

Law & Order

Pre-Requisites:

Credits:

Estimated Completion Time:

Earliest Start Date: March 2014

Description

Law & Order: Introduction to Legal Studies

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Every purchase, lease, contract, marriage, divorce, arrest, crime or traffic violation places the citizen face-to-face with the law. Law & Order is designed to provide students with an understanding of their legal rights and responsibilities. This course is based on the American Legal system.

Major Topics and Concepts

Unit 1: The World of Law & Ethics

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * Understand how to make a well rounded decision.
- * Understand ethics and their applications.
- * Understand the importance of laws.
- * Understand the history of the US Legal System.
- * Understand how our laws and ethics are related.

Unit 2: The Lawmaking Process

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * Understand how a law moves through Congress.
- * Understand the key players in law formation.
- * Understand the President's power of veto.
- * Understand what roles a citizen has.
- * Understand the ways a court can affect a law.
- * Understand how laws are changed.

Unit 3: A Look Inside Our Courts

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * Examine the parts and purposes of the state court system.
- * Examine the parts and purposes of the federal court system.
- * Understand the steps of a civil case.
- * Understand the process and people involved in a criminal and civil case.

Unit 4: Criminal Law

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * Identify the factors that may lead to crime.
- * Understand the individuals involved in crime.
- * Understand the purpose of the US criminal justice system.
- * Understand the differences between crimes.
- * Understand the different levels of liability.

Unit 5: Tort Law

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * Know and understand what torts are.
- * Understand the concept of damages.
- * Understand the different types of torts.
- * Understand the concept of standard of care.
- * Understand the idea of product liability.

Unit 6: Consumer Law

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * Understand how a consumer interacts within the market.
- * Understand the purpose and reason behind the Federal Trade Commission.
- * Understand what consumers are entitled to and what they should give back to the market.
- * Understand what the different warranties are, and how they can affect a consumer's purchase.
- * Understand the ramifications of legal documents and oral documents and which is better.
- * Understand any hidden issues associated with credit cards, interest, payments, late payments, and credit card user rights.

Unit 7: Family Law

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * Define a family.
- * Understand what common law marriage is.
- * Understand the seriousness of domestic abuse.
- * Understand the reasons behind cohabitation.
- * Understand how the family has legally changed in the last several decades.

Unit 8: Community Rights

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * Understand each of the rights outlined in the US Bill of Rights.
- * Understand the applications of the First Amendment.
- * Understand the concept of Free Press and its regulations.
- * Be familiar with landmark cases involved in the freedom of speech.
- * Understand where the concept of the *right to privacy* comes from.