

# Pre-Law

During the first year of this two-year program, students will be introduced to the American Legal System and to the major areas of law, including: criminal law, torts, family law, property, contracts and American Constitutional Law, especially focusing on individual rights. In this highly participatory and discussion oriented class, students will use primary case law, statutory law and constitutions that are the primary basis for legal careers today. Students will need to become fluent in computer technology and software use; especially word processing and document preparation. In addition to mock trials, drafting legal documents and other legal writing, the successful student will participate in off campus learning activities in local courts, agencies, local law firms and other appropriate sites.

The second year of Pre-Law is divided into distinct semesters, with the first exploring the criminal justice system, focusing on search and seizure, Fifth and Sixth Amendment protections, Miranda Rights, methods of criminal investigation, sentencing and corrections. Students will prepare Oral Arguments for presentation before local attorneys. The second semester explores the civil legal process and may include an Advanced Project. The semester will end with a mock civil trial where students will actively participate in direct and cross examination, opening and closing statements before a live jury.

## Pre-Law Students Study:

Human Relations & Communication Skills  
Oral Presentations  
Criminal Law and Procedure  
Investigation, Search & Seizure & Admission of Evidence  
Civil Law--Civil Procedure, Preparation of Motion Papers  
Trial Process & Strategy  
Law of Evidence, Torts, Contracts Property and Employment  
Family & Juvenile Law  
Constitutional Law; especially individual rights



**Credits:** Three credits per year

### Graduation Requirements:

**Social Studies-** Completing this two-year program fulfills one credit in Social Studies towards graduation requirements. *(This credit may not count as a credit in U.S. History or World History.)*

**Prerequisite:** A 10<sup>th</sup> grade reading level and above a 79 in 10<sup>th</sup> grade college prep English and Instructor permission

**Suggested Preparation:** Forensic Investigation; Computer Applications; Youth & Law

**Post Program Education:** Pre-Law graduates have enrolled in or graduated from: Castleton State College, Hudson Valley Community College, Endicott College, John Jay College, University of Vermont, Hartwick College, LaSalle University, Southern Vermont College, CCV, Norwich, Western New England, Syracuse University, University of Rochester, Rochester Institute of Technology, St. Lawrence University, Providence College and Champlain College

## For Students in Grades: 11-12

**College Connections:** Students may participate in the Fast Forward Dual Enrollment program through CCV. They can complete one college course (3 credits) through this program. See page 10 for more details.

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## Business & Personal Law Introductory Course

Law is an instrument of social control which affects everyone. Business is the means by which most of the necessities of life are provided to the general public. Business Law is a course where you will learn how these two central themes are combined to form an organic whole. When you choose to enroll in this class, you also choose to work hard, think hard, and put in enough effort. When you finish the semester you will have a general understanding of how business has to deal with the requirements of the law as well as how business needs shape the law.

**For students in grades:** Especially suited for grades 11-12, but any student can be successful

**Scheduling:** One semester; 90 minutes

**Credits:** 1 elective credit

**Prerequisites:** none, but enrollment in a CDC Program or desire for a career in business is a plus.

### **Business Law Students Study:**

- Contracts
- Sales
- Property
- Employment Law
- Wills
- Personal Injury Law
- Unions
- Business Organizations
- Commercial and Personal Financial Transactions

## Forensic Investigation Introductory Course

Forensic Investigation is an area of study that combines the reasoning of law with the knowledge of basic physical, life and earth sciences. The study of forensics includes analysis of human behavior and the use of reason to deduce human actions in relationship with criminal activity based upon investigation of physical evidence and psychological tendencies. Examples of forensic investigation include: handwriting analysis, hair analysis, blood analysis, DNA electrophoresis, and dental/bone analysis. Students will read about the different methodologies used in forensic investigation and then participate in laboratory experiments that demonstrate those methodologies. In addition, videos and guest speakers will be utilized for a more adequate coverage of the topics explored.

**For students in grades:** Grades 9-11

**Scheduling:** One semester; 60 minutes

**Credits:** 3/4 credit

### **Forensic Investigation Students Study:**

Introduction to Law, Public Safety and Security  
Career Cluster  
Physical Science Investigation  
The Body and Its Fluids  
Critical Thinking and Problem Solving  
The Body and How it Speaks to Us--Life Sciences  
Accident Reconstruction  
Arson Investigation  
Bomb Investigation  
Forensic Ecology-Investigation of Pollutants

# Southwest Vermont Career Development Center Schedule FY 2012

SEMESTER ONE					
Block 1 (90 min)	Block 2a	Lunch	Prep	Block 3b	Block 4 (90 min)
7:50-9:20	9:25-10:20	Prep	Lunch	11:35-12:30	12:35-2:05
Accounting & Finance 1 & 2	Marketing 2			Business Basics	Marketing 1
Business Mgt 1 & 2				Culinary Arts Intro	
Culinary Arts 1				Culinary Arts Intro	Culinary Arts 1
Engineering & Design 2				Computer Aided Design	Engineering & Design 1
Design & Fabrication 2				Creative Computing	Design & Fabrication 1
Computer / Networking Academy 1 & 2				Architecture & Construction Auto Maintenance	Artificial Intelligence 1 & 2
Building Trades 2					Building Trades 1
Auto Technology 2					Auto Technology 1
Forestry & Heavy Equipment 2					Forestry & Heavy Equipment 1
Water & Your Environment				Plants & Flowers	AgroEcology 1 & 2
Video Productions 1	Video Productions 2			Stagecraft	Theater Arts 1 & 2
					Communications Tech 1 & 2
	Intro to Print Publishing: Yr Bk				
Law Enforcement 1				Law Enforcement 2	
Pre-Law 1 & 2				Forensic Investigations	Business & Personal Law
Cosmetology 1				Cosmet. Intro.	
				Cosmetology 2	
Human Services 2				Emergency Medicine Intro.	Human Services 1
Medical Professions 2					Medical Professions 1

SEMESTER TWO					
Block 1 (90 min)	Block 2a	Lunch	Prep	Block 3b	Block 4 (90 min)
7:50-9:20	9:25-10:20	Prep	Lunch	11:35-12:30	12:35-2:05
Accounting & Finance 1 & 2	Business Basics				
Marketing 2				Marketing 1	
Business Mgt. 1&2					
Culinary Arts 1	Culinary Arts Intro			Culinary Arts 1	Culinary Arts 1
Engineering & Design 2	Computer Aided Design			Engineering & Design 1	Engineering & Design 1
Design & Fabrication 2				Design & Fabrication 1	Design & Fabrication 1
Computer/Networking Academy 1&2	Creative Computing				
				Artificial Intelligence 1 & 2	Artificial Intelligence 1 & 2
Building Trades 2				Building Trades 1	Building Trades 1
Auto Technology 2				Auto Technology 1	Auto Technology 1
Forestry & Heavy Equipment 2				Forestry & Heavy Equipment 1	Forestry & Heavy Equipment 1
Agri Science	Plants & Flowers				AgroEcology 1 & 2
Video Productions 1 & 2					
				Theater Arts 1 & 2	Theater Arts 1 & 2
				Communications Tech 1 & 2	Communications Tech 1 & 2
Law Enforcement 1	Forensic Investigations			Law Enforcement 2	Law Enforcement 2
Pre-Law 1 & 2					Forensic Investigations Adv.
Cosmetology 1				Cosmet. Intro.	
				Cosmetology 2	
Human Services 2					Human Services 1
Medical Professions 2					Medical Professions 1



# Application 2011/2012

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: VT/NY/MA Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gender:  Male  Female  
 Current Year in School:  
 8<sup>th</sup>  9<sup>th</sup>  10<sup>th</sup>  11<sup>th</sup>  12<sup>th</sup>  
 Current CDC students put your  
 Tech Program's initials here: \_\_\_\_\_

### School Counselor(s) / Contact Person(s)

**Arlington Memorial High School**  Joanna Lederer-Barnes  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Advocate: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Burr & Burton Academy**  Phil Anton  Maria Bittinger  
 Stephanie Fowler  Andrea Hogan  Melissa Michaud  Cristin Rose  
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 Other Advocate: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mt. Anthony Union High School**  
 Tonia Bucciero  Eric Caron  Lisa Harrington-Redding  
 Meg Honsinger  Dan Lucy  Coleen Macksey  Nancy Vanderbilt  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Advocate: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Twin Valley High School**  Denise Piffard  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Advocate: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other School: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Tech Programs** [Full Year]

(The embedded graduation requirements are listed in parentheses- see Program of Studies for complete information)

- ➔ Mark **2nd & 3rd choices** also in case your **1st** is full.
- Accounting & Finance(cc) (Math, MAU-Tech)
  - Agroecology (Science)
  - Artificial Intelligence(cc) (Math, Sci. & MAU-Tech.)
  - Auto Technology(cc) (Science)
  - Business Management (Math, MAU-Tech)
  - Building Trades (Math)
  - Computer Networking Academy(cc) (Science.)
  - Cosmetology (Science)
  - Culinary Arts (Science)
  - Design & Fabrication (Math, MAU-Tech)
  - Engineering & Design(cc) (Art, MAU-Tech Math,Sci)
  - Forestry & Heavy Equipment(cc) (Science)
  - Human Services(cc) (Social Studies)
  - Law Enforcement(cc) (1 Yr only) (Social Studies)
  - Marketing Education (Math)
  - Medical Professions(cc) (Science)
  - Networking Academy(cc) (Math, Sci. MAU-Tech)
  - Pre-Law(cc) (Social Studies)
  - Theater Arts (Art, English)
  - Video Production(cc) (MAU-Tech)
- Co-op (2nd year students only)

(cc) = College Credit option available. See page 11 of Course Catalogue or [www.svcdc.org](http://www.svcdc.org)

### Foundation Courses

**Short Block** (\*50 or #60 minutes, 1 Sem.)

- SB Architecture & Construction\*
- SB Automotive Maintenance#
- SB Business Basics\*
- SB CAD Design & Fabrication#
- SB 3D/CAD\*
- SB Creative Computing\*
- SB Forensic Investigation#
- SB Plants & Flowers\*
- SB Emergency Medical Intro.\*
- SB Mental Illness Intro.to\*

**Long Block** (90 Minutes, 1 Semester)

- AgriScience (AgriBio)
- Business & Personal Law
- Business Ownership
- Forensic Investigations Advanced
- Water & Your Environment

### Partial Technical Programs

(90 or 150 minutes, 1 Semester)

- Accounting & Finance 1a (90 minutes)
- Accounting & Finance 1b (90 minutes)
- Pre-Law 1a (Semester 1) by teacher permission only.
- Pre-Law 1b (Semester 2) by teacher permission only.
- Theater Arts 1a (Semester 1 only, 90 minutes)
- Theater Arts 1b (Semester 2 only, 150 minutes)

### Academic Courses

(One Credit, 90 Minutes, One Semester)

- Tech English I (11-12th grade- Must be in a Tech program)
- Tech English II (12th grade- Must be in a Tech program)

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