

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses and milestones designated as critical (in boldface and shaded areas) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Upper Div.	Min. Grade	Major GPA	Important Notes
<b>Semester One: [14-15 Credit Hours]</b>					
<b>PLST 18000 Introduction to Paralegal Studies</b>	<b>3</b>			■	
US 10097 Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1				Not required for transfer students with 25 credits
Foreign Language (Elementary I)	4-5				Fulfills College General Requirement; see foreign language note on page 3
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
<b>Semester Two: [16-17 Credit Hours]</b>					
<b>PLST 28004 Principles and Practice of Litigation</b>	<b>3</b>			■	
Foreign Language (Elementary II)	4-5				Fulfills College General Requirement; see foreign language note on page 3
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Kent Core Requirement	3				
<b>Semester Three: [15 Credit Hours]</b>					
<b>PLST 28001 Legal Research and Writing</b>	<b>3</b>			■	<b>Offered in fall and summer only</b>
<b>Legal Specialty Electives</b>	<b>6</b>			■	<b>See note 1 on page 2</b>
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Foreign Language Requirement	3				Fulfills College General Requirement; see foreign language note on page 3
<b>Semester Four: [15-17 Credit Hours]</b>					
<b>PLST 38006 Applied Legal Research and Litigation</b>	<b>3</b>	■	C	■	<b>Fulfills writing-intensive course requirement; offered in spring only</b>
<b>Legal Specialty Elective</b>	<b>3</b>			■	<b>See note 1 on page 2</b>
Foreign Language Requirement	3-5				Fulfills College General Requirement; see foreign language note on page 3
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
<b>Semester Five: [15 Credit Hours]</b>					
<b>Legal Specialty Elective</b>	<b>3</b>	■		■	<b>See note 1 on page 2</b>
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Legal Topics Elective	3			■	
<b>Semester Six: [15 Credit Hours]</b>					
<b>Legal Specialty Electives</b>	<b>6</b>	■		■	<b>See note 1 on page 2</b>
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
College General Requirement	3				Must be from Kent Core Basic Sciences; see note 4 on page 2
Legal Topics Elective	3	■		■	See note 2 on page 2
<b>Semester Seven: [15 Credit Hours]</b>					
<b>PLST 36792 Internship in Paralegal</b>	<b>3</b>	■		■	<b>See note 3 on page 2; fulfills experiential learning requirement</b>
College General Requirement	3				Must be from Kent Core Social Sciences; see note 5 on page 2
Legal Topics Elective	3	■		■	See note 2 on page 2
General Electives (upper division)	6	■			See note 3 on page 2



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<b>Semester Eight: [16 Credit Hours]</b>					
PLST 36792 Internship in Paralegal	3	■		■	See note 3 below
Legal Topics Elective	3	■		■	See note 2 below
General Electives (upper division)	10	■			See note 3 below; number of credits required depends on meeting minimum 121 credit hours and minimum 42 upper-division credit hours

### Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Upper-Division Hours	Minimum Kent Core Hours	Global / Domestic Diversity Course	Writing-Intensive	Experiential Learning	Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
121	42	36	Kent Core or General Electives / Kent Core, General Elective, POL 31035 or POL 40183	PLST 38006	PLST 36792	2.000	2.000

### Kent Core Summary

Kent Core Categories	Important Notes	Remaining Credit Hours
<b>Composition (6-8 credit hours)</b> <i>ENG 11002, 11011, 21011; HONR 10197, 10297</i>	Enrollment based on placement test	6-8
<b>Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (3-5 credit hours)</b>	Enrollment based on placement test	3-5
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts (9 credit hours)</b> <i>Minimum one course from humanities in Arts and Sciences and minimum one course from fine arts</i>	May fulfill diversity requirement	9
<b>Social Sciences (6 credit hours)</b> <i>Must be selected from two curricular areas</i>	May fulfill diversity requirement	6
<b>Basic Sciences (6-7 credit hours)</b> <i>Must include one laboratory</i>		6-7
<b>Additional (6 credit hours)</b> <i>Must be selected from two Kent Core categories</i>	May fulfill diversity requirement	6

**Note 1: Legal specialty electives (18 credit hours), choose from the following:**

PLST 28003 Family Law and Procedure	3	PLST 38004 Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility	3
PLST 28007 Estate and Probate Administration	3	PLST 38005 Tort Law	3
PLST 38002 Contract Law	3	PLST 48300 Law of Corporations and Other Associations	3
PLST 38003 Administrative Law and Process	3	PLST 48400 Intellectual Property Law	3

**Note 2: Legal topics electives (12 credit hours), choose from the following:**

ACCT 33000 Fundamental Tax Procedures	3	PHIL 41025 Philosophy of Law	3
FIN 26074 Legal Environment of Business	3	PLST 47111 Civil Law and Procedure	3
JUS 33200 Criminal Law	3	POL 30130 Courts	3
JUS 34200 Criminal Procedures and Evidence	3	POL 30301 Introduction to Public Administration	3
JUS 38007 Human Service Agencies and the Law	3	POL 40182 Constitutional Law: Government Powers	3
JUS 47211 Court Functions	3	POL 40183 Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties *	3
PHIL 31035 Philosophy and Justice *	3		

\* Course fulfills domestic diversity requirement

**Note 3:** Although required minimum hours for internship is 6 credits, it is recommended that students enroll in a more substantial internship of 9-12 credit hours. These hours are to be taken near the end of completion of the program and can be taken over several semesters or as one semester. General elective hours can be used for internship hours.

**Note 4:** One additional course taken from the Kent Core Basic Science courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Biological Sciences (BSCI), Chemistry (CHEM), Geography (GEOG), Geology (GEOL) or Physics (PHY). Students may take the courses listed in the "introductory" sequences with the restrictions noted above in the Kent Core Basic Science section. The course may not be from the student's major.

**Note 5:** One additional course taken from the Kent Core Social Sciences courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Applied Conflict Management (CACM), Geography (GEOG), Criminology and Justice Studies (JUS), Political Science (POL), Psychology (PSYC) or Sociology (SOC). The course may not be from the student's major.

**Note:** All courses taken from the list of major program requirements are used in the calculation of the major GPA.



**Foreign Language Note:** Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must have the equivalent of Elementary I and II in any language, plus one of the following options:

- a. Intermediate I and II of the same language
- b. Elementary I and II of a second language
- c. Any combination of two courses from the following list:
  - Intermediate I of the same language
  - MCLS 10001 Introduction to Structural Concepts for Language Students
  - MCLS 20000 Global Literacy and Cultural Awareness
  - MCLS 20091 Seminar: Global Literacy Case Studies

All students with prior foreign language experience should take the foreign language placement test to determine the appropriate level at which to start. Some students may begin their university foreign language experience beyond the Elementary I level and will complete the requirement with fewer credit hours and fewer courses. This may be accomplished by: (1) passing a course beyond the Elementary I through Intermediate II level or (2) receiving credit through Credit by Exam (CBE), the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), the Advanced Placement (AP) exam or credit through the International Baccalaureate (IB) program; or (3) being designated a "native speaker" of a non-English language (consult with the College of Arts and Sciences Advising Office for additional information). When students complete the requirement with fewer than 14 credit hours and four courses, they will complete the remaining hours with general electives.

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#### **Kent Core**

Students must complete a minimum 36 credit hours of the Kent Core. Certain courses required in programs and in student's major field may also fulfill the Kent Core. Honors equivalents shall satisfy the Kent Core. None of the courses on the Kent Core list may be taken with a pass/fail grade. Visit [www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core](http://www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core) for course list.

#### **Diversity Course Requirement**

Students must complete a two-course diversity requirement, consisting of one with a domestic (U.S.) focus and one with a global focus. One course must come from the Kent Core. The second course may be taken as a second Kent Core, within a major or minor, or as a general elective; or, with dean's approval, by completing one semester of study in another country. Visit [www.kent.edu/catalog/diversity](http://www.kent.edu/catalog/diversity) for course list.

#### **Writing-Intensive Course Requirement**

Students must complete a one-course writing-intensive requirement in their major and earn minimum C (2.000) grade. Visit [www.kent.edu/catalog/wic](http://www.kent.edu/catalog/wic) for course list.

#### **Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)**

To provide students with direct engagement in learning experiences that promote academic relevance, meaning and an understanding of real-world issues, students must complete this requirement at Kent State, either as a for-credit course or as a non-credit, non-course experience approved by the appropriate faculty member. Visit [www.kent.edu/catalog/elr](http://www.kent.edu/catalog/elr) for course list.

#### **Upper-Division Requirement**

Students must complete a minimum 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours of coursework. Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences require a minimum of 42 hours of upper-division coursework.

#### **Foreign Language**

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