Law in Society

Law in Society is a one-half or one-credit course designed to acquaint students with basic legal principles common to business and personal activities. This course is an overview of criminal, civil, contract, and consumer law. Topics include evaluating contracts, purchasing appropriate insurance, interpreting state and federal criminal law, and representing other businesses as employee or contractor. For a half-credit course, content standards 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, and 14 must be included.

Career and technical student organizations are integral, cocurricular components of each career and technical education course. These organizations serve as a means to enhance classroom instruction while helping students develop leadership abilities, expand workplace-readiness skills, and broaden opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Criminal Law

Students will:

1. Interpret components and categories of state and federal criminal law.
   Example: steps in criminal proceedings

Ethics

2. Differentiate between ethics and law using research results.
   - Determining consequences of illegal and unethical conduct
   - Interpreting laws related to the illegal and unethical use of computers

Classifications and Origins of Law

3. Critique influences, sources, and structure of the law and court systems.
   Example: connection to constitution and branches of government

4. Analyze classifications of law, including procedural and substantive and private and public, for distinguishing characteristics.

Career Opportunities

5. Determine career and entrepreneurial opportunities, responsibilities, and educational and credentialing requirements related to the legal profession.
Civil Law
6. Interpret components of civil law, including negligence, torts, intentional torts, strict liability, and absolute liability.
   Examples: categories and penalties of civil law

Contract Law
7. Critique components of contract law.
   Examples: characteristics of contract law, effects of breach of contract

Consumer Law
8. Critique components of national and international sales and consumer law.
   • Analyzing sales laws to determine compliance with the Uniform Commercial Code
   • Comparing express and implied warranties
   • Interpreting contracts
   • Identifying protections and penalties provided by copyright and trademark laws
     Examples: print, music, video, software

Labor Relations
9. Analyze labor relation components to determine effects on employees and employers.

Agency Law
10. Compare various relationships associated with agency law as they relate to conducting global business.
    Examples: agent and professional athlete, broker and seller

Real Property
11. Explain legal rules that apply to real property ownership.

Bankruptcy Law
12. Compare various types of bankruptcy law and their impact on business and consumers.

Insurance
13. Explain types of insurance options available to consumers.
Domestic Relations

14. Explain laws that apply to marriage, divorce, and child custody.

Legal Assistance

15. Analyze various resources to acquire legal assistance.

Environmental Law

16. Explain the purpose of environmental laws.

Estate Planning

17. Determine how trusts and wills are used in estate planning.

E-Commerce

18. Analyze e-business and e-marketing laws, regulations, and procedures to determine their effects on business and consumers.