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The Legal System and Concepts
(Criminal Justice)
Syllabi 2019

This course will provide students with insight into the field of Criminal Justice. During the semester we will cover the three basic principles in Criminal Justice, Policing, Courts, and Corrections. Under those broad topics we will explore more specifically the following:

- The various career opportunities in criminal justice
- Policing issues and challenges
- Courtroom people and hearings
- Criminal trials
- Sentencing guidelines
- Probation and parole
- Jail vs. prison
- Juvenile justice.

We will also discuss special topics such as victim-ology, crime scene investigation, criminal profiling, fingerprinting, forensic science and most of all, where does Jesus fit in?

Throughout the course students will be challenged to higher order reasoning and problem solving that will exercise their critical thinking skills. We will complete an inquiry-based project using both technology and the Bible.

Methods of Evaluation:

- Crime Scene Investigations
- Analyzing evidence
- Mock Trial (understanding the proceedings)
- Debates on topics
- Discussions
- Application Quizzes
- Final Inquiry Based Project
 - "Inquiry-based project work involves a group of students investigating a worthy question, issue, problem, or idea. This is the type of authentic project work that those working in the disciplines actually undertake to create or build knowledge. These projects involve serious engagement and investigation."
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Materials: Please come prepared to every class.

- Notebook, pen or pencil
- Access to internet and media (television and newspaper)

Rules:

- Be Ready to learn, everyday will be new topics and concepts
- Be Respectful of everyone and everything (there will be a lot of opinions)
- Be Responsible for yourself and your learning, we will do several group assignments