

Advanced Legal Skills and Professions

Local Course #: 82436

State Course ID: N1303016

Course Description:

This course offers a comprehensive exploration of the U.S. legal system, providing students with advanced insights into legal procedures and professions. Throughout this course, students will delve into the complexities of civil and criminal procedures, the nuances of the attorney-client relationship, and the critical importance of confidentiality. From the intricacies of investigating cases (discovery) to the art of presenting persuasive court arguments (closing arguments), students will engage in immersive, hands-on learning experiences. The course culminates in dynamic mock trials, where students will assume roles such as attorneys, witnesses, and jurors. Through these simulations, students will refine their critical thinking, public speaking, and teamwork skills as they develop and execute winning trial strategies. Advanced Legal Skills and Professions goes beyond theoretical knowledge, offering students a practical understanding of the legal field. Join us for a stimulating journey through the legal system, where learning is not just about comprehension but also about application and skill development.

Link to TEKS:

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/learning-support-and-programs/innovative-courses/advancedlegalskillsandprofessions2020-2021.pdf>

First 9 Weeks Major Topics:

Professional Standards & Legal Careers

Client Communication & Ethical Practices

Pretrial Procedures

Second 9 Weeks Major Topics:

Discovery Process

Dispute Resolution (Negotiation, Mediation, Arbitration)

Third 9 Weeks Major Topics:

Motions & Pretrial Practice

Depositions

Jury Selection

Fourth 9 Weeks Major Topics:

Trial Practice (Mock Trial)



Post-Trial Motions

Moot Court/Case Law