

PROFESSIONAL IDENTITY FORMATION
POL5200 01
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Day 1

Read:

GWU School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, SEAS Careers, “*What is a professional identity, and why is it important?*” <https://careers.seas.gwu.edu/blog/2022/11/23/building-and-refining-your-professional-identity/#:~:text=Seek%20out%20opportunities,-The%20more%20opportunities&text=Internships%2C%20extracurriculars%2C%20and%20volunteering%20are,with%20your%20area%20of%20study>

What Is a Law Student’s Professional Identity and What Is Professional Identity Formation? - A Short Introduction Holloran Center – September 2022: [Holloran Center PIF Definition_Law School Context](#)

Fitzpatrick, M., & Queenan, R. (2021). Professional identity formation, leadership and exploration of self. *UMKC Law Review*, 89(3), 539-558. [Use institution for login: "Vermont Law School"].
<https://heinonline.org/HOL/Page?handle=hein.journals/umkc89&id=505&collection=journals&index=>

Assignment:

Write down three identities you currently have/hold, and bring them to class. For example, I identify as a professor, a mother, and a daughter. Please choose identities that are central to who you are, and think about why you chose those identities over others (for example, I am also a spouse, a friend, and an outdoor enthusiast).