

# LEGAL STUDIES

CAREER CLUSTER: LAW & PUBLIC SERVICE

STATEWIDE PROGRAM OF STUDY: LEGAL STUDIES

Course	Credits	Class Periods	Grade	Location
Court Systems & Advanced Legal Systems	2.0	2	11-12	MCTC
Practicum in Law <i>Prerequisites: Court Systems &amp; Advanced Legal Systems or Law Enforcement I &amp; II</i>	2.0	2	12	MCTC

## CERTIFICATION OPPORTUNITY

- Community Emergency Response Team (Teen CERT)



## 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.

## 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 have a valid Driver's License and obtain a Miller parking permit by the 3rd day of school to remain eligible.*

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.

## CAREER POSSIBILITIES

- Compliance Officer
- Court Reporter
- Defense Attorney
- Federal Judge
- Litigation Assistant
- Paralegal
- Prosecutor
- Social Worker
- State Judge
- Victim's Advocate



## 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.