

• SOCIAL SCIENCE: Electives for Freshmen •

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Law/Legal Services Career Pathway Elective Courses

These courses provide an overview of law, our legal systems, social issues connected to the law, and careers connected to law. These classes cover practical issues regarding your life and how it relates to our justice system. If you are interested in learning about or pursuing a career in law or law enforcement, these classes are for you!

Course 1: American Law (One Semester)

Semester course— Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors

TOPIC STUDIED

Introduction to Law & Legal Systems: What is law; Lawmaking; Court System; Lawyers
Criminal Law: Crime in America; Crimes Against the Person; Crimes Against Property; Defenses
Family Law: Marriage; Parents & Children; Foster Care & Adoption; Separation; Divorce & Custody
Civil Law: Torts; Intentional Torts; Negligence; Strict Liability; Torts & Public Policy
Mock Trial

GUEST SPEAKERS

Family Attorney, Paralegal, Civil Litigator, Police Officer, Criminal Defense Attorney, Foster/Adoptive Parents, FBI Agent

FIELD TRIPS

Circuit Court of Cook County, Daley Center; Criminal Court Building, Chicago; Arlington Heights Police Department

Course 2: Criminal Law & Civil Law (One Semester)

***Prerequisite: American Law**

Semester course— Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors

TOPICS STUDIED

Investigations; Pre-Trial Proceedings; Trial Procedure; Sentencing & Corrections; Juvenile Justice; Law & Terrorism; Mock Trials

GUEST SPEAKERS

FBI Agent; Police Officer, Crime Scene Investigator, Public Defender, Correctional Officer, Civil Litigator

FIELD TRIPS

Constitutional Rights Foundation of Chicago Youth Law Series, Rolling Meadows Court

Both courses offer students an opportunity to compete on **Hersey's Law Team. This is an optional after school club that argues a case in front of a real judge at the Cook County Circuit Court in Rolling Meadows. The Law Team consults with a practicing attorney as they prepare to serve as lawyers and witnesses during the Northwest Suburban Bar Association's Annual Mock Trial.*