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# CAREER IN LAW



## ROLE OF A LAWYER

There are many different types of lawyers with a variety of job responsibilities and duties.

No matter what type of lawyer one may be, they have an extremely important role in the lives of others.

The lawyer is an individual who represents a person or entity (private or public) in various legal stages. The lawyer is there to act on behalf of another and voices the opinion and arguments in favour of that person and in a manner which is in their best interests.

# BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONS.) ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

## GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- The Matriculation Certificate and Secondary Education Certificate passes at Grade 5 or better in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics.

## SPECIAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. two passes at Grade C or better at Advanced Matriculation Level or equivalent in English and Maltese, and three passes at Intermediate Matriculation Level or equivalent, one of which at grade C or better, in subjects chosen as follows: one subject from Group 2, one subject from Group 3, and another subject (except English and Maltese) or;
2. a degree at MQF level 6 in any area of study awarded by the University of Malta or any other higher education institution recognized by Senate, and a pass at Grade C or better at Advanced Matriculation level or equivalent in Maltese

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The course will enable you to pursue a range of postgraduate studies, where you can read for a Masters degree that leads to:

- the profession of Advocate;
- Notary Public;
- Master of Laws in European and Comparative Law;
- Master of Laws in International Law;
- Master of Arts in Mediation;
- Master of Arts in Human Rights and Democratization of Governance amongst others

As a graduate, you will be equipped with knowledge and skills which may be utilised in other careers (as in the public service, banking and in other commercial occupations).



## WARRANT TO PRACTICE AS AN ADVOCATE IN MALTA

Requirements (as per Article 81 of the COCP Cap. 12 of the Laws of Malta):

1. is a fit and proper person as recommended by the Committee
2. Applicant must be of good conduct and morals;
3. A citizen of Malta, a citizen of a Member State or is otherwise permitted to work in Malta under any law;
4. Obtained an academic degree in Law;
5. Pupillage for a period of not less than one year with a practicing advocate of the Bar of Malta and at the sittings of the superior courts;
6. Possesses full knowledge of the Maltese Language as being the language of the courts;
7. Has been duly examined and approved by two judges;

This examination is held in the Maltese language and is divided in two parts: a written exam and an oral exam, both sessions are presently held at the Courts of Justice. The dates of the written exam are published in the Government Gazette. Dates of the Oral Exam will only be issued following the completion of the written exam.



# DIFFERENT LAW SPECIALISATIONS

- Criminal Law
- Civil Law
- Family Law
- Commercial Law
- Constitutional Law
- Employment Law
- Property Law



# THE ROLE OF THE PROSECUTOR

Prosecutes on behalf of the Republic of Malta in Criminal Proceedings.

The Attorney General is the constitutionally independent chief prosecutor for the Republic of Malta.



## Why?

Prosecute crimes in order to ensure that justice be served to the victim and society in general doing so by always respecting all the rights of the person accused.

## How?

Actively involved in Court proceedings.  
Bringing evidence in the case, both against or in favour of the accused.

## When?

Our role begins when the Police refer the case to our Office.





## What do we do?

- Court commitments and Court hearings
- Decisions to prosecute
- Working alongside the Police
- Drafting of court documents  
example: applications, replies,  
notes of submissions and Bills of  
Indictment
- Plea bargaining negotiations
- International and EU Co-  
operation
- Duties and opportunities abroad

## JOB SATISFACTION AND FULFILLMENT

A career in law can be rewarding and fulfilling for those who are passionate about justice, advocacy and problem solving

- Intellectual challenge;
- Opportunity to make a difference;
- Variety of career paths;
- Professional development;
- Transferable skills;
- Networking opportunities





**QUESTIONS?**

**THANK YOU!**