CAREER SHEET · LAW & PUBLIC SERVICE

Law & public service

Protecting people's rights and keeping communities safe and fairly governed.



6 careers

1–7 years after school

English key subjects

CAREER	QUALIFICATION	YEARS	LICENCE OR REGISTRATION	ENTRY	USUAL IELTS
 **Diplomat** Academic	Bachelor's in international relations or politics	**4–6** yrs	Not needed; foreign service entry exam	●●● Highly competitive	**7–7.5**
 **Political scientist** Academic	Bachelor's in political science	**3–4** yrs	Not needed	●●○ Competitive	**6.5–7**
 **Criminologist** Academic	Bachelor's in criminology	**3–4** yrs	Not needed	●●○ Competitive	**6–6.5**
 **Lawyer** Professional	Law degree (LLB, or a JD after a bachelor's)	**4–7** yrs	Bar admission	●●● Highly competitive	**7–7.5**
 **Paralegal** Vocational	Paralegal diploma	**1–2** yrs	Not needed	●○○ Open	**6–6.5**
 **Police officer** Vocational	Police academy training	**1–3** yrs	Sworn in on completion	●●○ Competitive	**Not usually asked**

Figures are typical ranges and vary by country and university. Always check entry rules with each university or college.

WHAT TO STUDY NOW

Subjects for each career

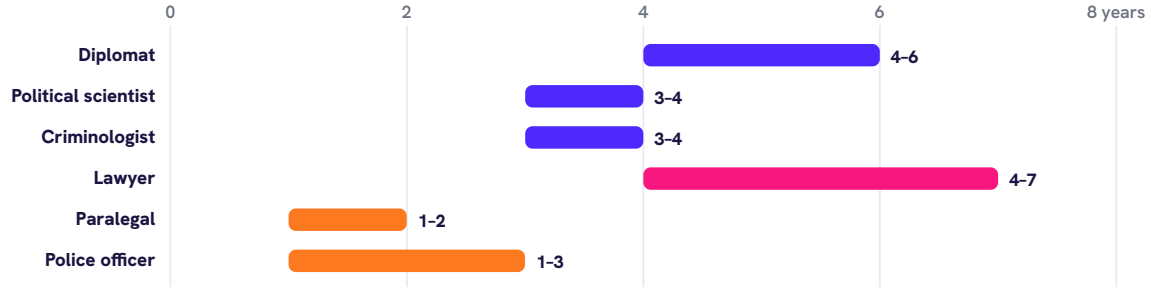
● Needed ○ Helpful – Not needed

	English language	History	Geography	French	Arabic	Civics & citizenship	Economics	Psychology	Statistics
Diplomat	●	○	○	○	○	–	–	–	–
Political scientist	●	○	–	–	–	○	○	–	–
Criminologist	●	–	–	–	–	○	–	○	○
Lawyer	●	○	–	–	–	○	–	–	–
Paralegal	●	–	–	–	–	○	–	–	–
Police officer	●	–	–	–	–	○	–	–	–

HOW LONG IT TAKES

Years after school

Academic · Professional · Vocational



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English language
Grade 6 to foundation · on Uni Prep



History
Grade 6 to foundation · on Uni Prep



Geography
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English for university
Towards IELTS 6–7.5

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