOCL 105 Intro Sociology or ECON 201 Prin Macrocon
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Choose one from the approved MTA list3	General Transfer Credit..... 3
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If needed, complete additional credits in any of the above categories to meet the 30 credit minimum for the MTA.

EMU's Perspectives on a Diverse World requirement: Complete one course from the following list:

These courses also satisfy an MTA area: **Communication:** COM 2290; **Natural Science:** BIO 1500; **Humanities:** ENG 1610, 2540, 2570; HIS 1520; MUS 1585; **Social Sciences:** ANT 1540; GEO 1520; HIS 1520, 1550, 2620; POL 2530, 2610; SOC 2620

These courses apply, but do not satisfy the MTA: BUS 2150; PSY 2730; SOC 2530, 2560

OCC Paralegal Program Requirements (41 credits)

* CIS 1050 Personal Computer Productivity Tools.....4	BMMT 201 Microcomputers for Business Application..... 4
PLG 2100 Legal Research3	LEGL 000 General Transfer Credit..... 3
PLG 2110 Litigation4	LEGL 000 General Transfer Credit..... 4
PLG 2120 Legal Writing4	LEGL 000 General Transfer Credit..... 4
* PLG 2130 Substantive Law (4) and	
* PLG 2160 Legal Ethics (2) B-, 2.7 or higher in both courses)....6	LEGL 000 sub for LEGL 211 (3)+3 6
PLG 2140 Trial Preparation.....3	LEGL 000 General Transfer Credit..... 3
* PLG 2611 Legal Technology.....3	LEGL 212 Law Office Administration and Technology 3
* PLG 2612 eDiscovery3	LEGL 396 Electronically Stored Information & eDiscovery..... 3
* BUS 2030 Business Law I3	LAW 293 Legal Env of Business (Group II Elective) 3
Complete one from: PLG 2601- 2609 or PLG 2613-26152	LEGL 000 General Transfer Credit..... 2
BUS 2040 Business Law II3	LAW 000 General Transfer Credit..... 3
** ENG 1520 Composition II3	WRTG 121 Composition II (need "B" or higher) 3

EMU Requirements and Electives that may be Taken at OCC or EMU (13 credits)

* Choose second course of a sequence (SOC or ECO)3	Second course in foundational sequence (SOCL or ECON)..... 3
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SOC 2520 Analy. Socl Prob or ECO 2620 Economics II	SOCL 202 Socl Problems or ECON 202 Prin Microcon
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* ACC 1810 Principles of Financial Accounting4	ACC 240 Principles of Financial Accounting (3)+1 4
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¹ SOC 2610 Introduction to Criminology3	CRM 301 Criminology..... 3
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¹ CRJ 1220 Criminal Evidence and Procedure.....3	CRM 460 Criminal Law II..... 3
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Credits at OCC:84	Credits that transfer to EMU 84
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* Required for EMU's BS in Paralegal program. If not transferred, must be completed at EMU.

** Required for admission to the Paralegal program.

¹ Students may choose from these courses to transfer from EMU, or from a selection at EMU. Contact EMU for any questions.

Sign up with us: If you let us know you are using this articulation agreement we can stay in touch with you and provide information and advising to you while you are still at your community college.

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Completion of the BS in Paralegal

Admission to the Paralegal Program

Students who wish to pursue this major must apply for admission to the program.

Applications for a winter term are due by Dec. 1 of the preceding fall term. Applications for a fall term are due by April 1 of the preceding winter term.

- Completion of WRTG 121 (ENG 1520) with a grade of "B" or higher.
- Completion of LEGL 211 - Introduction to the Legal System with a grade of "B-" or higher (or in PLG 2130 and 2160).
- Completion of LEGL 304W - Legal Writing, Research and Analysis I with a grade of "C+" or higher.
- A cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Students satisfying these criteria are eligible to apply for admission to the program, but admission is not guaranteed.

Visit the [Paralegal program at EMU](#) for more information on applying, program policies, and course schedule information.

Restricted Electives (9 credits)

Group 1 – Paralegal Electives. Choose 3 courses (9 credits)

LEGL 300	Marijuana Law
LEGL 315	Land Transaction and Real Estate
LEGL 318	Women and the Law
LEGL 320	Cyber Law and Compliance
LEGL 379	Special Topics
LEGL 415	Bankruptcy Law
LEGL 416L4	Paralegal Capstone
LEGL 479	Special Topics

Credits at EMU:	42
Transfer Credits:	84
Total Credits:	126

Major Requirements (42 credits)

Required Courses (27 credits)

LEGL 304W	Legal Writing, Research, & Analysis	3
LEGL 305	Adv Legal Writing, Research, & Analysis II	3
LEGL 311	Probate, Estates, & Wills	3
LEGL 313	Family Law	3
LEGL 400	Adv Legal Writing, Research, & Analysis III	3
LEGL 404	Transactional Law	3
LEGL 405	Civil Litigation and Processes I	3
LEGL 406	Civil Litigation and Processes II	3
LEGL 488L4	Legal Internship (see note)	3

Business & Information Processing Courses (6 credits)

BMMT 213	Advanced Spreadsheet Applications	3
BMMT 496	Advanced Database Management	3

Note: This agreement is intended for OCC students pursuing their first bachelor degree at EMU. Prospective post bachelor degree students for Paralegal at EMU should contact EMU before enrolling for courses at OCC to see which courses from their first degree may apply to the program at EMU.

Note: LEGL 488L4 is a 150-hour internship that must be completed at EMU Legal Resource Center.

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Additional Information:

1. Each institution will determine the satisfaction of their individual program and degree requirements. Both institutions agree to accept transferable courses from each other and from other regionally accredited institutions. OCC courses indicated with an * are required for EMU's BS in Paralegal. Substitutions for these courses must be approved by the EMU program coordinator.
2. Students with the MTA endorsement on their community college transcript have satisfied EMU's General Education Core Requirements and will be required to complete only the General Education Application Requirements of one "Perspectives on a Diverse World" course, one "Learning Beyond the Classroom" experience, and a "Writing Intensive" course in the major. The Perspectives on a Diverse World requirement may be transferred to EMU.
To use the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA), students must have an official community college transcript, with the "MTA Satisfied" endorsement sent to EMU's Admissions Office. Students who do not have "MTA Satisfied" on their community college transcript, will be required to satisfy EMU's general education requirements as applied to transfer students. The MTA may be completed after admission to EMU, however, students should inform their advisors or they may be advised to complete additional courses for the general education program. If already on the transcript, the MACRAO designation will be accepted at EMU after August 2019.
3. Only courses with a grade of "C" or better (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) will be accepted for transfer to either institution.
4. Under this agreement, EMU will waive the 60-hour rule and require that a minimum of 30 credit hours must be completed in EMU courses, with at least 15 hours in the program at the 300-level or above. Of the last 30 hours completed before graduating, a minimum of 10 credit hours must be in courses offered by EMU. A minimum of 124 credit hours, completed in-residence or accepted in transfer, is required for graduation.
5. Students must satisfy all admission requirements at the time of application for admission to EMU, including submitting transcripts from all previously attended colleges. OCC students will receive equal consideration with other students for course registration and financial aid.
6. Students may be admitted to the program in the fall or winter terms. Applications for a winter term are due by Dec. 1 of the preceding fall term. Applications for a fall term are due by April 1 of the preceding winter term.
7. Program admission criteria are:
 - Completion of WRTG 121 with a grade of "B" or higher.
 - Completion of LEGL 211 - Introduction to the Legal System with a grade of "B-" or higher.
 - Completion of LEGL 304W - Legal Writing, Research and Analysis I with a grade of "C+" or higher.
 - A cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
8. Students are encouraged to contact EMU's GameAbove College of Engineering and Technology Student Services before applying to EMU. To facilitate advising and the evaluation of transcripts, [sign up for this articulation agreement](#) and bring a copy of this articulation guide to all advising sessions.

Effective Date: January 1, 2022 until August 31, 2024.

This is a renewal of an agreement made in August 2004 and renewed in 2007, 2010, 2014, and January 2018. This agreement is consistent with the 2021-2022 catalog. Students have until summer 2029 to graduate from Eastern Michigan University following this agreement. In the event that a student does not complete the program within seven years, they may be required to have their credits reevaluated using the requirements of the current articulation guide.

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