Stevenson University Catalog Addendum

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Legal Studies Program

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courses in the major and SEE courses required by the major. No student, regardless of major, will be permitted to advance to the next course without earning a grade of "C" or better in the prerequisite course(s). When a grade below "C" is earned in a major course, the student must repeat that course.

Legal studies majors who do not successfully complete a LAW course with a grade of "C" or better after a third attempt will not be allowed to continue in the legal studies program. Students must take a minimum of 18 credits or the equivalent of legal specialty courses at Stevenson University to earn a degree in legal studies. A legal specialty course is a LAW course that covers substantive law or legal procedures or process, has been developed for paralegals, emphasizes practical paralegal skills, and meets the American Bar Association's instructional methodology requirements. credit is transferred for equivalent law courses. A maximum of 24 credits will be accepted for equivalent law courses.

If a student successfully completes a three-credit internship class through another ABA-approved paralegal education program, the internship requirement can be waived, and the student will take another three-credit legal specialty course in its place.

Some students work as paralegals while completing the legal studies program. These students may apply for a waiver of the internship requirement. Documentation from the student and the employer is required to verify that the student successfully performed paralegal tasks for a minimum of 120 hours. If approved, the student will take another three-credit legal specialty course in place of the internship class. SUO students working full-time, not as paralegals, may satisfy the internship requirement by completing a virtual internship as a paralegal, supervised by Stevenson University Online. This three-credit virtual internship class is considered non-legal specialty.

The award of legal specialty credits through examination or portfolio is monitored by the legal studies program to ensure that the quality and integrity of the program are maintained. A maximum of six legal specialty credits can be earned through examination or portfolio. To receive credit for prior learning for a legal specialty course through examination or portfolio, the examination or portfolio must be evaluated by a faculty evaluator, under the supervision of the department chair for traditional students or the department chair for SUO students. In conducting this evaluation, the faculty evaluator will ensure that the credit sought can be classified as legal specialty, the student meets the course objectives and practical skills to be developed for the course for which credit is sought, the student meets the needs of the legal community the program serves, and the student's work is comparable to course work offered within the legal studies program.

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Program Description

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The ultimate goal of the legal studies program is to fully prepare students for employment by law firms, corporate law departments, government agencies, legal aid providers, and other employers

When a grade below a "C" is earned in a major course, the student must repeat that course. The lowest acceptable grade in Stevenson Educational Experience (SEE) courses is a "D," with the exception of <u>ENG 151</u> and <u>ENG 152</u>, for which the lowest acceptable grade is a "C." If a SEE

Synchronous Instruction Statement:

Students must take at least nine semester credits or the equivalent of legal specialty courses through synchronous instruction.

<u>Courses</u>

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LAW 225B Internship: Part II

Consists of 120 hours of supervised work in a law office or legal department as a paralegal. Includes the preparation of an internship portfolio based on professional experience. Legal specialty course (LSC)

LAW 225A	Internship: Part I	1 credit
LAW 225B	Internship: Part II	3 credits
LAW 352	Law Office Technology	3 credits
LAW 480	Legal Studies Capstone	3 credits
LAW Electives	s Six Law electives, two of which may be at the lower level.	18 credits