



## Paralegal Studies An ABA Approved Program

**Degree Offered:** • Bachelor of Science

Paralegal Studies courses teach students valuable critical analysis skills – the basics of legal analysis, legal argument, and legal writing. Currently, within 1-3 months of completing the Daemen Paralegal Studies B.S. or Certificate program 100% of graduates are employed with a majority of placements being in the legal profession, but also law school, graduate school, or a profession of choice such as banking.

### Career Options:

- Interested in a career in the legal profession?
- Want to get a head start on your legal career?
- Want a career where demand is growing?

Whether you have decided on a professional career in law or not, give yourself the preparation to keep your options open and improve your marketability by being **career-ready**.

Whether you choose to become a Paralegal professional or go on to law school or graduate school, real-world courses in such subjects as legal research and writing, contracts, etc. will give you a **competitive edge**.

All courses are taught by specialists in their fields — **attorneys and judges** most of whom have been honored for being outstanding in their fields of law. These professionals know what it takes to succeed in the legal profession.

**What better way to prepare for a career in the field of law than to take actual law courses taught by highly recognized legal experts?**

### Career Examples:

Compliance officer	Court Clerk	Judicial Assistant	Jury Consultant
Law Clerk	Legal analyst	Litigation support specialist	Loan Coordinator for bank
Municipal Clerk	Paralegal	Title examiner, abstractor, and researcher	Victim or witness advocate



Paralegal students have recently won scholarships from the Western New York Paralegal Association and the American Association for Paralegal Education.

### Why Paralegal Studies @ Daemen?

- Approved by the American Bar Association - the premier accrediting body for legal studies in the United States
- Courses provide practical and applied knowledge of law
- Students become career-ready for practice as a paralegal, or for further study in law school or graduate school.
- Students receive personal attention and advisement to help map out a successful career plan. That means that, when we write your letter of recommendation, it is personalized because we get to know our students. You are never anonymous at Daemen.

*did you know...*

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the need for paralegals will continue to grow at a rate of 8% between now and 2024.

“Experienced, formally trained paralegals with strong computer and database management skills should have the best job prospects”

“Law firms also are attempting to reduce billing costs as clients push for less expensive legal services. Due to their lower billing rates to clients, paralegals can be a less costly alternative to lawyers despite performing a wide variety of tasks once done by entry-level lawyers.”

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-17 Edition, Paralegals and Legal Assistants, on the Internet at <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/legal/paralegals-and-legal-assistants.htm> (visited September 24, 2017)



### Melanie Vazquez

"I have learned a lot about the law and how to apply it in every course in this program. The professors are all experienced attorneys, and they are very good at explaining the law and our assignments thoroughly and in detail. All the professors are extremely committed to the students, mentoring us, and answering our questions after class.

Every semester we have Paralegal Night, which is a panel of legal professionals discussing issues in the profession, such as current events, ethics, and how professionalism is evaluated on the job. The Paralegal Studies program also has regular networking events that have given me the opportunity to meet legal professionals and talk about my career goals.

The Paralegal Studies program also has a Paralegal Club, which does fundraising for different charities and is currently planning a trip to see the New York State Court of Appeals in Albany, New York. This club has been a good way to make friends.

Professor Phillips always makes herself available to the students, and has gone out of her way to help me with any issues or concerns I had, whether it's by email or in her office, and she has made my time at Daemen an unimaginable experience. I feel very prepared to move forward with my plans to attend law school and enter the legal field."



Students of the Paralegal Program have the opportunity to be inducted into Daemen's chapter of the Lambda Epsilon Chi (LEX) National Honor Society. Eligibility is automatically reviewed each spring and inductees are recognized for their outstanding academic achievements.

**\*Paralegals assist attorneys in legal research, writing, and case investigation. Paralegals cannot provide legal advice to the public except as authorized by law.**

For more information, contact Margaret Phillips, J.D., Assistant Professor and Director of Paralegal Studies, at 716.839.8283 or [mphillip@daemen.edu](mailto:mphillip@daemen.edu)