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Examples of the outcomes for the B.A. degree with a major in Legal Assistant Studies include the following:

Selected Educational Outcomes

1. To prepare students to conduct legal research and apply it in a form and manner that will enable them to support the legal system.
2. To comprehend and make informed decisions regarding the ethical dilemmas of their profession, in order to understand the cultural values they must serve in the performance of their responsibilities.
3. To understand the American legal system in the manner necessary to enable them to function within that system and support its mission of service to society.

Examples of Outcome Assessments

The American Bar Association guidelines establish that evaluation of the program should include efforts to measure the extent to which students are able to secure suitable positions of employment; a determination of how effectively students perform those duties related to their program of instruction; and the responses of students completing the program concerning the effectiveness of their training and its relevance to the duties actually performed.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Major in Legal Assistant Studies

Core Curriculum		60
Core Curriculum Areas A-E (See VSU Core Curriculum)		42
Core Curriculum Area F (Courses appropriate to the major)		
LEAS 1100	Introduction to Paralegalism	
CRJU 1100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	
PHIL 2020	Principles of Logic and Argumentation	
Foreign Language and Culture		
COMM 1100	Human Communication	
If a language course or PHIL 2020 is taken to meet an Area C requirement, then COMM 1100 must be taken to meet the Area F requirement of 18 hours.		
Senior College Curriculum		60
LEAS 3200	Legal Research I	3
LEAS 4800	Legal Assistant Studies Capstone	3
LEAS 4900	Internship in Legal Assistant Studies	3
LEAS 3201	Legal Research II	3
LEAS courses numbered 3000 or above		15
ACED 2400	Computer Technology for the Workplace	3
ENGL 3030	Writing for the Legal and Social Science Professions	3
Area of Concentration and/or Elective Courses (must include 12 hours of courses numbered 3000 or above, with 9 hours in a related field outside of Legal Assistant Studies)		27
Total hours required for the degree		120