



Social and Behavioral Sciences Career and Academic Pathways (CAPs) Program Map: Certificate of Achievement for Pathway to Law School

Total number of units: 22 units

Top Code/Academic Plan: 1410.00

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Semester 1	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	POL SCI 001	The Government of The United States	3	IGETC AREA 4 - This course is a core requirement for the Pathway to Law School Certificate of Achievement. This course has sections that are part of the Honors Program. Check the current catalog for the section number(s). To apply for admission to the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Counseling Center. For additional information about the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Honors Program website or contact Dr. Blandon at blandor@elac.edu .	Day, evening, short-term and online. This class is also available at South Gate Educational Center. This course may have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."
Program Course	ENGLISH 101	College Reading and Composition I	3	IGETC AREA 1A. This course is a core requirement for the Pathway to Law School Certificate of Achievement. This course has sections that are part of the Honors Program. Check the current catalog for the section number(s). To apply for admission to the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Counseling Center. For additional information about the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Honors Program website or contact Dr. Blandon at blandor@elac.edu .	This course may have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."
Program Course	HISTORY 011 or HISTORY 012	Political and Social History of the United States to 1877 or Political and Social History of the United States from 1865	3	IGETC AREA 3B. - Either course is a core requirement for the Pathway to Law School Certificate of Achievement.	Day, evening, short-term and online. Both classes are also available at South Gate Educational Center. HISTORY 011 or HISTORY 012 may have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."

Total Units 9

Semester 2	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	MATH 227	Statistics	4	IGETC AREA 2 - MATH 227 is required to transfer to UC, CSU. This course is a core requirement for the Pathway to Law School Certificate of Achievement. This course has sections that are part of the Honors Program. Check the current catalog for the section number(s). To apply for admission to the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Counseling Center. For additional information about the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Honors Program website or contact Dr. Blandon at blandor@elac.edu .	

Semester 2	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	ENGLISH 103	Composition and Critical Thinking	3	IGETC AREA 1B. Either course is a core requirement for the Pathway to Law School Certificate of Achievement. ENGLISH 103 has sections that are part of the Honors Program. Check the current catalog for the section number(s). To apply for admission to the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Counseling Center. For additional information about the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Honors Program website or contact Dr. Blandon at blandon@elac.edu .	ENGLISH 103 may have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."
Program Course	COMM 104	Argumentation and Debate	3		

Total Units 10

College level English and Math should be completed within the first year of study. Follow placement guidance in the application process or meet with a counselor to find the right course level. Course load can be reduced by utilizing the intersession semesters.

Semester 3	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Capstone Program Course	SOC 014 or POL SCI 040 or LAW 008	Law and Democracy or Law and Democracy or Law and Society	3	IGETC AREA 4. This course is a core requirement for the Pathway to Law School Certificate of Achievement. Take one course from SOC 014, POL SCI 040, and LAW 008. You do not need to take all three courses.	SOC 014 is available Fall semester online only. POL SCI 040 is available Spring semester online (live for students who can attend via Zoom and also recorded for students who cannot attend live). LAW 008 is available every Spring and Fall semester.

Total Units 3

Degree Path and Requirements:

To earn the Pathway to Law School Program Certificate of Achievement, students must: a) complete the Pathway to Law School Program [application](#); b) complete the program courses and capstone program course; c) earn a "C" (or "P") for each program course and capstone program course; d) achieve a grade point average of 3.0 or higher (exceptions to the grade point average requirement may be made for extenuating circumstances on a case-by-case basis); e) attend mandatory Pathway to Law School meetings every Tuesday from 12:15pm-1:30pm during the fall and spring semesters (email lawpathway@elac.edu to be invited to each semester's program meetings) and e) fulfill all other transfer requirements and transfer to an undergraduate institution.

This map is a suggested term-by-term sequence of courses to complete the program in a recommended time frame. This is an efficient and recommended plan, but actual plans may vary by individual student need. This map cannot replace a meeting with [counselors](#).

Department Advising Notes:

This program map was used using IGETC requirements. This map is a suggested term-by-term sequence of courses to complete the program in a recommended time frame. This is an efficient and recommended plan, but actual plans may vary by individual student need. This map cannot replace a meeting with counselors. Students should consult a counselor for specific information about transfer requirements, IGETC, CSU/UC requirements. Program courses are offered in specific semesters and odd/even years as noted. Course load can be reduced by utilizing the intersession semesters. Pre-Requisite disclaimer: Pathway to Law School Program courses have no prerequisites and can be taken in any order to complete program requirements. Units may vary depending on the courses that are chosen and the requirements students need for their unique paths.

Program Description

The ELAC Pathway to Law School Program was founded in 2015 in the Social Sciences Department as a multidisciplinary law school preparation program approved by the California LAW Foundation in partnership with the State Bar of California's Council on Access and Fairness (COAF), the Law School Admission Council (LSAC), the California Lawyer's Association (CLA), the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, and the Foundation for California Community Colleges in addition to the **11 partner schools of the Pathway to Law School Program below:**

1) UC Berkeley (Undergrad and School of Law), **2) UCLA** (Undergrad and School of Law), **3) UC Irvine** (Undergrad and School of Law), **4) UC Davis** (Undergrad and School of Law), **5) USC** (Undergrad and School of Law), **6) Loyola** (Undergrad and School of Law), **7) Pepperdine** (Undergrad and School of Law), **8) Chapman** (Undergrad and School of Law), **9) Santa Clara** (Undergrad and School of Law), **10) University of San Francisco** (Undergrad and School of Law), and **11) University of the Pacific** (School of Law).

When applying to law school, law school applicants often apply to law school from diverse majors. To reflect this open, multidisciplinary pathway to applying to law school, the ELAC Pathway to Law School Program is also open to any major or program of study, and its core curriculum spans different departments and disciplines to best prepare students for the rigors of law school. The core curriculum of the ELAC Pathway to Law School was designed by the State Bar of California's Council on Access and Fairness to help students build a foundational knowledge base and skillset that will help students succeed in undergraduate studies and law school.

In addition to taking the program courses and capstone program course, students must attend mandatory Pathway to Law School Program meetings every fall and spring semester on Tuesdays from 12:15pm-1:30pm (email lawpathway@elac.edu to be invited to each semester's program meetings). During mandatory Pathway to Law School Program meetings, students will meet with law school admissions personnel, law school professors, law students, local East Los Angeles lawyers, judges, and other legal professionals, gain knowledge about the law school application process, law school curriculum, financial aid, LSAT preparation, how to go from community college to undergraduate education to law school to a career in law, internships, other experiential opportunities in law, and most importantly, lifelong mentorship.

Upon completing the Pathway to Law School Program, students earn the Pathway to Law School Certificate of Achievement and the California LAW Pathway to Law School statewide certificate. The California LAW Pathway to Law School statewide certificate is recognized and utilized by the 11 partner schools (see list of **11 partner schools** above) as part of their undergraduate transfer admissions process and then as part of their law school admissions process.

Career and Transfer Opportunities

Visit the [Transfer Center](#) for transfer information, which varies based on transfer college. Make an appointment with a [counselor](#). Students can visit [Career and Job Services](#) for career counseling and further exploration.

A law school education can open the doors to diverse career opportunities. There are a wide variety of legal specializations to choose from and practice in. Some of the legal specializations include Animal Law, Civil Rights, Corporate Law, Criminal Law, Education Law, Employment and Labor Law, Environmental and Natural Resources Law, Family and Juvenile Law, Health Law, Immigration Law, Intellectual Property Law, International Law, Municipal Law, Real Estate Law, Securities Law, Sports and Entertainment Law, and Tax Law (to name a few). Moreover, a law degree (known as a Juris Doctorate or Doctor of Law degree, the J.D.) is in high demand in non-lawyer related careers in business and industry, government, public interest community organizations, non-profit non-governmental organizations (NGOs), education, journalism, and more. Students can visit Career and Job Services for career counseling and further exploration.

Youtube Videos

[When you Dream ... Community College - Pathway to Law School](#)

Program Map

A suggested sequence of classes to complete a degree, certificate, or program of study. Students should consult an academic counselor for variations to this plan based on part-time or full-time status, transfer plans, pre-requisites needed, etc.

Prerequisite Course

A specific course that must be completed before advancing to the next course.

Check the online catalog at elac.edu for the latest and most accurate information.

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