

# **Court Systems and Practices**

**Local Course #:** 82422

**State Course ID:** 13029600

## **Course Description:**

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. Class is taught at the Keller Center for Advanced Learning.

## **Link to TEKS:**

[https://texas-sos.appianportalsgov.com/rules-and-meetings?\\$locale=en\\_US&interface=VIEW\\_TAC\\_SUMMARY&queryAsDate=08%2F05%2F2025&recordId=225650](https://texas-sos.appianportalsgov.com/rules-and-meetings?$locale=en_US&interface=VIEW_TAC_SUMMARY&queryAsDate=08%2F05%2F2025&recordId=225650)

## **First 9 Weeks Major Topics:**

History and Structure of State and Federal Courts, Courtroom Professionalism and Personnel

## **Second 9 Weeks Major Topics:**

Mock Trial, Bill of Rights, Case Law Applications

## **Third 9 Weeks Major Topics:**

Types of Law, Purposes of Law, Criminal Defenses to Prosecution, Impact of Public Opinion

## **Fourth 9 Weeks Major Topics:**

Criminal Procedure, Crime Classifications and Punishments, Trial Procedures, Plea Bargains, Motions, and Evidence