



DOUBLE UP: Global & Local Sustainability and Paralegal Studies

Set your resume apart with unique skills and credentials by combining these complementary majors!

Why Paralegal Studies and Sustainability?

Today's legal and business world recognizes that sustainability is our future!

- Dow Jones Sustainability Indices are based on corporate economic, environmental and social performance with many corporate mission statements including sustainability and social responsibility.
- Tax laws are changing with new opportunities for carbon credits, cap and trade policies, conservation easements, renewable energy investments and brownfield development.
- There is a growing profession recognized by professional journals (Journal of Environmental & Sustainability Law, Sustainability Law and Policy) and new graduate programs focus on "green law" and sustainability.
- Business law changes encourage Benefit Corps, which measure progress through environmental and social initiatives.

Legal firms need to help clients anticipate and respond to changing environmental policies as well as take advantage of funding opportunities for sustainable development and renewable energy investment.

Modern companies and non-profits need an understanding of legal issues that we face as we seek solutions to social justice and environmental issues. "As of 2005, nearly all of the 150 largest companies in the world had a sustainability officer with the rank of vice president or higher."

Paralegal training coupled with a deep understanding of sustainability leads to innovative thinking about policy for a more sustainable future!

Why Daemen College?

Our competency based core curriculum linked with sustainability coursework and paralegal training and certification will prepare you for existing careers and those that have not yet become mainstream.

- You will gain the skills sought by employers – strong interpersonal and communication skills, effective teamwork, creative and critical thinking and problem-solving.
- Your project-based experiences locally and globally will give you insight into new approaches and help you understand cultural differences while honing your skills at listening, speaking and taking action.
- You will get the "big picture" - economic, environmental and human well-being are necessary for a healthy society.

Can I complete both majors in four years?

This can typically be completed in four years with semesters of 15-17 credits (123 credits total), depending on your previous language experience. The Sustainability major requires an international experience which can be completed during the summer or as part of a semester exchange. Our Global Studies office can work with, to find a program that best fits your interests and timing.

Suggested Semester Sequence for Double Up with Sustainability and Paralegal

Fall, Year 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMP 101 Freshman Composition (3) • Language (3) • Learning Community IND 101-Freshman Seminar (3) • SUST 123-Intro to Sustainable Communities (3) • PAR 201 Intro to Paralegal Studies (3) Total credits (15)	Spring, Year 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENS 201 Intro to Environmental Science (3) • Language (3) • Learning Community Core elective (3) • Core elective (3) • SUST 140 Sustainable Design 1 (3) Total Credits (15)
Fall, Year 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACC225 Financial Accounting (3) • SUST 300 level elective (3) • Economics (3) • Litigation PAR 303 (3) • MTH 104 Statistics (3) Total Credits (15)	Spring, Year 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUST 300 level elective (3) • SUST 240 Sustainable Design 2 (3) • Core Cross-Cultural Requirement (BA 220 or SOC 224)(3) • PAR 301 Legal Research and Writing (4) • PAR 302 Law Office Technology (3) Total credits (16)
Fall, Year 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMP 311 Advanced Composition (3) • PSC 230 US Judicial Process (3) • Paralegal elective (3) • Paralegal elective (3) • Free elective (3) Total Credits (15)	Spring, Year 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paralegal elective (3) • Political Science core from list (3) • SUST 300 level elective (3) • SUST 340 Sustainable Design 3 (3) • Free elective (3) Total Credits (17)
Fall, Year 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUST 300 level elective (3) • Paralegal elective (3) • Core elective (3) • PAR 410 Advanced Research and Writing (3) • Free elective (3) Total credits (15)	Spring, Year 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paralegal elective (3) • SUST 440 Sustainable Design 4 (3) • SUST 443 Capstone Senior Project (3) • Core elective (3) • PAR 447 Senior Project (3) Total Credits (15)

Total credits=123 Elective courses (core, free, Sustainability, Paralegal) may be shifted among semesters

***Paralegals cannot provide legal advice to the public except as authorized by law.**



Melanie Vazquez – Global & Local Sustainability and Paralegal Studies

"During my time in the Paralegal Studies Program a dual major program had emerged with Global and Local Sustainability. I had already had some experience in sustainability with previous employment and I thought I would give it a try. The professors were very knowledgeable and their experiences in the field helped me to understand the courses even more."

Melanie took advantage of extracurricular activities and joined the Environmental Club.

"I was able to build new and solid relationships with others who had similar goals as mine. We were involved in clean-ups, fundraising for charities and working on projects to help improve the campus."

After graduating from Daemen, Melanie plans to attend law school and practice environmental law.

"I feel I am very well prepared to enter into law school and practice in this field. With guidance from both Dr. Young and Professor Phillips, my time at Daemen and in the dual major program has been a great experience all around."

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