

IS LAW SCHOOL RIGHT FOR ME?

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

- How deep is my interest in law?
- Am I willing to go into a sizable amount of debt?
- How will law school and working in the legal profession impact my social and personal life?
- Do I like to research, read, and write?
- What does it mean to practice law?
- How are my analytical thinking and writing skills?
- Will law school and being an attorney satisfy my professional needs and ambitions?

HOW TO RESEARCH THESE QUESTIONS

Talk to a prelaw advisor.

- The prelaw advisors are trained to help you with the decision and application process and are happy to meet with you and discuss these questions with you.

Attend prelaw events.

- We host many prelaw events in conjunction with the Prelaw Student Association. Sign up for our weekly email at ppa.byu.edu/pre-law-newsletter. Identify yourself as a prelaw student on the ppa.byu.edu website so that we can keep you informed of these events.

Take a prelaw student development class.

- Many of the prelaw courses offered can provide you with the opportunity to talk with lawyers, examine attorney work product, and help you develop your analytical abilities.

Observe a first-year class at the BYU Law School.

- Contact BYU's Law School and ask to sign up to attend a class and see what law school is like.

REASONS NOT TO GO TO LAW SCHOOL

- Somebody else wants you to.
- You like to argue.
- You don't know what else to do.
- You want to make a lot of money.
- You need another degree.
- You want to avoid job hunting.
- You love TV shows and movies about law firms and legal issues.

Talk with current law students.

- There are approximately 450 students at the BYU Law School and many BYU alumni contacts at other law schools. Most students are happy to talk to prospective students and will be frank about their experiences. The student alumni database contains a list of alumni who have agreed to talk with students about law school. Contact our office for access to that database.

Seek out a legal internship

- Local firms may allow you to work in their office and receive college credit for this work. Learning more about the law office environment, attorney work product, and seeing an attorney in action may be helpful for you.

Attend court proceedings.

- Go to www.utcourts.gov under the Court Calendar for available times.

Talk to or shadow an attorney.

- Ask them about their specialty, their workday, and the pros and cons of their job.