

Achieving an excellent education is about many things: becoming a well-educated citizen, gaining knowledge for thoughtful and well-considered decisions, engaging your curiosity, and developing skills that will contribute to the greater good, to name a few. In addition, your education also prepares you to pursue a **wide variety of career paths.**

Depth of knowledge generally refers to the information and ways of thinking that are directly related to your academic major. In addition, you have developed an **incredibly versatile set of more general skills:** to think analytically and critically; to view issues in context and from multiple perspectives; to ask and address questions about ethical and societal implications; to pursue research; to engage your creativity; and to communicate complex issues clearly. Thus, **Law, Societies, and Justice majors** offer an array of skills which are **highly valued by employers** from all sectors.

Many Possibilities. Because your major is not narrowly focused on specific career paths, you have a wide array of professional options. While this kind of career flexibility is definitely good news, it requires you to be more **proactive** in identifying and articulating your skills to potential employers.

Ready for the Work World. The top critical skills identified by employers in a recent national survey included:

- Ability to communicate clearly
- Interpersonal / Teamwork skills
- Ability to plan, organize, and prioritize
- Problem-solving / Decision-making abilities
- Ability to find and process information

You have undoubtedly developed these skills while studying at UW.

MORE JOB-RELATED TRANSFERABLE SKILLS RELATED TO MAJORING IN LAW, SOCIETIES, AND JUSTICE

Here are even more career-related skills and strengths that employers value:

Read/interpret/synthesize complex material
See situations from multiple perspectives
Produce well-balanced, persuasive writing
Design and implement engaging presentations
Understand nuance and subtlety
Understand how social justice issues affect societies & individuals
Adeptly grasp complex issues, ideas, implications
Clearly articulate cogent arguments
Integrate analyses of individual behavior & socio-legal structures
Able to apply interdisciplinary approach/analysis
Comprehend long-term trajectories
Understand research designs & statistical analyses
Apply mental agility to creative problem-solving

Adeptly access vast range of informational resources
Evaluate the validity of information sources
Gather, analyze, organize, interpret data
Link abstract concepts to practical applications
Understand effects of people functioning in groups
Comprehend ethical issues and implications
Integrate sociological/demographic viewpoints
Identify issues and target them for improvement
Propose and support recommendations
Simultaneously see big picture and details
Engage intellectual curiosity
Bring motivation, imagination, enthusiasm, initiative
Work well individually and on teams
Understand & appreciate cultural diversity
And many more

EXAMPLES OF JOBS FOR LAW, SOCIETIES, AND JUSTICE (LSJ) MAJORS (5 Categories):

1. LSJ/Social Science is required/preferred & job duties are directly related to LSJ (Entry-level)
2. LSJ/Social Science is required/preferred but some job duties aren't directly related (Entry-level)
3. LSJ isn't required or preferred but your transferable skills make you highly qualified (Entry-level)
4. Examples of job titles that real UW LSJ graduates have secured
5. "Career Trajectory" positions (LSJ-related jobs you might apply for one to several years after you graduate)

1. LSJ/Social Science degree is *required or preferred* & primary duties relate to your major (Entry Level):

Criminal Justice Research Assistant (San Diego Association of Governments)
Public Policy Research Associate (Social Solutions)
Legal Assistant / Paralegal / Legal Secretary (Many)
Research Associate (Thomson Reuters, Westlaw Court Express)
Associate Justice Reform (National League of Cities)
Safety & Justice Manager (Code for America)
Research Analyst, Center on Immigration and Justice (Vera Institute of Justice)
Equal Justice Works Community Paralegal Fellowship (New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice)
Legal Administrative Assistant (American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, Racial Justice Program)
Project Assistant, Family Law Project (Brooklyn Family Justice Center, Sanctuary for Families)
Workplace Justice Paralegal/Advocate (Make the Road New York)
Case Developer (Center for Court Innovation)
Special Victims Advocate (Center for Safety & Change)
Project Coordinator (Justice and Sustainability Associates)
Project Management Consultant (New York Civil Liberties Union)
Client Advocate, Bilingual Spanish-English (Justice & Diversity Center)
Associate Justice Reform (National League of Cities)
Research Assistant/Project Assistant (Community Resources for Justice)
Justice Project Lead Organizer (Open Communities)
Social Justice Educator (Moving Forward Education)
Program Assistant (Social Justice Fund Northwest)
Probation Counselor (City of Seattle)
Juvenile Justice Specialist (State of Oklahoma)

2. LSJ / SOCIAL SCIENCE degree is required/preferred but some primary responsibilities aren't directly related to LSJ (Entry-Level):

Legal and Technical Writing Specialist (HIPR Consultancy)
Conflicts Analyst (Jenner & Block LLP)
Contracting Specialist - Entry Level (National Security Agency)
Business Ethics & Compliance Specialist (Textron)
Policy Specialist (Chicago Coalition for the Homeless)
Social Insurance Specialist, Claims Representative (Social Security Administration)
Editorial Associate (RH Reality Check) / Editorial Assistant (ABC-CLIO)
Opinion and Media Research Coordinator, Social Justice Communication Lab (The Opportunity Agenda)
Development Associate/Office Manager (California Women's Law Center)
Consultant/Coordinator (San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership)
Social Justice Educator (United Teen Equality Center)
Community Advocate (Southern Poverty Law Center)
Project Assistant, Homelessness and Housing (Center for Social Innovation)
Victim Witness Program Specialist (St. Croix County)
Prison Counselor (State of Michigan)
Communications and Training Associate (Legal Aid Association of California)
Social Science Tech Writer (Constellation West)
Production Assistant (Macmillan Higher Education--Publishing)
Academic Advising Professional (Anoka-Ramsey Community College)
Community Navigator (Tri-City Mental Health Center)
FOCUS Specialist (Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth)
Child Care Services Compliance Consultant (State of Georgia)
Victim Advocate (Zeiders Enterprises)

3. Your major *isn't* required but your other transferable skills make you highly qualified (Entry-Level):

Research Associate (Environmental Law Institute) Associate Account Strategist (Google)
Financial Advisor (ING Financial Partners) Video Script Editorial Assistant (Shmoop)
Service Coordinator (Choice Program) Knowledge Assistant (Children's Law Center)
Partner Support Coordinator (Kiva Microfunds) Outreach Coordinator (MedBridge Education)
Marketing Coordinator (Yext) Account Coordinator, Employee Benefits (MCM)
Assistant Organizing Director (Work for Progress) Junior Project Manager (HealthPath Education)
Immigration Assistant/Receptionist (Law Firm) Executive Team Leader (Target)
Marketing Assistant (University Enterprises) Internet Marketing Specialist (Chair 10 Marketing)
Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator (EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases)
Investigative Advocate (Disability Rights Washington)
Associate Consultant (Celerity Consulting Group)
City Year - Corps Member (City Year Seattle/King County)
Patient Services Representative (Seattle Reproductive Medicine)
Recruitment & Admissions Assistant (Fund for American Studies)
Assistant Community Outreach Coordinator (Next Step Living)
More: Project Manager, Social Media Campaign Developer, Policy and Advocacy Specialist, FBI/CIA Agent

4. Actual job titles that real UW Law, Societies, and Justice graduates have secured (Examples):

Federal Investigator
Ethics Advisor
Legal Assistant
Program Manager
Account Manager
Project Coordinator
Research Assistant
Support Specialist
Computer Support Analyst
Program Assistant

5. "Career Trajectory" positions (LSJ-related jobs you might apply for one to several years after graduation)

Compliance and Administrative Officer: Global Transitional Justice Initiative (Int'l Coalition-Sites of Conscience)
Senior Research Associate, Center on Immigration and Justice (Vera Institute of Justice)
Press Secretary for Economic Justice (Center for Popular Democracy)
Education Justice Advocate (ACLU of Southern California)
Program Associate, Juvenile Justice Strategy Group (Annie E. Casey Foundation)
Policy Analyst, Center on Sentencing and Corrections (Vera Institute of Justice)
Community Organizer for Race and Policing Reform Campaign (NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund)
Jail Diversion Coordinator (Eliot Community Human Services)
Deputy Neighborhood Services Director (City of Phoenix)
Drug Court Case Manager (State of Georgia)
Qualitative Researcher (MetLife)
Attorney (requires JD degree)

These represent just a few examples. The Career Center can help you find positions that meet your goals!