

New Visions: Legal Professions

The Legal Professions Program is designed first and foremost to prepare you for a successful college experience. In addition, we provide general insights into legal careers from law enforcement to legal practice to corrections, with an emphasis on the criminal justice system.

Qualifications

New Visions students should:

- be academically strong
- satisfy graduation requirements
- demonstrate an interest in the legal field
- exhibit maturity, responsibility and ability to work both independently and in teams
- be prepared to engage in extensive reading assignments both in and out of the classroom
- be prepared to work extensively on writing skills through assigned written projects
- be prepared to participate in class discussions and presentations on a daily basis
- plan to attend college or pursue other post-secondary education



Personal transportation is preferred

Legal Professions Program Course of Study

- Participate in the Assigned Counsel Program, where you represent actual clients in Auburn City Court.
- Learn about investigations and evidence-gathering techniques from current law enforcement officers, and apply them to mock scenes involving traffic stops, motor vehicle searches, motor vehicle accidents, and major crimes.
- Research and argue landmark and current legal issues in first and appellate level court situations.
- Observe the environment and interact with current practitioners through field trips to different courts, correctional facilities, and law enforcement departments.
- Learn the political, social and business implications of a budget process, and apply that knowledge to the economics of a family, a business, and various government entities. Students will also learn about investments and savings, and how preparation in those areas can affect their future.
- Analyze fact situations in depth and be able to organize and argue points-of-view both verbally and in writing.
- Learn how to improve your community through a monthly volunteer service learning project.

What is a Professional Studies Program?

A Professional Studies Program is a total immersion approach to education that integrates English, Government, and Career Exploration into one program of study. The program places high school seniors in the actual working environment of their preferred career area.

Advantages

The New Visions program supplements the final year of high school for talented and motivated students allowing them to experience a variety of legal fields. A portion of the students' morning is spent at their component high school attending chosen classes. Students then arrive at their designated New Visions site for their program from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Students are encouraged to continue to participate in extracurricular activities at their home schools.

Students who complete this program will earn **three high school credits:**

English 12 ----- 1 Credit
Government 12-----½ Credit
Economics 12 -----½ Credit
Elective Credit- Criminal Justice ----- 1 Credit

While enrolled in New Visions Legal, students have the opportunity to earn **nine college credits:**

Freshman English I (ENGL 101)----- 3 Credits
Freshman English II (ENGL 102)----- 3 Credits
Criminal Justice (CJ 111)----- 3 Credits

Applying Legal Professions to College

Past students have found that the speech, writing, and research techniques they learn in New Visions Legal Professions apply to any situation, and any program of study, they encounter in their post-high school careers. Our students have used these techniques as well as learned time management skills to succeed in the worlds of both business and education. A brief example of the institutions of higher learning that some of our student have been accepted to and matriculated in are:

- Arizona State University
- Canisius College
- Cayuga Community College
- Coastal Carolina University
- Ithaca College
- Lemoyne College
- Niagara University
- Onondaga County Community College
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- St. Lawrence University
- St. Thomas Aquinas University
- SUNY Cortland, Oswego, Albany
- Syracuse University
- Tompkins County Community College
- United States Military Academy at West Point
- United States Naval Academy
- University of Michigan
- Utica College



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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-Earl Warren

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