



What Can I Do With A Major In: Business Administration and Law

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DESCRIPTION

Business Administration and law will allow you to develop a comprehensive background in business theory, application, and practice through academic rigor and application of practical relevance.

WHAT JOBS ARE AVAILABLE?

Advertising	Small business Management	Lawyer
Banking	Management Services	Human Resources
Consulting	Risk Management	Manager
Corporate Management	Real Estate	Tax Law
Health Care Administration	Product Management	Merger Law
Insurance	Securities Transactions	Bankruptcy Law
Planning	Self-employment	Capital Market Law
Retailing Industry	Purchasing	Intellectual Law
Sales	Manufacturing	

WHO EMPLOYS STUDENTS WITH THIS MAJOR?

Private law firms | Non-profit organizations | Government agencies | Businesses and industries | Tax preparation companies | Hospitals and health organizations | Banks and other financial organizations

INTERNSHIP INFORMATION

At Western Carolina University there are numerous internship opportunities for students. In some cases internships are established through a faculty member in the student's major. Oftentimes students find part-time jobs in an area related to their field of study. When this happens, students should discuss with their academic advisor the possibility of receiving college credit. Generally, three hours of general elective credit can be earned for a minimum of 200 hours of experience.

Many local businesses have hired WCU students as business administration interns. Some of these include:

Mountaintop Golf & Lake Club	General Dynamics Information Technology
Underwood	Johnson, Price and Sprinkle
Dills & Associates	Ray Bumgarner Kingshill
Crawley Lee & Company	Gould Killian
Dixon Hughes	High Hampton Inn
Gabler, Molis & Company	WCU Internal Audit Department

WHAT SKILLS ARE LEARNED IN THE CLASSROOM?

Oral & Written Communication	Effective Teamwork	Analytical & Quantitative Abilities		
Decision Making	Adaptability	Technology Skills	Information systems	Multitasking
Ability to Work Under Pressure	Problem Solving			

KNOWLEDGE

- Effective communication, teamwork, and problem solving skills.
- Knowledgeable of ethical principles and the application of those principles.
- Able to identify needed actions or presented problems, find and use appropriate information to address the action or problem, identify alternative solutions, and make decisions.
- Knowledgeable of core business concepts including accounting, business law, economics, finance, information technology, management, marketing and quantitative analysis.
- Understand the relationship of law and business, particularly in the areas of contracts, business organizations, and business ethics.

Interested in the classes you'll be taking? Check you your eight semester program here:

http://catalog.wcu.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=33&poid=4158&returnto=901

PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES

- Resources for Administrative Professionals - <http://www.asaporg.com/>
- Association of Executive and Administrative Professionals - <http://www.theaeap.com/>
- American BAR Association - <http://www.americanbar.org/aba.html>
- Tip: Join LinkedIn groups that are related to your career interest. Need help finding groups? Check out the "Groups You May Like" link under the Interests/Groups tab. Review the groups that professionals in your field of interest have joined and consider joining them as well.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SOURCES

- See what to do with your degree at:
<http://www.businessadministrationinformation.com/general-business/business-administration-degree-job-options>
- Occupational Outlook Handbooks from the Bureau of Labor Statistics:
<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/business-and-financial/home.htm>
- Read rules about taking the BAR exam in North Carolina:
http://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/bar_admissions.html

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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