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UW College of Law Academic Year Employment Policy

Law school is a demanding pursuit, requiring high levels of focus and full-time effort for three years. Carefully consider the motivation to work; [this article](#) has great insights from students weighing the pros and cons of working during law school. On average, students dedicate 60-80 hours per week to attendances, preparation and other activities related to law school including clinics, competitions, and law review.

Students are expected to devote substantially all working hours to the study of law. We strongly recommend that first-year students do not engage in any outside employment during the law school academic year and that upper division students do not engage in outside employment over twenty hours a week during the academic year.

For students interested in exploring employment opportunities **on-campus** please review these resources:

- Research Assistantships (<https://law-uwyo.12twenty.com/resource-library/22351>)
- Scholarship Opportunities (<https://uwyo.academicworks.com/>)
- Clinical Positions (<http://www.uwyo.edu/law/experiential/index.html>)
- Work Study Positions (<http://www.uwyo.edu/sfa/applying-for-financial-aid/>)

It is strongly encouraged that students seek employment **off-campus** for the two summers of law school. The office of [Career Services & Professional Development](#) specializes in guiding students through securing work opportunities during and after law school. Students may also review the opportunities provided through our robust [Externship Program](#).