

Course Name: Criminal Justice

Duration: 1 Semester Full Year

Grade Level: 9th 10th 11th 12th (check all that apply)

Are there any prerequisites for the course?

None

WHAT this course is about:

Criminal Justice is a class that will teach you about all of the areas involved in the Criminal Justice system from creation of laws to enforcement and investigation of crime and criminal laws through the adjudication and consequences resulting from the criminal justice system.

WHY take this course:

After taking this class, you will have a deep understanding of the origin, philosophy and actual workings of the Criminal Justice system such that you will be comfortable and articulate discussing current and historical criminal justice topics and events.

WHAT you'll learn:

- Origin and History of substantive and procedural Criminal Justice laws, Trial Procedure, Ethics, Local and Federal Policing, Investigations and Forensics, FBI, DEA, ATF, Border Patrol, ICE, Homeland Security, Marshalls and Sheriffs, State Patrol and many other policing issues and topics.
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WHAT you'll do:

Field trips to the Police Academy, Federal Court, Superior Court, Juvenile Detention Center, Law firms, Gonzaga Law School. Also, hand's on projects individually and in teams, Conducting real 'Mock Trials' in front of real 'mock' juries. Many guest speakers from the legal and enforcement community.

WHERE this could take you:

This class could lead you into a strong interest in pursuing continuing and secondary education leading to a career in the myriad areas of Criminal Justice including policing, investigations, forensics along with traditional law careers such as Attorney, Paralegal, Judge, etc.

OPTIONAL Course Outline ("scope and sequence", sequence chart, etc.)

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