Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
One Degree. Many Career Opportunities.

Kaplan University’s legal studies program is designed to provide you with a solid foundational knowledge to help you advance to law school or graduate school, or to pursue a variety of careers in the legal field, government, and the corporate world. Our broad range of courses allows you to customize your education to a particular legal focus. And because our program focuses on practical skills and incorporates professional experience, you can take what you learn in the classroom and apply it—immediately—to your career.

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences offers a wide breadth of academic programs designed to develop professionals, leaders, and change agents in fields that make a difference in response to human and societal causes, issues, and needs. As one of the largest providers of online legal studies programs in the United States, Kaplan University has helped over 6,500 legal studies graduates achieve their educational goals since 2001. This means that when you earn your degree from Kaplan University, you join one of the most active and diverse alumni communities in the legal field.

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The Legal Field Is Projected to Grow. Become Part of That Growth.

As businesses create in-house legal departments and litigation continues to rise, certain segments of the legal field are projected to expand. Opportunities for legal assistants within law firms are also projected to expand as firms try to increase the efficiency of legal services and lower their expenses. However, while opportunities are expected to rise, the legal field remains a competitive one.

A Legal Studies Degree Is Not Just for the Legal Field.

A Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies could prepare you for administrative positions not only in law offices, but also in corporations or the government. Regardless of the industry, many of these positions require a broad range of legal knowledge—knowledge that you could gain at Kaplan University.

Graduates of the bachelor’s degree program may pursue work in the following environments:

- Local, state, and federal government agencies
- Corporate law departments and private law offices
- Banks at the local, state, and national level
- Health or life insurance companies
- Real estate firms

Careers you could attain with this degree include:

- Arbitrator
- Mediator
- Title examiner
- Legislative assistant
- Political office holder
- Corporate executive
- Abstractor
- Claims examiner
- Compliance and enforcement inspector
- Occupational and safety health worker
- Jury consultant

NOTE: Students could become paralegals as an outcome of this degree; however, the program is not designed to teach a full paralegal skill set.

Possible Day-to-Day Activities Could Include:

- Analyze evidence and apply relevant laws, regulations, policies, and precedents in order to reach conclusions
- Prepare written opinions and decisions regarding cases
- Direct activities of employees who search records and examine titles, including assigning, scheduling, and evaluating work as well as providing technical guidance
- Research case law and help the legal team with case preparation
- Deliver or direct delivery of subpoenas to witnesses and parties to action
The Path to Success Could Start With the Right Legal Education.

Kaplan University’s legal studies program offers a solid foundation in legal theory and practice, introducing you to various fields of law and a range of topics covered in depth at law school. The program focuses on the interrelationships of law and society, legal philosophy and societal institutions, and jurisprudence and legal history. Because we regularly evaluate and update our curriculum, your courses are based on current knowledge, research, and case studies in the field. In addition, we build professional experience directly into the curriculum via research projects or an internship in a professional setting, allowing you to gain hands-on experience—and build your resume—while earning college credit.

Offered courses include:
- Constitutional law
- Legal philosophy
- Law and society
- Introduction to legal technology
- Introduction to legal research
- Legal ethics

This program focuses on:
- Theory and Principles: Define the basic theories, elements, and principles of law such as justice, natural law, civil rights, and the social contract between a citizen and the government.
- Research: Find relevant primary and secondary legal sources in electronic and print media and apply them to specific fact scenarios using prescribed analysis and argument.
- Investigation: Apply investigative techniques to support the development of a legal argument.
- Communication: Produce communications using theoretical and practical concepts from specialized areas of law.
- Critical Thinking: Evaluate the role of legal theory and practice in the practice of societal institutions.
- Real-World Applications: Apply legal principles and research data to the analysis of social, political, and economic issues.
- Practical Skills: Develop skills in legal research and legal writing.

Program Detail

Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies
> Credit Hours: 180

Accelerated Master’s Degree Option

Interested in continuing on to pursue a graduate degree? Our flexible degree pathways allow you to work toward any of the following Kaplan University master’s degrees while you earn your bachelor’s degree:
- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Science in Environmental Policy
- Master of Science in Human Services
- Master of Science in Legal Studies
- Master of Science in Psychology

Complete both your bachelor’s degree and master’s degree in less time and at a lower cost than completing both programs separately. Speak to an Education Advisor for more details upon enrollment in this bachelor’s degree program.

Here Is What One Student Had to Say

Rosa Ruiz
> Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies Graduate

“I decided one day to go back to school and get my bachelor’s degree, so this way I was able to further my career and open my own business....I chose Kaplan because it’s a very well-respected school...Kaplan gave life experience credits. I was able to finish my bachelor’s degree in three years instead of four.”

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Kaplan University wants you to make an educated decision about your education. As a new student, the Kaplan Commitment® gives you a chance to experience real classes before deciding if you will stay and pursue your studies. If you withdraw during the introductory period, you will have no financial obligation beyond the application fee.

Why Kaplan University?
Our programs are designed to offer you the freedom to grow and pursue your goals. We offer:

• Online classes that allow you to study virtually anytime, anywhere you have an Internet connection.
• Personal advisors to help you select the courses to meet your goals.
• Reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, including Guard and Reserve, and veterans.
• Scholarships for eligible Kaplan University students.
• A portfolio development course that could help translate your work and life experiences into college credit.

Other Programs
In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:

• Master of Science in Legal Studies
• Executive Juris Doctor®, Concord Law School
• Juris Doctor, Concord Law School

A Note From Dean Sander
“The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences degree programs are created to meet the unique needs of students. Whether students are interested in the flexibility of creating their own degree plan, applying previously earned college credit to earn their degree faster, or starting a degree from the beginning, the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences focuses on the needs of adult students in pursuing their educational, career, and personal goals.”

Sara Sander
Dean and Vice President,
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

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1 Kaplan University’s programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue employment in fields related to their subjects of study, such as the positions provided as examples. However, Kaplan University cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization. Graduates are not authorized to practice law and will not be eligible to sit for any state’s bar examination.

2 Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), 2013-2014 Total Degrees and Certificates Conferred, First Major, Legal Professions and Studies, on the Internet at nces.ed.gov/IPEDS. Based on total number of degrees and certificates granted by Kaplan University compared to other U.S.-based Title IV degree-granting institutions, primarily baccalaureate or above.


4 Classes count toward a degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period (3 weeks for undergraduate students), which begins day one of the first term. Students who choose to continue their studies at the University will need to meet specific requirements. Graduate programs not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizen students. For further information, see catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu and www.kaplanuniversity.edu/Kaplan_Commitment.pdf. Application fee waived for campus and learning center students through December 31, 2016.

5 Kaplan University does not guarantee the transferability of credit. See University Catalog for Prior Learning Assessment Policy.