



# 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 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

- Level 1**
  - Principles of Government and Public Administration
  - Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security

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- Level 2**
  - Political Science I
  - Federal Law Enforcement and Protective Services

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- Level 3**
  - Political Science II
  - Planning and Governance
  - Dimensions of Diplomacy

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- Level 4**
  - 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

### Aligned Advanced Academic Courses

**AP or IB** AP U.S. Government and Politics

**Dual Credit** Dual credit offerings will vary by local education agency.

*Students should be advised to consider these course opportunities to enrich their preparation. AP or IB courses not listed under the Secondary Courses for High School Credit section of this framework document do not count towards concentrator/completer status for this program of study.*

### 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
- Administrative Assisting



### 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: \$98,883  
Annual Openings: 67  
10-Year Growth: 28%

**Economists**

Median Wage: \$104,653  
Annual Openings: 93  
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/programs-of-study-additional-resources>



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## Statewide Program of Study: Government and Public Administration

### Course Information

Level 1

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

Level 2

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

Level 3

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

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\* Indicates course is included in more than one program of study.

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

Level 4

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

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Level 4

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

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