

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEGREE IN LEGAL STUDIES?

The Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree in Legal Studies at UOIT prepares students for leadership roles in the interface between law and social organization. This program provides an extensive understanding of human rights, international law, institutional law, alternative dispute resolution, intellectual property and other areas of law, as well as drawing on sociology, political science, philosophy and psychology. The Legal Studies program at UOIT emphasizes three particularly high-demand areas: alternative dispute resolution, human rights law and information law. For more information about this program, please visit the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities website at socialscienceandhumanities.uoit.ca/undergraduate/programs/legal-studies

WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP IN THE LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM?

A degree in Legal Studies will allow you to develop a number of skills with application in a variety of work contexts. Some of the skills you will acquire and/or develop in the Legal Studies program include:

Analytical and Critical Thinking	Decision Making	Persuasion	Problem Solving
Oral and Written Communication	Research	Planning and Organization	Teamwork

EMPLOYERS HIRE PEOPLE NOT DEGREES!

Think beyond your program when choosing a career. To find the right career, you will need to take into account your interests, skills, work preferences and values. The list below is meant to give you some ideas, but it is not exhaustive. Don't limit yourself!

WHAT ARE MY CAREER OPTIONS WITH A DEGREE IN LEGAL STUDIES?

Legal Studies is an interdisciplinary field that opens up possibilities for careers such as:*

Activist	Correctional Officer	Librarian	Probation Officer
Agent	Foreign Service Officer	Lobbyist	Public Policy Analyst
Archivist	Humanitarian Aid Worker	Mediator	Public Relations Specialist
Bailiff	Immigration Officer	Military Officer	Researcher
Civil Litigator	Judge	Paralegal	Victim's Advocate
Communications Specialist	Lawyer	Publisher (Legal Material)	
Consultant	Legal Aid Worker	Police Officer	
Coroner	Legal Secretary	Politician/Political Aide	

*Please note that many of the occupations listed above may require further education, certifications or work experience in conjunction with your degree.

WHERE HAVE PREVIOUS UOIT SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES GRADS WORKED?

Barst Mukamal & Kleiner LLP

Niren & Associates Canada and
USA Immigration Lawyers

Nirman's Law Professional Corporation

Stikeman Elliott LLP

Edward Jones Investments

HOW CAN I GET SOME PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE?

A degree on its own is generally not enough to land you your dream job. Practical experience is critical, not only to give you the qualifications you need to be competitive, but also to help you better understand your own interests, skills, personality and work values so that you can be confident that your next career step is the right fit for you.

There are a number of ways for you to get some real-world experience and information about potential careers related to Legal Studies. These include:

Practicum – Placements with community organizations are offered to a limited number of fourth-year Social Science and Humanities students. The Pre-Practicum Process begins in third year. For more information, visit socialscienceandhumanities.uoit.ca/undergraduate/experiential-learning.php

Volunteering - If you have little or no work experience, unpaid work experiences are a great way to get your foot in the door, allowing you to develop your skills through hands-on experience, learn more about your interests and make valuable contacts to add to your network for potential paid work opportunities down the road. For more information, find the volunteering resource at uoit.ca/careertools

Informational Interviews - Informational interviews allow you to get the inside scoop on potential career paths from individuals working in the field. For information on how to set up and conduct informational interviews, find the Informational Interview resource at uoit.ca/careertools

Get Involved- The Faculty of Social Science and Humanities has several clubs and organizations dedicated to, among other things, organizing experiential learning and professional opportunities for their members. For more information, visit socialscienceandhumanities.uoit.ca/about/student-clubs.php. See also your-sa.ca for information about other clubs offered by the Student Association. Check out uoit.ca/getinvolved for information about the **Student Involvement Record**.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Student Portal – There are a number of career resources on the Student Portal to get you started in your career research process, including links to Legal Studies professional association websites, job leads and information about further education. For more information, visit: uoit.ca/careercentre

Career Counselling – Email careercentre@uoit.ca to book a career counselling appointment if you would like to discuss your career development, including issues such as: career indecision; identifying your skills, interests, work values and personality style as it relates to the workplace; feeling overwhelmed, anxious or confused about the career planning or decision-making process; and overcoming barriers to career development.

Academic Advising – Email sshadvising@uoit.ca to set up an appointment to discuss questions related to your academic path within the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities.