

LAW AND LEGAL STUDIES, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE



Support Justice. Shape Cases.

Our Law and Legal Studies, Associate of Applied Science program provides students with practical skills to perform legal work under attorney supervision. The curriculum covers legal research, document drafting, investigation, and litigation support while emphasizing ethical standards and technological tools. Fully approved by the American Bar Association, graduates are prepared for roles in law firms, corporate legal departments, government agencies, and other legal settings.

Career Opportunities and Income

Visit [sanjac.edu](https://www.sanjac.edu/programs/areas-of-study/business/paralegal/) (<https://www.sanjac.edu/programs/areas-of-study/business/paralegal/>) for information regarding career opportunities and potential earnings in the Greater Houston region.

Learning & Career Pathway

The Law and Legal Studies, Associate of Applied Science is intended to provide students with all skills needed to enter the workforce. At this time, this award is what employers value and hire for job entry, so the College does not currently have other certificates or degrees related to this learning pathway.

Learning Outcomes and Career Skills

A student completing this award will be able to:

- Deploy legal terminology in the creation of documents and presentations.
- Analyze sources of law, including both primary and secondary sources.
- Research sources of law.
- Use and apply the rules of civil and criminal procedure.
- Distinguish the roles and ethical obligations of paralegals and attorneys.
- Compose correspondence and legal documents.
- Conduct client and witness interviews and factual investigations in a professional manner.

- Use common law office technology, including ProDoc, Westlaw, and e-filing.

Program Accreditation

The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Law and Legal Studies program is approved by the American Bar Association:

American Bar Association
321 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60654
Phone: 800-285-2221
Email: Service@americanbar.org

External Learning Experiences

This program includes external learning experiences outside of the classroom, e.g., an internship, externship, clinical, practicum, or cooperative learning experience. Those experiences are typically on-site at a business or organization.

All students participating in external learning experiences are required to comply with the immunization requirements and policies of the external learning sites. Some learning sites outside the College have their own vaccination requirements. These rules come from those facilities and are not mandated by the College. Failure to meet those immunization requirements may limit a student's ability to complete the program and/or may delay the student's graduation date. San Jacinto College does not process exemptions, and students should address potential vaccination exemptions directly with the external learning site.

Locations

- North (<https://www.sanjac.edu/about/locations/north/>)