Law in Liberal Arts
IU School of Liberal Arts

ABOUT THE MAJOR

The Law in Liberal Arts major is designed to prepare you for a career as a paralegal in the legal profession. The major aims to provide you with practical legal skills as well as a background in legal concepts so that graduates will immediately be able to obtain jobs in this rapidly expanding profession. This program prepares you specifically for paralegal positions, but will also provide foundational knowledge of law.

Skills and abilities this major develops include: critical thinking, communicating effectively in a legal environment, and understanding legal principles (IU School of Liberal Arts, 2017).

OPPORTUNITIES AFTER GRADUATION

Career Opportunities
According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook (2017), employment for both lawyers and paralegals expected to grow as fast as average at a rate of 5-8% for 2014-2024; employment for court clerks is also expected to grow at an average pace. Law in Liberal Arts majors from IUPUI have many other opportunities including the field of human resources which is expected to grow at an average pace.

Salary Information
The average starting salary for IU School of Liberal Arts graduates from IUPUI was $33,495 for the May 2016 graduating cohort. The median starting salary for liberal arts graduates was $50,500 for the class of May 2016 according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE, 2017). The median salary for paralegals in Indiana as of May 2015 was $40,760 (Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2017).

(This section is intended for informational purposes, not prediction of actual salary.)

Graduate & Professional School Paths
Law in Liberal Arts majors often pursue advanced degrees in the following areas: Business, Law, Social Work, Political Science, Education, Counseling, Medicine, Public Affairs, among others.

WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION

IU School of Liberal Arts
Political Science Department
Cavanaugh Hall 540J
liberalarts.iupui.edu

American Bar Association
www.americanbar.org

National Federation of Paralegals
www.paralegals.org

Sample Coursework:
- Introduction to law
- Legal research and writing for paralegals
- Litigation for paralegals
- Technology and the law
- American legal history
- Family law for paralegals
- Advanced legal writing

Possible Careers:
- Claims adjuster
- Hearing officer
- Lawyer
- Lobbyist
- Paralegal
- Project coordinator
- Social worker

* = Career option requires additional training or education.

Where Could I Work?
- Anthem
- Eli Lilly & Company
- Law firms
- Legal services
- Liberty Mutual Insurance
- State of Indiana

Complementing Interests:
- Conventional
- Investigative
- Enterprising

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