



## Government & Public Administration

If you are interested in shaping or protecting the future of your city, state and country, the Government and Public Administration Career Cluster may be for you. Though there are some areas that are unique to military service, virtually every occupation can be found within government.

### Sample Occupations:

- Elected official (city council, mayor, governor, etc.)
- City manager
- Lobbyist
- Legislative assistant
- Military member (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard)
- Foreign service, diplomatic or consular officer
- Planner
- Federal aid coordinator
- City, county or court clerk

### 7 Career Pathways within the cluster:

1. Governance
2. National security
3. Foreign service
4. Planning
5. Revenue and taxation
6. Regulation
7. Public management and administration

### Fast-Growing Careers

Occupation	% Growth (2006-2016)	New Jobs (2006-2016)
Security Guard	27.0%	92,850
Social and Community Service Managers	24.0%	9,000
Urban and Regional Planner 2	3.0%	1,850
Emergency Management Specialist	22.0%	550
Administrator Services Manager	20.0%	30,300
Judges	18.0%	3,000
Lawyers	17.0% 5	4,400
Economist	17.0%	700
Tax Examiner	17.0%	5,300
Financial Examiner	15.0%	1,900

*This is a projection of 10 fast-growing careers in Government & Public Administration in Texas from the year 2006 to 2016 and the number of new jobs created in each occupation. Note that while the percentage of growth in jobs may be high, the actual number of jobs created may be low. For example, there will be only 50 new jobs for arbitrators, mediators, and conciliators created in Texas during the decade that the data covers. .Source: Texas Workforce Commission.*





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## Top-Paying Careers

Occupation	Average Hourly Wages
Administrative Services Manager	\$42.33
Economist	\$40.09
Financial Examiners	\$36.94
Administrative Law Judge	\$33.51
Judges, Magistrate Judge and Magistrates	\$28.17
Emergency Management Specialist	\$25.97
Social and Community Service Manager	\$25.36
Tax Examiner	\$24.14
Urban and Regional Planner	\$26.89
Postal Service Mail Carrier	\$22.72
Hazardous Materials Removal Worker	\$15.26
Security Guard	\$11.94

(Source: www.achievetexas.org)

## Government — Q & A

1. How many state and local government employees does Texas have?
2. More Texas Governors have been trained in what occupation over any other?
3. Texas has how many representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives?

## Government—Courses in Alief

- Elective Human Geography
- Sociology or Psychology
- Public Speaking or Debate
- AP US Government & Politics
- AP Comparative Government & Politics State
- AP Microeconomics
- AP World Area Studies
- Social Studies Research Methods

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## Required Knowledge and Skills

There are courses and activities in every high school that can prepare students for work in the Government and Public Administration cluster.

The courses students should first master for a career in Government & Public Administration are academic classes such as English, math, and social studies. Also, a class called Government is especially important because it teaches the processes of local, state and federal governments. Economics is another important course because it teaches how the public and private sectors interact and affect one another.

English courses are essential because most careers in the cluster require the ability to communicate in written form. History courses are recommended to provide a good foundation in how governments were formed. Math is important, as well; it gives you the background to understand how government budgets work. One elective recommended for all programs of study in this cluster is Business Law.

Speech and Debate are other electives suggested by most experts in Government & Public Administration. These classes help students develop strong communication skills and keep up with current events. Most people in Government & Public Administration careers have contact with the public. They have to be able to effectively communicate and articulate information and ideas. (Source: [www.achievetexas.org](http://www.achievetexas.org))

For more information on courses in the Government cluster in Alief, go to the Achieve Texas Student Career Planner under the Student tab on the Alief homepage ([www.aliefisd.net](http://www.aliefisd.net)).

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