

Law Studies

		Description of Average Weekly Outside Requirements	
Main Topics (What main ideas/concepts will be covered?): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I spend the first couple of weeks, how laws are a part of daily life. The next couple of weeks I spend on getting students to know their rights (especially the Bill of Rights). Then I focus on criminal has students find that the most interesting, The process of how laws are created is another area I focus on. 	Rationale (Why should a student take this course?) The classes is important, because laws are a part of our daily life. Students should have an understanding of the law and how they can affect their life.	Reading (Text, document, etc): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The students will do the terms and word problems in the chapter. I lecture about the important parts of the chapter. We will do case studies, in which there is a crime (based on the chapter we are reading), and the students apply what they have learned from the chapter to the case study. I do the same with movies that apply to what the students are learning. 	Written (Terms, questions, outlines, free response, etc): <p>I try and make sure there is no outside work (the only time this has happened is when we do projects.). Legal Studies being an elective, I try to schedule enough time to get things done in class, because I know students tend to have a lot of homework in their core classes.</p>
Grade Composition * (How are grades determined?): <p>I make the grade out of possible points. We do quizzes, test, book work, and scenario problems (which is my favorite, because we discuss the scenarios the next day and you get to see where the students are coming from). We do case studies.</p>	Skill Development (What skills are developed in this course and how?) Logical thinking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We do a lot of scenarios and applying material from the chapters to the scenarios. Same when we watch scenes from movie or TV shows. Time Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The class is built for the most part to have no outside work but that is dependent on how each individual handles their time in class. 	Sample Textbook Excerpt: <p>"The question "What is law?" has troubled people for many years. An entire field of study known as jurisprudence, or the study of law and legal philosophy. Many definitions of law exist. For our purposes, however, law can be defined as the rules and regulations made and enforced by government that the of people within a society"- Pg. 4</p>	
Required Skills (What skills are necessary to be successful in this course?) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone can take this class if you are willing to work. I do think it is tailored more for honored kids. 			