

Academy of Law

Career Cluster: Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security

Program Strand: Legal Studies

Students who choose a career in Legal Studies will have an opportunity to learn the basic principles of law for those wishing to pursue interests in law or government. Students will work closely with professionals, participating in mentoring and internships programs, as well as, getting to know first hand the courthouses, law firms, and other governmental agencies that are integral to the legal profession.

Secondary Career Academy Development Timetable Academy classes are listed in bold type.

Pre-Academy Grades 6 – 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
6 th grade—Middle Moves 7 th grade—Career Preparation Requirement 8 th grade—Transition Tools Exploration of Criminal Justice 890022001	English I	English II	English III	English IV
	Algebra or higher	Geometry or higher	Algebra II or higher	Pre-calculus or Other Mathematics Course
	Earth & Space Science or Biology	Biology or Chemistry	Chemistry or Physics or Physical Science	Science Elective or Other Elective
	World History	Elective	American History	American Government / Economics
	9 th Grade Transition	Foreign Language or Other Elective	Foreign Language or Other Elective	Foreign Language or Other Elective
	Comprehensive Law Studies (1.0 credit) 210637001	Constitutional Law (1.0 credit) 2106470	Legal Systems and Concepts (0.5 credit) 21638001 Court Procedures (0.5 credit) 210639001	International Law (0.5 credit) 210635501 Ethics (0.5 credit) 210535003
	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective
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Suggested Electives:

- Students may in their Junior or Senior year opt to participate in the Career Experience Opportunity (CEO) internship program using the following course numbers: Workplace Essentials – 83003101A (Honors .5) and CEO internship – 0500330CE (Honors .5).
- Students may complete more than one program within the Academy of Law and Criminal Justice providing courses are offered at the school site.
- In addition, students can choose to enroll in computer, psychology, business, political science, international relations, philosophy, and civics classes to enhance their marketability.

To find a Miami-Dade County Public High Schools with this Program Strand, please link to http://ssr.dadeschools.net/acad_tally_schls.pdf.

Internship Opportunities	Student Organizations / Clubs	Earn Upon Completion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Law Firm • 11th Judicial Court System • County Attorney's Office • State Attorney's Office • Legal Aid • Guardian Ad Litem • Dual Enrollment • Portal to CEO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Government Association • National Honors Society • Law Club • Hands on Miami 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry Title & FLDOE OCP's correlated to the individual areas. • For more information on the Florida Department of Education Bright Futures Scholarship Programs: Florida Academic Scholars Award (FAS), Florida Medallion Scholars Award (FMS), and Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award (GSV) please contact a guidance counselor or visit: http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/factsheets/BF.htm. • For more information about TECH PREP Articulation Agreements with local colleges, please contact your guidance counselor.

POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS

Certification Programs	Community College (A.A./A.S.) or Proprietary Programs	Four-Year College and University Programs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate in Paralegal Studies Boston University Paralegal Certificate-Online, Boston University • Certificate in Court Reporting Sarasota County Technical Institute Sarasota County Technical Institute 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies Kaplan University • Associate in Arts Degree: Pre-Law Miami Dade College- Miami Dade College <p>* A Law Degree (Juris Doctorate) is awarded upon the completion of a three year law program at an accredited law school. A four year degree from a university is required for admission to law school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Florida International University • Barry University • University of Miami • University of Florida • Florida State University • Harvard University • Yale University • Columbia University • Florida International University • University of Miami

CAREER OPTIONS

Entry Level	After Post-Secondary Education
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paralegal Secretary • Court Reporter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law Enforcement Officers • Political Scientist • Deputy U.S. Marshall • Forensic Scientist • Legal Assistant • Custom Inspectors • Attorney (J.D. degree required) • Judge (J.D. Degree required) • Social Studies/History Teacher • Public Administrator • Probation/Parole Officer • Social Worker • Sociologist