



What Is the Government & Public Administration Career Cluster?

Government affects Americans in countless ways. In a democratic society, government is the means of expressing the public will. This includes a variety of activities. In fact, virtually every occupation can be found within government. There are, however, some activities that are unique to government. The federal government defends us from foreign aggression; represents American interests abroad; deliberates, passes and enforces laws; and administers many different programs.

State and local governments pass laws or ordinances and provide vital services to constituents. There are many opportunities in government in every career area. The Government and Public Administration Career Cluster focuses on those careers that are unique to government and not contained in another Career Cluster.

Possible/Related Careers for the Government & Public Administration Career Cluster

There are a variety of careers related to the Government and Public Administration Career Cluster, including but not limited to the following examples:

- Activist
- Ambassador
- City Manager
- Conservation Officer
- Elected Official
- Federal Agent
- Foreign Services Officer
- Immigration Officer
- Lobbyist
- Municipal Clerk
- Political Aide
- Policy Analyst

This cluster also represents military careers.

Possible/Related Majors for the Government & Public Administration Career Cluster

There are an increasing number of college majors related to the Government and Public Administration Career Cluster, and among the most common are:

- American Government
- Crisis Management
- Homeland Security
- International Relations
- Military Studies
- Political Science
- Public Administration
- Urban Planning
- Taxation

Related OLCBS Co-Curricular Activities for the Government & Public Administration Career Cluster

OLCBS students are encouraged to participate in co-curricular activities. Some related to the Government and Public Administration Career Cluster are:

- Class Advisory Boards
- International Club
- Student Council
- Forensics/Speech Team
- Mathletes
- Student Helpers
- History Club
- National Honor Society
- World Languages Club

Related Service Learning Sites for the Government & Public Administration Career Cluster

OLCBS students are required to earn service learning hours in order to graduate. Some volunteer sites related to the Government and Public Administration Career Cluster are:

Name	Location
Mrs. Jacky's Soldiers	Oak View Center, Oak Lawn
Muslim Civil Rights Center	7667 W. 95 th St., Hickory Hills
Oak Lawn – Johnson Phelps VFW Post 5220 Stars Program	See Mrs. Kenny in Student Services Office 117
Oak Lawn Police Department CADETS Program	9446 S. Raymond Ave., Oak Lawn
Worth Township Youth Service Bureau	11601 S. Pulaski Rd., Alsip

Aligned Elective Courses for the Government & Public Administration Career Cluster

Although required courses align with all 16 Career Clusters, students *must* take these courses in order to graduate from OLCHS. Therefore, they are not included below.

Students are encouraged to customize their 4-year plan with specific courses, related prerequisite courses and related career information on Career Cruising.

This guide is intended to provide general information related to career interest areas. It does not imply any guaranteed acceptance into a program of study. Students and families should carefully review post-secondary goals and entrance requirements for all post-secondary institutions of interest. Students and families are encouraged to use this as a supplemental guide during their planning.

Department and Elective Courses	9	10	11	12
Business				
Entrepreneurship	X	X	X	X
Web Design	X	X	X	X
Accounting 1 or 1H		X	X	X
Sports and Entertainment Marketing		X	X	X
Accounting 2			X	X
English				
Speech			X	X
Mass Media Writing			X	X
Foreign Language				
French or French Honors	X	X	X	X
Spanish or Spanish Honors	X	X	X	X
Spanish for Heritage Speakers	X	X	X	X
Math				
Transition to College Math				X
AP Statistics*				X
Science				
Advanced Biology – Gene Technology & Forensic Science			X	X
Environmental Science			X	X
Social Science				
AP Human Geography*	X	X	X	X
Geography	X	X	X	X
AP Macroeconomics*			X	X
AP Microeconomics*			X	X
AP Psychology*			X	X
Economics			X	X
History of Chicago			X	X
International Relations			X	X
Law in American Society			X	X
Psychology			X	X
Sociology			X	X

**The Federal Career Clusters framework recommends students enroll in Advanced Placement and/or Dual Credit courses when available and relevant.*