

Course Overview	Advanced Legal Skills and Professions provides students with hands-on experience in legal advocacy, communication, and litigation. Building on concepts from Court Systems and Practices, students engage in simulated legal work including client interviews, discovery, legal research, motion practice, witness preparation, jury selection, and mock trial experiences. Through inquiry-based learning, role-play, legal writing, and courtroom simulations, students develop critical thinking, professionalism, collaboration, and strategic legal reasoning while exploring careers in law and public service.
Course Standards	Innovative Course Standards Advanced Legal Skills and Professions (One Credit), Adopted 2021
Instructional Materials	26-27 Needs Assessment Form ADVLSP

Scope & Sequence

Units/Modules & Instructional Days	Assessments & Scanning Deadlines	Standards
Unit 1: Legal Communication & Client Interaction 23 days	TX_CTE_11thADVLSP_F26_UE1 Scanning Deadline: 09/24/26	Unit Standards
Unit 2: Discovery in Action: Building a Case from the Ground Up 21 days	TX_CTE_11thADVLSP_F26_UE2 Scanning Deadline: 10/29/26	
Unit 3: Building the Business: LLC Formation & Ethics 23 days	TX_CTE_11thADVLSP_F26_UE3 Scanning Deadline: 12/10/26	
Unit 4: Pretrial Motion Practice: Arguing Before the Trial Begins 21 days	TX_CTE_11thADVLSP_S27_UE4 Scanning Deadline: 01/28/27	
Unit 5: Depositions & Witness Preparation: The People Behind the Case 12 days	TX_CTE_11thADVLSP_S27_UE5 Scanning Deadline: 02/11/27	
Unit 6: Jury Selection: Shaping the Trial Before It Begins 14 days	TX_CTE_11thADVLSP_S27_UE6 Scanning Deadline: 03/04/27	
Unit 7: Mock Trial : Full Trial Simulation 24 days	TX_CTE_11thADVLSP_S27_UE7 Scanning Deadline: 04/29/27	
Unit 8: Comprehensive Review 11 days		
TX_CTE_11thADVLSP_S27_FE Scanning Deadlines: SA Window: 05/12/27– 05/18/27 AUS RGV Window: 05/17/27– 05/21/27		

TEKS Alignment

Instruction in this course is aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) as adopted by the State Board of Education and implemented in accordance with Texas Education Code Chapter 28.

Instructional Materials

Primary Texts (if applicable)

Supplemental instructional materials may be used to support instruction. Supplemental materials do not replace board-approved core instructional materials.

Additional information regarding instructional programs, assessments, and parent access to instructional materials is available on the district website.

Instructional Expectations

Instruction is delivered using board-approved instructional materials and aligned to the scope and sequence outlined above. Teachers are expected to ensure all required standards are taught within the course timeframe.

Assessment Overview

Student learning is monitored through formative and summative assessments aligned to course standards. Assessment results are used to inform instruction and student supports. Students participate in required state assessments when applicable.