College of Education and Professional Studies: Legal Studies

This sheet identifies sample occupations and work settings associated with the Legal Studies major in the College of Education and Professional Studies. These are not the only options for this major, so further research may be necessary to identify a career path that is right for you. Additional training may be required for some of these options.

Sample Occupations:
- Attorney/Lawyer
- Paralegal
- Consultant
- Contract Administrator
- Court Clerk
- Data Analyst
- FBI Agent
- Human Resource Manager
- Investigator
- Labor Relations Director
- Legal Assistant
- Legal Consultant
- Legislative Liaison
- Litigation Analyst
- Lobbyist
- Policy Developer

*Most Legal Studies majors go on to pursue law school.

Sample Work Settings:
Businesses, Non-profits, Private law firms, Schools, Local, State, and Federal Government, Military, Courthouses.

Industry Buzzwords:
Industry buzzwords are words or phrases specific to an industry, profession, or field of study and are used by recruiters to vet applicants for positions. Below is a sample list of buzzwords for the Legal Studies industry. Buzzwords can be found in the job description and should be incorporated into your resume and cover letter.

Record management, trial preparation and review, litigation, case law, counsel, evidence, injunction, jurisprudence, motion, oral argument, plaintiff, prosecution, settlement, testimony, verdict, advocacy, government relations, law/policy interpretation and analysis, stakeholder management, verbal communication, written communication, interpersonal skills, presentation skills, collaborative work style, multi-task, prioritization skills.

Career Exploration & Job Search Resources:
- Career and Major Exploration Resources: MyCareerShines (accessed via MyUWF), OnetOnline.org
- Job Search Resources: JasonQuest (accessed via MyUWF), LinkedIn, Agency/Department job pages.
- Salary Research: http://www.naceweb.org/salary-resources/starting-salaries.aspx