

Law Studies Special Topics

Fall Semester-This course examines the development of correctional practice, philosophy, and theory within the U.S. criminal justice system and in other countries. Topics include: history of prisons, 20th century prisons, managing prisoners, transporting prisoners, special needs prisoners, prison gangs, death penalty, parole, and alternatives to prison. Spring Semester- This course examines serial murder in the U.S. and other countries while examining the emerging technology used to study serial killers and the special demands of incarcerating a serial killer. Topics include: history of serial murder, 20th century serial killers, theories on why they kill, and the FBI's Behavioral Science Unit. Students will conduct research on a specific serial killer (**research paper required**).

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(This course meets the required Career Cluster, Workplace Readiness, or Language other than English Graduation Credit Requirement)