



Level 1	Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security
	Court Systems and Practices
Level 2	
	Advanced Legal Skills and Professions
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	Practicum in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security
Level 4	

HIGH SCHOOL/INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION	CERTIFICATE/LICENSE*	ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	MASTER'S/DOCTORAL PROFESSIONAL DEGREE
	Attorney	Legal Assistant/Paralegal	Legal Assistant/Paralegal	Law
	Certified Paralegal			Intellectual Property Law
	Board Certification in Types of Law			Advanced Legal Research/ Studies, General
	Certified Legal Video Specialist			International Law and Legal Studies

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Lawyers	\$126,131	2,801	19%
Paralegal and Legal Assistants	\$50,544	2,837	19%

WORK BASED LEARNING AND EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES	
Exploration Activities:	Work Based Learning Activities:
SkillsUSA Industry Tours Guest Speakers	Participate in internships

Additional industry-based certification information is available on the TEA CTE website. For more information on postsecondary options for this program of study, visit TXCTE.org.

The Legal Studies program of study introduces CTE learners to the occupations and educational opportunities related to representing clients in criminal and civil litigation and other legal proceedings, as well as assisting lawyers and preparing legal documents. This program of study explores possible specializations in a single area of law.



The Law and Public Service Career Cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing legal services, public safety, protective services, and homeland security, including professional and technical support services. Students will examine the roles and responsibilities of police, courts, corrections, private security, and fire and emergency services.

COURSE INFORMATION: LEGAL STUDIES

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES (PREQ)	Grade
Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security	13029200 (1 credit)	None	9-10
Court Systems and Practices	13029600 (1 credit)	None	10-12
Advanced Legal Skills and Professions	N1303016 (1 credit)	PREQ: Court Systems and Practices	11-12
Practicum in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security	13030100 (2 credits)	PREQ: Completion of two CTE courses within this program of study	12

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM OF STUDY,
PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COUNSELOR OR VISIT
[HTTPS://AMTECH.AMAISD.ORG](https://amtech.amaisd.org)



LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM OF STUDY

Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security

Grade Placement: 9–10, Credit: 1

Prerequisite: None.

Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security introduces students to professions in law enforcement, protective services, corrections, firefighting, and emergency management services. Students will examine the roles and responsibilities of police, courts, corrections, private security, and protective agencies of fire and emergency services. The course provides students with an overview of the skills necessary for careers in law enforcement, fire service, protective services, and corrections.

**Course #0650
AHS, CHS, PDHS, THS**

Court Systems and Practices

Grade Placement: 10–12, Credit: 1

Prerequisite: None.

Court Systems and Practices is an overview of the federal and state court systems. The course identifies the roles of judicial officers and the trial processes from pretrial to sentencing and examines the types and rules of evidence. Emphasis is placed on constitutional laws for criminal procedures such as search and seizure, stop and frisk, and interrogation.

**Course #0654c
AMTECH**

Advanced Legal Skills and Professions (future offering)

Grade Placement: 11-12, Credit: 1

Prerequisite: Court Systems and Practices.

Students will be provided with a foundation to understand the basic mechanics of the U.S. legal system. Building on prior instruction in constitutional issues and the basics of American court systems, this course provides insight into the practical application of the law, as well as civil and criminal procedure, giving students a hands-on opportunity to experience a variety of legal professions.

**Course #0664c
AMTECH**

Practicum in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security

Grade Placement: 12, Credits: 2

Prerequisite: Completion of two CTE courses within this program of study.

The practicum course is designed to give students supervised practical application of previously studied knowledge and skills in law, public safety, corrections, and security. Practicum experiences can occur in a variety of locations appropriate to the nature and level of experience. Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.

**Course #0659c
AMTECH**