



26-27 Cert. Pathway to Law School, Pre-Law and Legal Careers (LAW1)

ABOUT THIS MAJOR



This certificate prepares students for transfer and law school admission through completion of the seven Cal LAW Pathway core courses plus an additional Criminology course tailored for the Antelope Valley College Law Scholars Program. Students develop a broad understanding of the U.S. legal system, criminological theory, civic engagement, critical thinking, effective communication, and statistical reasoning. Students must also complete a minimum of 20 hours of approved service credit in addition to the required

coursework. Completion qualifies students for recognition as a Cal LAW Pathway Scholar and positions them for success in legal studies and related fields. For more information on Administration of Justice, visit the [Social and Behavioral Sciences](#) division.

TO EARN A Certificate A STUDENT MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- [1] Completion of Major & Program Electives Courses
- [2] Minimum grade point average of 2.0
- [3] A C or better in all courses required for the major

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[Total Units Required in the Major 26.5-29]

Required Courses, complete ALL courses (total 18 units)	
AJ206 - Criminology	3
AJ199 - Work Experience Education	0.5-3
LIMITATION ON ENROLLMENT	

Core Options: Choose one from list (Total 3)	
POLS203 - The Judicial Process	3
AJ201 - Modern Policing in Society	3
BUS201 - Business Law	3
BUS201H - Business Law Honors	3

ENGL C1000 Option: Choose one (Total 4)	
ENGLC1000 - Academic Reading and Writing Prerequisite: Placement as determined by the college multiple measures assessment process	4
ENGLC1000H - Academic Reading and Writing - Honors Prerequisite: Placement as determined by the college multiple measures assessment process	4

Critical Thinking Option: Choose one (Total 3)	
ENGLC1001 - Critical Thinking and Writing Prerequisite: College-level composition (ENGL C1000/H) or equivalent	3
ENGLC1001H - Critical Thinking and Writing - Honors Prerequisite: College-level composition (ENGL C1000/H) or equivalent	3
ENGLC1002H - Introduction to Literature - Honors Prerequisite: College-level composition (ENGL C1000/H) or equivalent	3
PHIL201 - Critical Thinking Prerequisite: Completion of ENGL 101/ ENGL C1000/H)	3

COMM Option: Choose one (Total 3)	
COMMC1000 - Introduction to Public Speaking	3
COMMC1000H - Introduction to Public Speaking - Honors	3
COMM115 - Introduction to Argumentation and Debate	3
COMM107 - Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	3

STAT Option: Choose one (Total 4)	
STATC1000 - Introduction to Statistics Prerequisite: Placement as determined by the college's multiple measures assessment process or completion of a course taught at or above the level of intermediate algebra.	4
STATC1000H - Introduction to Statistics - Honors Prerequisite: Placement as determined by the college's multiple measures assessment process or completion of a course taught at or above the level of intermediate algebra.	4
MATH116 - Introduction to Statistics Using R Prerequisite: Completion of Intermediate Algebra or higher or placement by multiple measures.	4

HIST Option: Choose one (Total 3)	
HISTC1001 - United States History to 1877	3
HISTC1001H - United States History to 1877 - Honors	3
HISTC1002 - United States History since 1865	3
HISTC1002H - United States History since 1865 - Honors	3

POLS C1000 Option: Choose one (Total 3)	
POLSC1000 - American Government and Politics	3
POLSC1000H - American Government and Politics - Honors	3

RECOMMENDED PATHWAY

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The Recommended Plan of Study is determined by the discipline faculty. Take classes in **Summer** or **Intersession** if needed to complete your degree in a timely manner!

Fall/Spring: Max 19 units | Summer: Max 9 units | Intersession: Max 6 units

SEMESTER 1	
Course	Units
AJ 206	3
ENGLC1000 or ENGLC1000H	4
STATC1000 or STATC1000H or MATH 116	4
POLSC1000 or POLSC1000H	3
Total Units	14

SEMESTER 2	
Course	Units
ENGLC1001/H or ENGLC1002/H or PHIL 201	3
HISTC1001/H or HISTC1002H	3
POLSC 203 or AJ 201 or BUS 201/H	3
COMMC1000/H or COMM115 or COMM 107	3
AJ 199	0.5-3
Total Units	26.5-29

COUNSELING NOTE SECTION

Prerequisite: If a course is listed as a prerequisite for another course, that prerequisite course must be completed with a satisfactory grade to enroll in the next course. A satisfactory grade is a grade of "A," "B," "C" or "P". Students who enroll in classes for which they do not meet the prerequisites will be involuntarily dropped. Students will be notified of this involuntary drop. Title 5, Section 55200(d)

Application for Graduation:

Antelope Valley College awards degrees three times annually following the Fall, Spring, and summer semesters. Students must apply for graduation to earn their degree or certificate. **Applications are due by September 6 for spring/summer graduates and by February 14 for fall graduates.**

AVC 26-27 CATALOG: [ACADEMIC POLICIES](#)

INFORMATION and RESOURCES

Tutoring Assistance	Career Center	AVC Student Health Services
Transfer Center	Office of Students with Disabilities	Palmdale Center
Basic Needs	Financial Aid	Counseling Division

The State requires ALL STUDENTS to have a Comprehensive Education Plan. You MUST make a counseling appointment as soon as enrollment is established to receive your plan. Stop by the Counseling Center or call 661-722-6300 x 6338 to schedule an appointment.

7/23/26 (Angie Gonzalez)