Description of Field:
Television shows about lawyers dramatize and simplify what it takes to study and practice law. In reality, lawyers can work for law firms specializing in a variety of specialties from going to court to working to advising clients on a variety of issues including real estate, intellectual property and regulations. Lawyers also work in-house for public or private companies as well as in the government. While there is no undergraduate major for law, many majors provide skills law schools look for. Additionally, many lawyers after law school choose careers outside these typical law paths.

General Skills:
Working in law requires critical thinking, problem solving and analytical skills, as well as writing and verbal communication skills.

Insider Advice:
Look for opportunities to volunteer or get involved and build your experience prior to applying for law school. Law schools look for a combination of experiences, grades, and exam scores.

Learn about Yourself & Career Options

What Can I Do With This Major:
Law, Law School Admissions Council

Sample UF Majors:
UF Pre Law Advising, English, Political Science, Philosophy, Linguistics, Sociology

Career Planning:
Our Career Planning staff can help you explore interesting major/career options, prepare for and start an internship/job search. Log in to view the ways we can help!

Build Experience

UF Organizations:
UF Law School, Extracurricular Organizations, Phi Alpha Delta Pre Law
Visit Student Activities & Involvement for Additional Opportunities

Sample Local Opportunities:
UF Student Legal Services, Center for Leadership and Service, Student Conduct and Resolution

Prepare for Your Next Step

Sample Job Titles:
Attorney, Legal Analyst, Paralegal, Judge,

Search for Internships & Jobs:
Gator CareerLink Jobs, Internships.com, Alternative Lawyer Jobs, Search for Law Schools, Graduate and Professional School Day

Sample Law Schools Recruiting at UF:
UF Law School, University of Miami, Florida State, Emory, UNC, Wake Forest

Log into Gator CareerLink to search for employers hiring UF students and additional resources