

Legal Services (August 2020)	Scope and Sequence
Unit Lesson	Objectives
<b>THE LAW: ORIGINS AND STRUCTURE</b>	
Rule of Law, Magna Carta	
	Understand common law and the origin of modern law in the United States.
	Define due process.
	Understand and evaluate the importance of Magna Carta.
Common Law, Stare Decisis, and the U.S. Legal System	
	Understand common law and the origins of modern American law.
	Identify important sections of the U.S. Constitution.
	Compare types of laws.
	Evaluate the importance of precedent.
Project: Where Does the Law Come From?	
Drafting Written Law	
	Distinguish between various types of law.
	Compare and contrast state government with the federal government.
	Understand how an idea becomes a law.
Project: Dealing with Disputes	
Civil Law	
	Understand and evaluate the significance of civil procedure.
	Differentiate the roles of the parties in a civil trial.
	Explain the realm of civil law.
	Compare the roles of federal and state courts in civil cases.

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	Project: Researching a Civil Lawsuit	
	Criminal Law	<p>Explain the basics of criminal procedure.</p> <p>Understand how the model penal code pertains to criminal statutes.</p> <p>Differentiate types of criminal behavior.</p> <p>Compare the roles of the prosecution and defense in a criminal trial.</p>
	Appealing a Ruling	<p>Apply knowledge of the appellate processes at the state and federal levels.</p> <p>Analyze and discern various reasons for appeal.</p> <p>Explain the nature of the types of decisions at the appellate level.</p> <p>Compare appellate processes to trial court processes.</p>
	Project: An Appeals Case	
	Test	
<b>THE COURTROOM AND THE CASE</b>		
	Attorneys, Jurors, and Civic Responsibility	<p>Explain significance of jurors and attorneys in a trial.</p> <p>Understand civic responsibility as it relates to jury service.</p> <p>Compare the two types of challenges used by attorneys to exclude potential jurors.</p> <p>Demonstrate familiarity with the role of jurors in a trial.</p>
	Project: Who Participates in a Trial?	
	Victims, Defendants, and Litigants	<p>Compare and contrast the purpose and proceedings of criminal and civil trials.</p>

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		Explain the basics about courtroom officials.
		Distinguish between parties in criminal cases and those in civil cases.
		Understand the role and responsibilities of witnesses in a trial.
	Project: Representing a Client at Trial	
	The Judge and Support Staff	
		Differentiate between the roles of various court officers.
		Understand the job of being a judge.
		Compare skills required to be a judge to those of other court officers.
	Pre-trial	
		List and explain the various steps of the pre-trial procedure in criminal cases.
		Understand the arrest process and the role of Miranda rights.
		Compare and contrast the different components of the pre-trial process.
		Assess the elements of the criminal process designed to protect a defendant.
	Project: Writing an Opening Statement	
	Trial	
		Understand the steps in a trial process.
		Differentiate the parties involved in a trial.
		Explain and contrast opening statements and closing arguments.
		Compare the roles of the two types of examinations in a trial.
		Explain the purpose of instructions to the jury.
	Project: Death Penalty Appellate Process	
	The Appellate Process	

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Evaluate appeals cases and their results.

Understand the steps in the appeals process.

Explain the purpose of an appeal.

Consider the legal reasons behind the final decision in appeals cases.

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**CONTEMPORARY LAW TOPICS**

Freedoms in the Bill of Rights

Explain the origin and purpose of the Bill of Rights.

Describe which rights extend protection to individuals involved in legal issues or crimes.

Analyze situations that may violate civil rights.

Precedent; Judicial Activism; Evolution of Law

Evaluate the role of police misconduct in the evolution of civil rights.

Analyze legal cases protecting against civil rights violations.

Understand how constitutional rights have been interpreted and how they have evolved.

Project: Investigating Judicial Interpretation

Federal Statutes; 42USC1983 and 42USC1985

Compare federal civil rights statutes that protect individuals.

Understand the principles of civil rights protections.

Explain the projections of federal statutes.

Understand how constitutional rights have been interpreted and how they have evolved.

Project: Considering Federal Civil Rights Protections

Technology and Issues in Law

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Identify areas in which technology has had the most impact on the field of law.

Evaluate the impact of technology on issues of law such as intellectual property and social media.

Understand the difficulties of asserting jurisdiction in cases with an online component.

Understand the role and legalities of electronic eavesdropping.

Project: Analyzing Copyright Protection

Technology for the Attorney

Understand how technology has made legal research easier and more convenient.

Compare and contrast the purpose and value of different types of resources used in legal research.

Analyze how the growth of electronic evidence has impacted the legal research process.

Project: Researching Case Law

Technology's Impact on Discovery

Analyze the legal arguments regarding electronic eavesdropping.

Understand the role of electronic data in a legal dispute.

Apply the process of electronic evidence to help prove a case.

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**EVIDENCE AND FORENSICS**

Types of Evidence

Differentiate and explain the difference between direct and circumstantial evidence.

Name and describe the various classifications of evidence types.

Comprehend and analyze how evidence is used in a courtroom.

Project: Researching DNA Evidence

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	Scientific Evidence	<p>Comprehend and analyze the application of modern DNA evidence usage in the courtroom.</p> <p>Differentiate and explain the differences in the use of medical evidence.</p> <p>Understand how different types of evidence are analyzed.</p>
	Evidence Rules and Chain of Custody	<p>Explain the role of a crime scene investigator.</p> <p>Describe the Federal Rules of Evidence and analyze its importance in a trial.</p> <p>Explain the process of collecting and protecting evidence.</p>
	Project: Examining Evidence	
	Depositions	<p>Identify and contrast the different forms of testimonial evidence.</p> <p>Understand how to plan a deposition.</p> <p>Explain types of depositions and why they are used.</p> <p>Generalize about the role of deposition testimony in the courtroom.</p>
	Project: Diagramming a Deposition	
	Hearsay and Rules of Evidence	<p>Apply the Federal Rules of Evidence to testimonial evidence.</p> <p>Explain hearsay evidence and why the court rejects it.</p> <p>Understand exceptions to the hearsay rules.</p>
	Admissions and Confessions	<p>Identify and contrast the different forms of testimonial evidence.</p> <p>Analyze the use of and distinguish between admissions and confessions in an investigation.</p>

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Apply the five most important and often used Federal Rules of Evidence to testimony.

Distinguish between allowable and prohibited character evidence.

Project: Admitting Guilt

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## POST-SECONDARY LEGAL EDUCATION AND CAREERS IN THE LEGAL FIELD

The Juris Doctor Degree

Identify the requirements for admission to law school.

Demonstrate understanding of the role of the LSAT in law school admissions.

Identify the components of a law school curriculum, and discuss the significance of them.

Project: Practicing the LSAT

Other Legal Educational Paths

Describe several different legal career paths.

Identify common components of the paralegal curriculum.

Compare the activities of paralegals in different types of legal environments.

Recall requirements of paralegal certification.

Beyond the J.D.

Describe several different legal career paths.

Identify components of continuing legal education.

Understand the role of the bar and bar associations in the life of a lawyer.

Project: Comparing Jobs

Careers as an Attorney

List and analyze many different practice areas of the law profession.

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		Discover some of the professional responsibilities of lawyers.
		Compare areas of law based on personal preferences and talents.
	Project: Researching Legal Practice Areas	
	Careers as a Legal Paraprofessional	Understand the difference between the careers of a paralegal and an attorney at law after training.
		Discover some of the ethical considerations and professional responsibilities of paralegals.
		Compare areas of law based on personal preferences and talents.
	Career Advancement in the Legal Field	
		List and analyze the many different practice areas of the law profession.
		Discover the factors that impact career satisfaction for lawyers.
		Evaluate the benefit and variety of LLM and JSD programs.
	Project: Planning a Career in Law	
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<b>COURSE PROJECT, REVIEW, AND EXAM</b>		
	Review	
	Exam	