

My Desired Career Path

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- Study Law to become a lawyer.
- Where am I currently?
 - Marianopolis College
 - Semester 4
 - Honours Law, Society and Justice

Why Law?

- Passion
- Interest in geo-political conflicts, systemic racism's relationship with mass incarceration, the abolishment of capital punishment, negotiations and contracts.
- Inspired by Ben Wei, founder of *Asians Fighting Injustice*, a non-profit aimed to fight against racial inequality towards Asian Americans in New York City.



Future Demand and Specifications

- Requirements:
 - Civil Law: Civil Law degree (Bachelor's), passing of the Bar.
 - Common Law: Bachelor's degree, graduate degree in Common Law, passing of the Bar.
- Highest demand in Quebec, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.
- Median wage in Canada: \$116, 940/year
- Human interpretation of the law necessary.

Fields of Interest – Corporate Law

- Responsibility: advise businesses in legal matters concerning their operations: contracts, mergers, acquisitions, and other business-related legal operations.
- Skills required: communication, analytical, time-management and interpersonal.
- National average salary: \$110, 832/year.

Fields of Interest – IP Law

- Responsibility: offer legal advice concerning intellectual property matters: trademarks, patents, copyright and licensing matters.
- Skills: communication, organization, attention to detail, writing, technical knowledge and analytical reasoning.
- National average salary: \$150, 802/year
- Additional education: background in the fields their clients are involved in.

Fields of Interest – International Law

- Responsibility: deal with international disputes : draft documents, research international laws and negotiate.
- Skills: commercial awareness, attention to detail, teamwork, communication, problem solving.
- National base average salary: \$106, 907/year

Civil vs Common Law



- Civil Law: French law. Used in the province of Quebec (except Criminal Law), Louisiana and most of Europe.
- Common Law: Used in the provinces around Canada (except Quebec public law), the United States (except Louisiana) and Oceania.

My Path – Plan A

1. Finish Cegep
2. Attend McGill Law School and graduate earning both my Civil and Common Law degrees.
3. Pass the Bar (ex: Quebec, Ontario, Alberta or New York)
4. Work as a lawyer in the jurisdiction I am qualified to practice in.

Duration: ~4 years

My Path – Plan B

1. Finish Cegep
2. Attend Concordia University and earn my undergraduate degree in Political Science. I hope to also do internships and gain relevant experience.
3. Attend McGill Law School and graduate earning both my Civil and Common Law degrees.
4. Pass the Bar (ex: Quebec, Ontario, Alberta or New York)
5. Work as a lawyer in the jurisdiction I am qualified to practice in.

Duration: 7 years

My Path – Plan C

1. Finish Cegep
2. Attend Concordia University and earn my undergraduate degree in Political Science. I hope to also do internships and gain relevant experience.
3. Attend a Law School (UofT, UofO, UBC, ect) and graduate earning my Common Law degree.
4. Pass the Bar (ex: Ontario, Alberta or New York)
5. Work as a lawyer in the jurisdiction I am qualified to practice in.
6. Duration: 7-8 years

Why McGill Law?

- Unique double-degree program
- Potential to practice law across Canada and the United States.
- To practice in the United States: equivalency required, except New York and Massachusetts.



McGill Law Grads & My Political Interest

- I would like to pursue politics: municipal or federal level. Undecided
- Incorporate knowledge from my law degree.
- Prioritize law degree
 - Possible interests:
 - Diplomat
 - Mayor
 - Member of Parliament
 - Minister





Ministerial Advisor Positions that Interest Me

- Minister of:
 - International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business and Economic Development
 - International Development
 - Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities
 - Foreign Affairs

What have I currently done to get me closer to my goal?

- Poll worker at the federal election (2021)
- Volunteer for Balarama Holness' municipal election campaign.
- Canadian Law course: trip to the Palais de Justice.
- Fundamentals of law course: law school material summarized and condensed into a CEGEP-level course.
- International relations class: international politics.
- Networking: members of Parliament, lawyers and politicians.
- Virtual activism

Pick Your Path Appreciation



- Great program to help youth plan a direction for their career path.
- Networking events, and seminars very useful to help the youth understand what their fields of interest are actually like.
- Mentors give relevant insight into the program of interest and are great resources when applying.