



Law and Public Service Career Cluster

The Law and Public Service career cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing legal services, public safety, protective services, and homeland security, including professional and technical support services. This career cluster includes occupations ranging from all aspects of the military, police officer and firefighter to political scientist and lawyer.

Statewide Program of Study: Government and Public Administration

The Government and Public Administration program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities associated with examining, evaluating, and investigating compliance with laws and regulations. This program of study includes planning and governance, analysis of revenue and taxation, and processes for communicating with the public.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

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| Level 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles of Government and Public Administration Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security |
| Level 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political Science I Federal Law Enforcement and Protective Services |
| Level 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political Science II Planning and Governance Dimensions of Diplomacy |
| Level 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revenue, Taxation, and Regulation Public Management and Administration Practicum in Local, State, and Federal Government Practicum in Local, State, and Federal Government + Extended Practicum in Local, State, and Federal Government Career Preparation for Programs of Study Career Preparation for Programs of Study + Extended Career Preparation |

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Work-Based Learning Activities

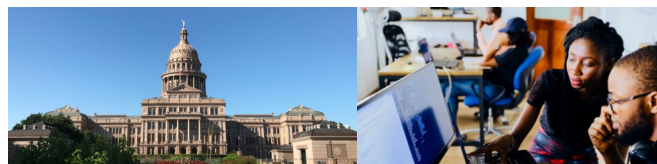
- Shadow a legislator to learn about government roles and responsibilities
- Intern at an economic development organization to learn about workforce planning and supporting local businesses

Expanded Learning Opportunities

- Tour various departments at city hall
- Participate in Youth and Government
- Participate in Mock Trial

Aligned Industry-Based Certifications

- General Management



Example Postsecondary Opportunities

Associate Degrees

- Political Science
- Public Administration

Bachelor's Degrees

- Political Science
- Public Administration

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Political Science
- Public Administration and Management

Additional Stackable IBCs/License

- Graduate Certificate in Strategic Studies
- Graduate Certificate in Teaching Political Science



Example Aligned Occupations

Political Scientists

Median Wage: \$106,267
Annual Openings: 64
10-Year Growth: 28%

Economists

Median Wage: \$116,870
Annual Openings: 39
10-Year Growth: 36%

Data Source: TexasWages, Texas Workforce Commission. Retrieved 3/8/2024.



For more information visit:

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-prep/career-and-technical-education/lps-government-and-public-administration-extendedpptx.pdf>



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Course Information

Level 1

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Principles of Government and Public Administration 13018200 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security* 13029200 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	

Level 2

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Political Science I* 13018300 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Principles of Government and Public Administration Recommended Corequisites: None	
Federal Law Enforcement and Protective Services* 13029800 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security Recommended Corequisites: None	

Level 3

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Political Science II* 13018400 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Principles of Government and Public Administration, or Political Science I Recommended Corequisites: None	
Planning and Governance 13018700 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Principles of Government and Public Administration Recommended Corequisites: None	

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* Indicates course is included in more than one program of study in this career cluster.

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Level 3

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Dimensions of Diplomacy N1301820 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Principles of Government and Public Administration, Political Science I, and/or Foreign Service and Diplomacy; two levels of languages other than English (LOTE) Recommended Corequisites: Statistics and/or Psychology	

Level 4

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Revenue, Taxation, and Regulation 13018500 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Principles of Government and Public Administration or Accounting I and II Recommended Corequisites: None	
Public Management and Administration 13018600 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Principles of Government and Public Administration, or Business Management, or Business Law Recommended Corequisites: None	
Practicum in Local, State, and Federal Government First Time Taken: 13019000 (2 credits) Second Time Taken: 13019010 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Practicum in Local, State, and Federal Government + Extended Practicum in Local, State, and Federal Government First Time Taken: 13019005 (3 credits) Second Time Taken: 13019015 (3 credits)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	

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Level 4

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Career Preparation for Programs of Study* First Time Taken: 12701121 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: At least one Level 2 or higher CTE course Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Career Preparation for Programs of Study + Extended Career Preparation* First Time Taken: 12701141 (3 credits)	Prerequisites: At least one Level 2 or higher CTE course Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	

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