

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.

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. Student 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.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1

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

Level 2

- Law Enforcement I
- Criminal Investigation

Level 3

- Law Enforcement II

Level 4

- Forensic Science
- Practicum in Law, Public Safety Corrections, and Security (H) ¹



Postsecondary Opportunities

Associates Degrees

- Criminal Justice/Safety Studies/Law
- Enforcement Administration
- Criminal Justice/Police Science
- Corrections
- Criminalistics and Criminal Science

Bachelor's Degrees

- Criminalistics and Criminal Science
- Enforcement Administration
- Criminal Justice/Police Science
- Forensic Science and Technology
- Cyber/Computer Forensics and Counterterrorism

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Criminal Justice/Safety Studies/Law
- Law Enforcement Administration
- Securities Services Administration/Management

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Exploration Activities	Work-Based Learning Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join the Texas Public Service Association (TPSA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intern with local law enforcement departments Participate in local volunteer opportunities

Industry-Based Certifications

- Non-Commissioned Security Officer Level II ¹



Aligned Occupations

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$66,500	5,400	13%
First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives	\$95,900	550	12%
Detectives and Criminal Investigators	\$83,000	1,500	8%

Successful completion of the Law Enforcement program of study will fulfill requirements of the Public Service endorsement. Revised – May 2024

Law Enforcement Course Information

Level 1

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	GRADE LEVEL(S)
Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security	13029200 (1 credit)	None	Fall of 10

Level 2

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	GRADE LEVEL(S)
Criminal Investigation	13029550 (1 credit)	Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security	Spring of 10
Law Enforcement I	13029300 (1 credit)	None	Fall of 11

Level 3

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	GRADE LEVEL(S)
Law Enforcement II	13029400 (1 credit)	Law Enforcement I	Spring of 11

Level 4

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	GRADE LEVEL(S)
Forensic Science	13029500 (1 credit)	Biology and Chemistry	11 - 12
Practicum in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security (H)	13030100 (2 credits)	Law Enforcement II	12

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