What to do with a degree in

LAW AND SOCIETY

Law and Society is the study of how legal and social systems are interconnected, how people live, and how law is woven into communities. This program will give you an understanding of what happens when legal innovations and institutions succeed, and what the outcomes are when they fail. During the course of your studies, you'll gain statistical analysis skills, research capabilities, written and verbal communication skills, and a broad appreciation of socio-political movements.

Key Skills & Knowledge

Verbal Communication: - Articulate or argue a position; clarify and communicate technical concepts and exchange information and ideas with others; present work orally

Research, Synthesis and organization - Identify issues, ideas from extensive reading material, organize and interpret social, economic and political data

Analytical and logical thinking - Analyze material logically and critically; apply theory

Editing - Edit and proofread for accuracy, content and clarity

Leadership - Persuade and influence others, assist a vulnerable population

Problem solving - Learn to generate creative, practical solutions to problems

Organization - Meet deadlines, prioritize and organize time and materials

Team work - Work in teams of students with different types of disciplinary backgrounds

Social justice issues - Understanding major issues and trends in social justice in Canada

Degree-specific - Become familiar with legal institutions and fundamental legal concepts; learn how to approach legal research and reasoning; understand key values underpinning law

Sample Job Titles

Some of these roles may require further training, certification or education. Check out the Alberta Government’s occupational profiles for salary info and more detail: alis.alberta.ca/occinfo

- Ambassador
- Community Relations Coordinator
- Corrections Officer
- Credit Investigator
- Cryptographer
- Customs Broker/Inspector
- Deportation officer
- Emergency Response Coordinator
- Foreign Service Officer
- Government Official
- Immigration & Customs

- Officer
- Import Specialist
- Insurance investigator
- Juvenile Detention Officer
- Law enforcement administrator
- Loss Prevention Consultant / Specialist
- Ombudsman
- Police Officer
- Policy Advisor
- Pre-trial services officer
- Private Investigator

- Probation / Parole Officer
- Public Safety Officer
- Regulatory Affairs Agent
- Safety Supervisor
- Search and Rescue Coordinator
- Title Searcher
- Victim Services Specialist
- Volunteer Manager
- Witness Protection Program Worker
- Youth care worker

Need help deciding what to do?

Formal Career Assessments like the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator can be helpful tools for your career development. Request an assessment via CareerLink
**Associations & Professional Development**

Associations provide an opportunity for continued professional development. Many also offer networking opportunities and other events for their members.

- Canadian Criminal Justice Association: [https://www.ccja-acjp.ca/](https://www.ccja-acjp.ca/)
- Canadian Sociological Association: [www.csa-scas.ca/](http://www.csa-scas.ca/)
- Community Mediation Calgary: [www.communitymediation.ca/](http://www.communitymediation.ca/)
- Federation of Law Societies of Canada: [www.flsc.ca/](http://www.flsc.ca/)
- Law and Society Association: [www.lawandsociety.org/](http://www.lawandsociety.org/)

**Potential Industries**

- Communications
- Community development
- Corporate legal or risk management departments
- Correctional service institutions
- Court systems
- Customs services
- Education
- Emergency family support services
- Financial institutions
- Government – various levels
- Group homes
- Hospitals
- Human resources
- Insurance companies
- Law enforcement agencies
- Law firms
- Policy organizations
- Loss prevention firms
- Lottery companies
- Non-profit organizations
- Police services
- Regulatory bodies
- Regulatory compliance departments (privacy, environment, employment standards)
- Rehabilitation centres
- Residential treatment centres
- Security and investigation services
- Social service agencies
- Victim / witness assistance organizations
- Youth service agencies

**Career Services**

**Your Future Starts Here**

- Career Planning
- Job Search Support
- Resume Reviews
- Career Workshops
- Online Job Postings
- Career Fairs
- Networking Events
- Information Sessions & much more!

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CareerLink: [ucalgary.ca/careers](http://ucalgary.ca/careers)

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**Job Boards**

- Indeed: [https://ca.indeed.com/](https://ca.indeed.com/)
- Canadian Police Services: [www.canadianpoliceservices.com/](http://www.canadianpoliceservices.com/)
- Canadian Security Intelligence Service: [csis-scs.gc.ca/](http://csis-scs.gc.ca/)
- LinkedIn: [www.linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com)
- CareerLink: [careerlink.ucalgary.ca](http://careerlink.ucalgary.ca)

**Additional Resources**

- Careers in Criminal Justice and Related Fields: From Internship to Promotion by J. Scott Harr, Kären M. Hess
- Careers in Criminal Justice by W Richard Stephens
- Good works: A Guide to Social Change Careers by Kathleen Hughes

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**Student Clubs**

UoF Pre-Law Society
[uofcls.wordpress.com/](http://uofcls.wordpress.com/)

**Aligned Majors:**

Anthropology, International Relations
Political Science, Psychology, Sociology,