AS in Paralegal Studies to BS/BA Legal Studies ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
VALENCIA COLLEGE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

This articulation agreement is made by and between Valencia College, Florida ("VC") and The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees ("UCF"). Collectively, both Valencia College and UCF shall be referred to as the "Parties".

A. Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to create a seamless academic pathway for students earning an Associate in Science (A.S.) in Paralegal Studies from Valencia College to transfer to UCF with junior level standing and pursue a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) or Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Legal Studies in accordance with the terms and conditions of this articulation.

B. Provisions

i) To participate in this articulation/pathway, students at Valencia College are encouraged to declare their intended major of choice at UCF in their VC student record on or before achieving *30* credit hours. Students are strongly encouraged to follow the A.S. Paralegal Studies curriculum (*see Appendix A – A.S. Paralegal Studies to B.S./BA Legal Studies Degree Map*) that will map into the Legal Studies B.S./B.A. degree at UCF.

ii) Students must earn an A.S. in Paralegal Studies degree from VC or have completed Paralegal courses noted in Appendix A at VC as part of a completed A.A. degree.

iii) Admission to UCF: Students who have followed the program of study and completed their Associate in Science at VC as described herein and maintained a 2.0 GPA (not counting grade forgiveness per UCF policy as calculated by UCF upon transfer) up to 12 credits of lower-level PLA Valencia College accepted as UCF Legal Studies PLA electives will be awarded toward the B.A./B.S. Legal Studies if coursework is completed at VC.

iv) Upon admission to UCF, students participating in this agreement will follow and complete UCF's Legal Studies B.S. or B.A. requirements, including state of Florida and university graduation requirements.

v) Foreign Language Admission Requirement: Students who have not completed two units of the same foreign language or American Sign Language in high school may complete a minimum of eight semester hours of college level foreign language or demonstrate proficiency. Students admitted to UCF without completing this requirement must satisfy it prior to graduation from the university.

vi) B.A. Foreign Language Graduation Requirement: Students pursuing the B.A. must demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language equivalent to one year at college level regardless of foreign language completion in high school.

vii) General Education Requirements (GEP): Students who earn an A.S. in Paralegal Studies at VC without completing the state of Florida required 36 credit GEP requirements for an A.A. or bachelor's degree must complete the remaining GEP at VC or UCF.

viii) Students who complete the A.S. in Paralegal Studies and who decide to enroll in a different program from B.S./B.A. Legal Studies will have their course work re-evaluated for applicability to the new program and must complete the 36 credit General Education Program which earns the A.A. degree.

C. Collaborations and Coordination

Both parties agree to:

i) Share aggregate student success information through annual partnership meetings, faculty roundtable discussions, and inclusion of VC Student Success Coaches in UCF's Advising Updates Forum.
ii) Timely exchange of updated copies of the parties' undergraduate catalog or links to the catalog and other information which may be helpful in advising students.
iii) Data sharing on prospective students and enrolled students in relation to progression when the student requests a transcript be sent in accordance with FERPA guidelines.
iv) Share and inform major changes in policy or curricula that directly affect students transferring under the terms of this Agreement and keep each other informed of any changes of policy or curricula that affect those students. Both VC and UCF will review this Articulation Agreement every 3 years and make any changes upon mutual agreement, as needed. Such changes will be effective when both UCF and Valencia College sign the revised agreement.
v) Engage in coordinated programming to include student information sessions and advising/coaching workshops as developed by VC advising and UCF's Paralegal program. Programming may vary in frequency and delivery mode.

D. Term, Termination, and Other Provisions

i) This agreement shall commence on **September 30, 2025** or on the date of the last signature below, whichever is later, and shall be reviewed by both parties by August 2028 for accuracy and continuation unless terminated earlier as provided herein. The agreement may be renewed for additional terms of 3 years by the mutual written agreement of both parties. Either party may terminate or suspend this Agreement for convenience upon sixty (60) days written notice. Notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement, any students who have applied for transfer from VC to UCF prior to or during the sixty (60) day period shall be treated as if this Agreement continues to be in effect. This Agreement may also be terminated as provided elsewhere in this Agreement.
ii) Curriculum changes in the target programs at either institution shall necessitate a review of this agreement to determine if modification of the agreement is required. Curriculum changes by either UCF or VC must be communicated in writing no later than June 30th of any academic year by individuals listed as contacts for this agreement.
iii) In carrying out the responsibilities and obligations of this Agreement, neither party shall be acting as the agent or principal of the other regarding dealings with third parties, including students. Neither party shall have the authority to make any statements, representations, or commitment of any kind or to take any action binding on the other except as provided for herein.
iv) Each party shall maintain its own respective records and documents associated with this Agreement in accordance with the records retention requirements applicable to public records. Each party shall be responsible for compliance with any public records request served upon it pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Each party acknowledges that this Agreement and all attachments thereto are public records. Both parties agree to comply with the applicable provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) as it pertains to education records for students.
v) Each party assumes any and all risks of personal injury and property damage attributable to the negligent acts or omissions of that party and its officers, employees, servants, and agents thereof while acting within the scope of their employment. The parties further agree that nothing contained herein shall be construed or interpreted as: (1) denying to either party any remedy or defense available to such party under the laws of the State of Florida; (2) the consent of the State of Florida or its agents and agencies to be sued; or (3) a waiver of

sovereign immunity of the State of Florida beyond the waiver provided in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

vi) The Parties expressly acknowledge that it is not their intent to create or confer any rights or obligations in or upon any third person or entity under this Agreement. Neither of the Parties intend to directly or substantially benefit a third party by this Agreement. The Parties agree that there are no third-party beneficiaries to this Agreement and that no third party shall be entitled to assert a claim against any of the Parties based upon this Agreement. Nothing herein shall be construed as consent by an agency or political subdivision of the State of Florida to be sued by third Parties in any matter arising out of any contract.

vii) Neither this Agreement nor any interest herein may be assigned, transferred or encumbered by either party without the prior written consent of the other party.

viii) Neither party shall be obligated to perform any duty, requirement or obligation under this Agreement if such performance is prevented by fire, hurricane, earthquake, explosion, wars, sabotage, accident, flood, acts of God, strikes, or other labor disputes, riot or civil commotions, or by reason of any other matter or condition beyond the control of either party, and which cannot be overcome by reasonable diligence and without unusual expense.

ix) All pertinent and appropriate state and federal laws regarding the conduct of educational programs are specifically incorporated in this agreement. This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

This articulation agreement between Valencia College and The University of Central Florida was executed by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties as of the date of last signature below.

Authorized Signatures

The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees

John Buckwalter

Signed: Monday, September 29, 2025

John Buckwalter Date

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Valencia College

Oscar Cristancho Mercado

Signed: Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Oscar Cristancho Mercado Date

Chief Financial Officer

Appendix A: A.S. Paralegal Studies to B.S./B.A Legal Studies Curriculum

Valencia College	Cr. Hrs.
Year One 1st Term	
ENC 1101 Freshman Composition I	3
Math (General Education Core)	3
POS 2041 U.S. Government or AMH 2010 U.S. History to 1877 or AMH 2020 U.S. History 1877 to Present	3
PLA 1003 Intro to Paralegal Practices and Ethics	3
Total	**12**
Year One 2nd Term	
ENC 1102 English Composition II	3
SPC 1017 Interpersonal Communications	3
PLA 1058 Foundations of Law for Paralegals	3
PLA 2203 Civil Litigation Fundamentals	3
Total	**12**
Year One 3rd Term	
PLA 1104 Legal Research & Theory I	3
PLA 1611 Real Property Fundamentals	3
PLA 2433 Business Organization	3
PSY 2012 General Psychology	3
PLA 2732 Legal Technology	3
Total	**15**
Year Two 1st Term	
PLA 1114 Legal Research & Theory II	3
Paralegal Elective	3
PLA 1730C Computer Assisted Legal Research	1
PLA 2223 Advanced Civil Litigation	3
Humanities (General Education Core)	3
Total	**13**
Year Two 2nd Term	
PLA 2192 Legal Research & Theory III	3
Paralegal Elective	3
APA 1111C College Accounting	3
Science (General Education Core)	3
Total	**12**
Total A.S. Paralegal Studies	**64**
UCF B.A/B.S. Legal Studies- Based on completion of 24 credits of GEP courses completed and accepting 12 credits of PLA VC courses as the PLA Electives for UCF's Legal Studies B.A./B.S. as outlined in Notes below	
Year Three 1st Semester	
PLA 4705 Professionalism and Civility in the Law	3
Legal Studies Elective Concentration 1- Course 1	3
Legal Studies Elective Concentration 2- Course 1	3
Legal Studies Elective – Any concentration area	3

GEP	3
Total	**15**
Year Three 2nd Semester	
Legal Studies Elective Concentration 1- Course 2	3
Legal Studies Elective Concentration 2- Course 2	3
Additional PLA Upper-Level Elective or Supporting Elective	3
GEP	3
Total	**12**
Year Four 1st Semester	
Legal Studies Elective Concentration 3- Course 1	3
Legal Studies Elective Concentration 4- Course 1	3
GEP	3
GEP	3
Total	**15**
Year Four 2nd Semester	
PLA 4935 or PLA 4941 Capstone or Internship	3
Legal Studies Elective Concentration 3- Course 2	3
Legal Studies Elective Concentration 4- Course 2	3
Additional PLA Upper-Level Elective or Supporting Elective	3
Elective (if needed)	2
Total	**14**
Total B.A/B.S. Legal Studies	**120**

Notes:

- Up to 12 credits of lower-level PLA Valencia College accepted as UCF Legal Studies PLA electives will be awarded toward the B.A./B.S. Legal Studies if coursework is completed at VC.
- Lower-level PLA Valencia College classes that count towards UCF Legal Studies PLA electives are as follows:
    - Core Requirements - Up to 9 credits of VC – PLA courses may satisfy UCF Legal Studies Core Requirements as follows:

      VC – PLA 1058 → UCF - PLA 3014 Law & Legal System
      VC – PLA 1104 → UCF - PLA 3108 Legal Research
      VC – PLA 2192 → UCF - PLA 3155 Legal Writing

- PLA Electives - Depending on the number of VC-PLA courses utilized to fulfill the UCF-Legal Studies Core requirements (see above), any remaining VC-PLA credits (3-12 credits) may count towards UCF Legal Studies PLA electives as follows:

  VC - PLA 2223 → UCF - PLA 3205 Civil Practice & Procedure
  VC - PLA 2465 → UCF - PLA 4464 Bankruptcy
  VC - PLA 2601 → UCF - PLA 4607 Estates & Trusts
  VC - PLA 2612 → UCF - PLA 3615 Property & Real Estate Law
  VC - PLA 2732C → UCF - PLA 4764 Law Office Practices
  VC - PLA 2433 → UCF - PLA 4436 FL Partnerships & Corporations

VC - PLA 2800 → UCF - PLA 4806 Domestic Relations Law

VC - PLA 2942 → UCF - PLA 4941, but may **NOT** be used to fulfill capstone requirement for the UCF Legal Studies – B.A./B.S.