

# CAL LAW SCHOLAR, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

The Cal LAW Scholars Certificate of Achievement (COA) is part of the Pathways to Law program, and prepares students for careers in law and public service by emphasizing civic and community engagement and helping students to transfer to a four year university and attend law school. Students will gain knowledge of legal principles, develop skills for effective teamwork in diverse settings, and join a community of like-minded students. The program aims to cultivate lawyers who are committed to social justice and capable of driving positive change in underserved communities.

Students are strongly encouraged to meet with the Pathway to Law Counselor, or other Oxnard College counselors, to ensure that the appropriate courses are selected for the student's chosen major for transfer to Cal LAW Partner Programs at four year institutions and law schools in California.

Course ID	Title	Units/ Hours
<b>Required Core: Select one course from each Section (22-24 units)</b>		
<b>Section 1. Law and Democracy</b>		<b>3</b>
POLS R102 or LAW R101	Introduction to Law and Society Paralegal Fundamentals	
<b>Section 2. English Composition</b>		<b>4</b>
ENGL C1000 or ENGL C1000H	Academic Reading and Writing Academic Reading and Writing - Honors	
<b>Section 3. Critical Thinking</b>		<b>3-4</b>
ENGL R102 or ENGL R102H or ENGL C1001 or PHIL R111	Critical Thinking through Composition and Literature Honors: Critical Thinking through Composition and Literature Critical Thinking and Writing Critical Thinking and Analytic Writing	
<b>Section 4. Argumentation and Debate or Persuasion</b>		<b>3</b>
COMM R107	Argumentation and Debate	
<b>Section 5. Statistics</b>		<b>3-4</b>
MATH R105 or MATH R105H or PSY R103 or SOC R125	Beginning Statistics for Behavioral Science Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences	
<b>Section 6. United States History</b>		<b>3</b>
HIST R130 or HIST R130H or HIST R140 or HIST R140H or CHST R107 or HIST R107 or HIST R108 or HIST R117	History of the United States I Honors: History of the United States I History of the United States II Honors: History of the United States II History of Mexicans in the United States History of Mexicans in the United States African-American History History of American Women	
<b>Section 7. Introduction to American Government</b>		<b>3</b>
POLS C1000	American Government and Politics	

**Total Units <sup>1,\*</sup> 22-24**

1. This Certificate of Achievement may only be awarded to students enrolled and active in the Pathways to Law Program, with prior approval of the Program Lead Faculty upon completion of these academic and program\* requirements..

\*A Cal LAW Scholar must:

1. Self-identify as a Pathways to Law student with the Pathways to Law Faculty Lead(s).
2. Attend an orientation with the Pathway to Law Program, if offered.
3. Consent to the collection and maintenance of information and data necessary to track students through the Pathway up to and including law school, and to assess the program
4. Work with a designated Law Pathway Counselor.
5. Establish a Student Educational Plan based on a selected major including the courses set forth above.

To earn a Certificate of Achievement, all courses within the certificate must be completed with a grade of "C" or better (or "P").

<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Units/Hours</b>
ENGL C1000 or ENGL C1000H	Academic Reading and Writing or Academic Reading and Writing - Honors	4
POLS R102 or LAW R101	Introduction to Law and Society or Paralegal Fundamentals	3
<b>Units/Hours</b>		<b>7</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
POLS C1000	American Government and Politics	3
MATH R105 or MATH R105H or PSY R103 or SOC R125	or Beginning Statistics for Behavioral Science or Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences	3-4
<b>Units/Hours</b>		<b>6-7</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
HIST R130 or HIST R130H or HIST R140 or HIST R140H or CHST R107 or HIST R107 or HIST R108 or HIST R117	History of the United States I or Honors: History of the United States I or History of the United States II or Honors: History of the United States II or History of Mexicans in the United States or History of Mexicans in the United States or African-American History or History of American Women	3
ENGL R102 or ENGL R102H or ENGL C1001 or PHIL R111	Critical Thinking through Composition and Literature or Honors: Critical Thinking through Composition and Literature or Critical Thinking and Writing or Critical Thinking and Analytic Writing	3-4
<b>Units/Hours</b>		<b>6-7</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
COMM R107	Argumentation and Debate	3
<b>Units/Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Total Units/Hours</b>		<b>22-24</b>

- Evaluate the theory and history of civic and community engagement in the U.S., and formulate critical perspectives on the importance of public service and the role played by lawyers.
- Analyze how individuals and groups create and sustain change, including the contributions lawyers can make in the community.
- Implement skills for working in community settings, including effective teamwork and diverse team collaboration.

- Apply substantive areas of the law to provide assistance to underserved individuals and rural communities.
- Demonstrate, through the utilization of research and writing skills, the ability to persuasively tell a client's or individual's story through improved public speaking, advocacy, and negotiation skills.