



LAW & PUBLIC SERVICE

Programs of Study Information



About

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.

GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Aligned Occupations

- Political Scientist
- Economist
- Compliance Officer

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Aligned Occupations

- Police and Sheriff Officer
- Detective and Criminal Investigator
- First line Supervisor of Police and Detectives

LEGAL STUDIES

Aligned Occupations

- Court Reporter
- Paralegal and/or Legal Assistant
- Lawyer

Programs 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.



LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Law Enforcement program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities associated with the development and enforcement of laws by various branches of law enforcement. This program of study includes the history, organization, and functions of local, state, and federal law enforcement. Students will understand the role of constitutional law at local, state, and federal levels; the U.S. legal system; criminal law; and law enforcement terminology and the classification and elements of crime.



LEGAL STUDIES

The Legal Studies program of study focuses on topics such as legal research, legal writing, rules of procedure, case management, law office technology, and legal ethics. Areas of the legal system studied include aspects of family law, criminal law, and contract law.





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Sequence	GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	LAW ENFORCEMENT	LEGAL STUDIES
Y1	Survey of Government & Public Administration	Survey of Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Service	Survey of Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Service or Survey of Government & Public Administration
Y2	*Political Science	*Law Enforcement I	*Court Systems & Practices
Y3	*Dimensions of Diplomacy	*Law Enforcement II	*Mock Trial or Business Law
Y4	*Practicum in Government	*Forensic Science	*Practicum in Law