

LAW & PUBLIC SERVICE

CAREER CLUSTER

PROGRAM OF STUDY:

LEGAL STUDIES

Course	Credits	Class Periods	Grade	Location
Court Systems & Advanced Legal Skills	2.0	2	11-12	MCTC
Practicum in Law	2.0	2	12	MCTC

Prerequisite: Court Systems & Advanced Legal Skills, or Law Enforcement I & II

CERTIFICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Students participating in the Practicum in Law course may have the opportunity to test for Teen CERT and earn a certificate of completion after their final exercise. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program is a national program of volunteers trained in disaster preparedness and emergency response.

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

- Court Reporter
- Defense Attorney
- Federal Judge
- Paralegal
- Prosecutor
- State Judge
- Victim's Advocate



8972V COURT SYSTEMS & PRACTICES - FALL SEMESTER

8987V ADVANCED LEGAL SYSTEMS - SPRING SEMESTER

Grades: 11-12 1 Credit Each Course

This course provides an introduction to the legal studies industry. In **Court Systems & Practices**, students learn basics about the criminal justice system, structure of the American court system, prosecution, right to counsel, types and rules of evidence, and sentencing. Students participate in mock trials. In **Advanced Legal Systems**, students dive deeper into the practical application of the law, as well as civil and criminal procedure. Students gain an understanding of the attorney-client relationship and the importance of confidentiality, discovery, pretrial motions, jury selection, opening statements, direct and cross examinations, and closing arguments. Students will also learn how to evaluate a set of facts and mold it into a coherent trial strategy, learning trial practice from the ground floor.

*8985V PRACTICUM IN LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY, CORRECTIONS & SECURITY

Grade: 12 2 Credits

*Prerequisites: Court Systems & Practices and Advanced Legal Systems OR Law Enforcement I & II
Students must provide their own transportation to internship site.*

This course provides supervised practical application of previously studied knowledge and skills in law, public safety, corrections, and security. Practicum experiences may occur in a variety of internship locations appropriate to the nature and level of student proficiency. This course is a capstone experience for students participating in a coherent sequence of career and technical education courses in the Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security Career Cluster. ***Practicum in Law is an alternative option for 2nd year students in the Law Enforcement program of study.**

PROGRAM EXPERIENCES

Our Legal Studies students will have the opportunity to gain insight into the American court system. Hands-on lab time includes participation in mock trials to help students understand various aspects including types and rules of evidence, the attorney-client relationship and jury selection. While taking the Practicum in Law course, students can potentially learn more about a specific area within criminal justice through a nonpaid internship.

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

- Willingness to participate in activities in all aspects of government and the law.
- Ability to learn theory as well as application of the law.
- Demonstrate excellent communication skills.
- Willingness to participate in mock trials during lab time.
- Demonstrate maturity to discuss sensitive topics including murder, abuse, drug involvement, etc.

