# Law and Government Milestones

"Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you." - Ruth Bader Ginsburg

#### **Exploration**

People who pursue law and government careers like to solve complex problems and have a passion for protecting fundamental human rights. There are many different options in law and government including practicing law, administration, and policy making. The information below will help you explore your options and how you can make the most out of your time at UC Riverside.

### Year 1: Transition to New Territory

- Take an assessment through the UCR Career Center
- Meet with your major advisor to review your course plan
- Review your University Honors requirements for First Years
- Join a club or organization and volunteer on a committee
- Review and explore different careers in law and government
- Meet with a UCR Career Specialist





## Year 2: Try New Experiences

- Review and apply for scholarships and awards
- Apply for an internship opportunity such as UCDC and UCCS
- Consider applying for a leadership position
- Attend resume writing and internship workshops
- Setup a profile on Handshake and LinkedIn
- Attend a career or internship fair
- Consider applying for a Pre-Law Outreach program

## Year 3: Breaking the Comfort Zone

- Explore graduate and professional schools and their requirements
- Stand out by leading a project or event within an organization
- Take an upper-division course that will challenge you ullet
- Explore how you can connect your Honors capstone to your career ullet
- Conduct an informational interview with a legal or government professional
- Consider running for a Associated Students of UCR position ۲

#### Year 4: Your Time to Shine

- Meet with your advisor to make sure you are on track to graduate
- Complete Honors requirements including your capstone project
- Meet with Career Specialist to update resume and online profiles
- Complete a mock interview with a staff member or mentor
- Consider participation in a conference or symposium
- Attend career fairs offered by the UCR Career Center

#### **Capstone Project Idea**

Explore the political, sociological, and economic impact on a recently passed law or state-policy. You can review the policy's purpose and conduct an analysis on the state and your local community. You can do this by interviewing local officials or reviewing statistical data.

Law & Government Capstone Example: https://escholarship.org/uc/item/8g53x7wk





