



# WHAT IS [ILSA]?

The International Law Studies Academy (ILSA) at Miami Killian Senior High is a magnet program designed for high performing students who are interested in careers in law, politics, and/or public service and administration. This innovative magnet program emphasizes academic rigor with courses at the Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment levels, and includes high school electives with special focus on International Affairs, Constitutional Law and Court Procedures. The program will serve 21st Century educational demands with an emphasis on state-of-the art technology and research tools in law studies.

# OUR MISSION:

The International Law Studies Academy (ILSA) at Miami Killian Senior High School seeks to cultivate and enrich young men and women with the essential skills required for collegiate and applied studies in Law. As such, the program strives to provide a platform for learning that will prepare students for the critical thinking and technological demands of today's careers in the law profession.

## ELIGIBILITY:

The ideal ILSA student 1) has a career interest in law, politics, and/or public service and administration 2) has a strong command of the English language and the ability to think critically to resolve complex problems 3) is motivated to participate in an academically rigorous course of study, and 4) has met the following criteria:

- 2.0 Average in Core Academic
- 2.0 Average in Conduct
- No more than 10 unexcused absences in the previous year
- FCAT scores cannot be reviewed as part of the eligibility process; however, the student must have availability in their schedule to enroll in at least one (1) elective course
- Language Arts Teacher Recommendation

## HOW TO APPLY:

Applications may be obtained online. Once a completed application is received, eligibility is determined. When the number of eligible applications exceeds the number of spaces available in a magnet program, a computerized random selection process is used for student selection. Additional information on the Magnet Application process can be found at the School Choice & Parental Options website:

[www.miamimagnets.org](http://www.miamimagnets.org)

SCHOOL BOARD POLICY: 2370 Magnet Programs/Schools

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## OUR PARTNERS:

A partnership with Florida International University (FIU) School of Law ensures that students receive exposure and opportunities for advancement at the college level. Use of the University's academic resources, including libraries, seminars and workshops, dual enrollment options, and professor visits will enrich student learning well beyond the high school level.

Additionally, ongoing seminars and visits from active professionals in the law community; field trips to municipal, state, and Federal courthouses, local embassy offices, and other professional institutions of law; and exposure to real-world experiences in law careers through professional internships in law offices or other arenas where law is practiced will ensure the appropriate interaction between students and the law community.

It is expected that the [I L S A] program will:

- Provide students the opportunity to become global thinkers through an academic emphasis on international relations, foreign affairs, and public administration
- Create a pathway for students into pre-law collegiate studies
- Offer students a curriculum focused on the interpretation and implementation of the US Constitution, the rights of the individual in relation to federal and state governments, the process of bringing civil and criminal lawsuits in a simulated courtroom setting, and issues involved with the practice of international law through comparative law studies
- Provide students with an understanding of the differences among the US Common Law system and international Civil Law systems
- Participate in academic competitions focused on authentic mock trials and/or in-depth analysis of Constitutional Law
- Capture the essence of a 21st Century law school through the infusion of state-of-the-art technology
- Increase student acceleration in collegiate studies by promoting dual enrollment courses outside of the traditional school day and by increasing course offerings in the field of pre-law during the school day
- Expose students to specific research standards and protocols associated with academic and law libraries, databases, and other electronic research tools
- Introduce students to real-world experiences in law careers through professional internships in law offices or other arenas where law is practiced throughout the community

### REQUIRED COURSES

#### COMPREHENSIVE LAW STUDIES (Grade 9)

*Introduction to basic concepts of law studies, including a variety of legal systems and issues, courtroom and trial procedures, US Constitutional Law, and international law.*

#### ETHICS & PROFESSIONALISM IN LAW/DEBATE I (Grade 10)

*Enquiry into the expectations and issues associated with the tenets and principles in the field of law; practice in public speaking and deliberation.*

#### LAW STUDIES 2/LEGAL SYSTEMS & CONCEPTS (Grade 10)

*Foundations of the history and application of issues in constitutional and international law following a case study approach; exposure to writing and interpreting contracts, issues of public administration, and court house and government facility procedures.*

### COURSE OPTIONS GRADES 11 & 12

#### CONSTITUTIONAL LAW HONORS (Teacher recommendation required)

*Competition in simulated congressional hearings on the history, application, and case study of Constitutional Law.*

#### COMPREHENSIVE LAW HONORS (Teacher recommendation required)

*Study and application of the principles of trial preparations and courtroom proceedings in a competitive mock trial setting.*

#### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENTS (Dual Enrollment course; must meet Dual Enrollment criteria)

*Examination of topics pertaining to governments and differing governmental structures throughout the globe.*

#### HONORS EXECUTIVE INTERNSHIP (Application and transportation required)

*Participation in the legal process through a professional internship in a law office or courthouse setting.*