

Florida Department of Education
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - GRADES 9-12, ADULT

Subject Area: Social Studies
Course Number: 2106390
Course Title: Court Procedures
Credit: 0.5

- A. Major concepts/content.** Students develop their ability to function effectively in society by understanding the judicial systems of the United States and Florida.

The content should include, but not be limited to, the following:

- structure, processes and procedures of county, circuit and federal courts
- civil and criminal procedures
- juvenile law
- the rights of the accused
- evolution of court procedures
- comparative legal systems
- career choices in the judicial system

- B. Special note.** None

- C. Course Requirements.** After successfully completing this course, the student will:

1. Evaluate the effectiveness of courtroom procedures.
2. Compare types of cases and procedures in county, circuit and federal courts.
3. Compare juvenile and adult legal procedures.
4. Identify rights of defendants and victims in the judicial process.
5. Recognize the impact of diverse cultural groups on the judicial system.

6. Develop and defend recommendations for improvements in the judicial system.
7. Describe the duties and functions of the roles within the judicial system.
8. Explore career opportunities in the judicial system.
9. Apply research, study, critical-thinking and decision-making skills and demonstrate the use of new and emerging technology in problem solving.