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| **YOUR Target Courses** | - Complete at least 30 credit hours, including GOVT 2305 and SOSC 1100.  
- See Staff or Faculty Academic Advisor to discuss your desired major and receive a copy of your Academic Advising Guide.  
- Complete Foreign Language requirements.  
*Earn a 3.0 GPA to qualify for the Legal Studies program. | - Complete at least 30 credit hours, including COMM 1315, LEGL 3330, and PHIL 2303..  
- Continue Foreign Language requirements.  
- See Staff or Faculty Academic Advisor to file a degree plan for either the Paralegal Studies or Public Law concentrations.  
*Maintain a 3.0 GPA to continue in the Legal Studies program. |
| Federal, state, and local governments | - Participate in Tarleton Town Hall and Texan Debate as part of your First Year Experience.  
- Undecided about your major? Want to learn more about different career options? Take advantage of career counseling and career assessments through Career Services.  
- Explore student groups and organizations in your major or area of interests through TexanSync.  
- Attend Study Skills sessions for additional assistance with acclimating the first year.  
- Attend or use Academic Resource Center Coaching, Math Clinic, tutoring options, and Writing Center.  
- Know the FAFSA deadlines each year.  
- Seek help from Student Counseling Center for home sickness, depression, or other issues.  
- Feeling ill? Visit Student Health Services for physical health related concerns. | - Explore available Applied Learning Experiences (ALE) such as internships, research, study abroad, service learning or leadership experiences.  
- Tarleton in Washington, D.C.  
- Annual Study Abroad program sponsored by the Department of Social Sciences  
- Internships for academic credit |
| Law firms | - Schedule a meeting with a department representative to explore study away and study abroad experiences and department-sponsored service learning projects.  
- Start researching the marketable skills that employers are seeking.  
- Get involved in Service Day and Tarleton Roundup.  
- Apply to be a Residential Leader (RL) or Tarleton Transition Mentor (TTM).  
- Run for Freshman Representative Council with SGA (Student Government Association).  
- Look into Greek Organizations to network and build community. | - Seek out volunteer opportunities in your area through Volunteer Match or United Way to give back to the community and build marketable skills for future employment.  
- Attend events offered by The Office of Diversity and Inclusion and Fine Arts Center for cultural and diversity awareness.  
- Participate in Alternative Spring Break.  
- Run for Student Government Association. |
| Corporations | | |
| Special interest groups | | |
| Colleges & universities | | |
| Private & public schools | | |
| Legislative, executive, or judicial officials | | |
| Political action committees | | |
| Political parties | | |
| National, state, or local campaigns | | |
| Internet sites | | |
| Print & electronic media | | |
| Independent syndications | | |
| **YOUR Next Steps** | - Check out part-time jobs in Career Services employment system to gain work experience for your resume.  
- Attend job and graduate school fairs to explore future opportunities. Make a good first impression with your attire.  
- Investigate the type of lifestyle, salary, and occupation you would like to have through Texas Reality Check tools (powered by Texas Workforce Commission).  
- Learn more about your student loan debt, budgeting, and much more through SALT. | - Explore career opportunities within your major.  
- Ask Career Services how to conduct a job shadow.  
- Convert your high school resume into a pre-professional resume.  
- Get to know your instructors to establish professional references and explore research opportunities.  
- Create your online portfolio through Portfolium. Consult with Career Services or your Faculty Advisor on items to include. |
## YOUR Major Action Plan: Legal Studies

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| Nonprofit organizations | - Complete at least 30 credit hours, including ENGLs 3309/3310, LEGL 3331, and POLS 3309.  
- Paralegal Studies students need to also complete LEGL 4386.  
- Public Law students need to also complete POLSs 3302/3305/3311/3312.  
- See your Academic or Faculty advisor for other required course options.  
- If your goal is to be a public school teacher, you will need to see your Faculty Advisor for additional required courses to begin preparing for your Educator Preparation courses after you have completed 60 hours.  
**Maintain a 3.0 GPA to continue in the Legal Studies program.** | - Complete remaining credit hours, including LEGL 4385 and POLSs 4301/4302.  
- Paralegal Studies students need to also complete LEGLs 4330/4331/4084/4386x2.  
- Public Law students need to also complete LEGL 4390 and POLS 3304.  
- See your Academic or Faculty advisor for other required course options.  
- If your goal is to be a public school teacher, work closely with your Faculty Advisor for additional required courses and Education Preparation Services to prepare for your clinical teaching experience.  
- Meet with your advisor to ensure you are on track to graduate.  
**Maintain a 3.0 GPA to continue in the Legal Studies program.** |
| Foundations | | |
| Professional associations | | |
| Product & service organizations | - Visit with a faculty advisor/mentor within your area of interest to explore student opportunities specific to your concentration within the Legal Studies major.  
- Consider participating in an undergraduate research project.  
- Conduct informational interviews and talk to professionals working in your fields interest.  
- Take part in the Official Ring Ceremony. | - Complete an internship for the Paralegal Studies concentration (LEGL 4084).  
- Present undergraduate research at the Texas A&M University System’s Pathways Research Symposium.  
- Consider participation in and presenting at an academic conference.  
- Collaborate with a faculty mentor for an undergraduate research project. |
| Financial companies | | |
| Insurance companies | | |
| Newspapers | | |
| Wire services | | |
| Magazines | | |
| Television & radio stations | | |
| Explore more occupations and occupation groups through the Occupational Outlook Handbook powered by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics. | | |
| Your Talleg Courses | | |
| Find YOUR Way | | |
| Sharpen YOUR Skills | | |
| YOUR Next Steps | | |

**YOUR Next Steps**

- Meet with a Career Services staff member to plan your job-search campaign, schedule mock interviews, resume critiques, and a Business Etiquette Dinner.  
- Create a LinkedIn profile to further your professional networking.  
- Check the Career Services calendar for career development workshops.  
- Seek out an internship at any of the Career Services job fairs.  
- Investigate graduate schools and attend the Open House for TSU College of Graduate Studies.

- File for GRADUATION!  
- Update your resume in the Career Service’s employment system, Portfolium, and LinkedIn.  
- Compile reference letters, awards, etc.  
- Research potential employers, seek out networking opportunities, apply for available positions, and prepare for potential interviews.  
- Attend job fairs and dress professionally.  
- Consider and review various job offers, if necessary, review information needed to negotiate a salary.  
- Graduate! Congratulations!  
- Join the Tarleton Alumni Association to stay connected to the University. **BLEED PURPLE!**