

# 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. Students will examine the roles and responsibilities of police, courts, corrections, private security, and fire and emergency services.

## Legal Studies Statewide Program of Study



The Legal Studies program of study introduces CTE learners to the occupations and educational opportunities related to representing clients in criminal and civil litigation and other legal proceedings, as well as assisting lawyers and preparing legal documents. This program of study explores possible specializations in a single area of law.

### Secondary Courses for High School Credit

#### Level 1

- Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security

#### Level 2

- Court Systems and Practices
- Business Law
- Political Science I

#### Level 3

- Legal Research and Writing
- Political Science II
- Advanced Legal Skills and Professions

#### Level 4

- Practicum in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security
- Project-Based Research
- Career Preparation I

### Postsecondary Opportunities

#### Associates Degrees

- Legal Assistant/Paralegal

#### Bachelor's Degrees

- Legal Assistant/Paralegal

#### Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Advanced Legal Research/Studies General
- International Law and Legal Studies

### Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

#### Exploration Activities

- Attend court hearings and other legal procedures
- Join the Texas Public Service Association

#### Work-Based Learning Activities

- Intern with a local attorney
- Script and conduct a mock trial



### Aligned Occupations

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Lawyers	\$126,131	2,801	19%
Paralegal and Legal Assistants	\$50,544	2,837	19%

# Legal Studies Course Information

## Level 1

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security	13029200 (1 credit)	None	None

## Level 2

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Court Systems and Practices	13029600 (1 credit)	None	None
Business Law	13011700 (1 credit)	None	None
Political Science I	13018300 (1 credit)	None	None

## Level 3

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Legal Research and Writing	N1303014 (1 credit)	None	None
Political Science II	13018400 (1 credit)	None	None
Advanced Legal Skills and Professions	N1303016 (1 credit)	None	None

## Level 4

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Practicum in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security	13030100 (2 credits) 13030105 (3 credits) 13030110 (2 credits) 13030115 (3 credits)	None	None
Project-Based Research	12701500 (1 credit)	None	None
Career Preparation I	12701300 (2 credits) 12701305 (3 credits)	None	None

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