

CRIMINAL JUSTICE WITH A CONCENTRATION IN BASIC POLICE ACADEMY, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE



This program is designed for students who have made the career decision to be peace officers and are planning to enroll in the Basic Peace Officer Academy affiliated with Cuyahoga Community College. The first year of the degree program is designed to provide foundational career-enhancing coursework in Criminal Justice for students planning to entering Tri-C's Police Academy Program. The majority of the second year coursework requires students to be admitted to the Tri-C Police Academy program (CJ-1380 Police Academy I, CJ-1390 Police Academy II, CJ-2280 Police Academy III, CJ-2290 Police Academy IV). Please see Age Guidelines for the Academy on the Admissions Requirements tab. This curriculum encompasses the state-mandated 720-hour Peace Officer Basic Training curriculum.

In order to meet the qualifications for an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice Basic Police Academy, a student must successfully complete a Basic Police Academy. This is accomplished by maintaining a "C" or higher grade in each of the Criminal Justice courses attached to the Basic Police Academy (CJ-1380 Police Academy I, CJ-1390 Police Academy II, CJ-2280 Police Academy III and CJ-2290 Police Academy IV) as well as passing grades in the non-credit classes (ZPOL-1004 and ZPOL-1005) and passing the State Certification Examination during the course of one OPOTC certified Basic Police Academy session.

Tri-C offers both full-time (40 hours/week) and part-time (24 hours/week) Police Academies. The full-time academy admits students in both the Fall and Spring semesters. The part-time academy admits students only in the Fall semester.

Program contact: Learn more

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Related Degrees and Certificates

- Criminal Justice, Associate of Applied Science
- Criminal Justice (Corrections), Associate of Applied Science
- Criminal Justice (Security Administration), Associate of Applied Science
- Criminal Justice (Basic Police Academy), Certificate of Proficiency

Related Training and Credentials

- Basic Police Academy

Program Admission Requirements

Completion of this degree program requires admission to and successful completion of the College's Basic Police Academy. Students can work on program requirements that are not part of the Academy required curriculum before acceptance/during the application process to the Academy. Academy admission requirements are outlined below:

- Application is required and available here.
- High School Diploma/GED
- Pass the Entry Physical Fitness Assessment Exam
- Apply for and be accepted as a student at Tri-C and be in good financial and academic standing
- Successfully pass the National WebCheck for Law Enforcement (BCI&I/FBI)
- Successfully pass the five-panel drug screen
- Receive a physical exam in good health from their physician
- Have a valid Ohio driver's license and currently have full driving privileges in the State of Ohio
- NOT have a criminal background
- Be at least 20 years old at the time of acceptance to the Academy*

Other Information

AGE GUIDELINES: There is no age requirement, however, **potential Cadets should understand the unlikelihood of being hired / sworn (offered a Commission) with a police department until he/she is 21 years of age. The College also requires that all firearms be transported to and from the range by someone of at least 21 years of age.** The following OPOTC standards are in place and apply to all graduates of the Police Academy regardless of age:

- The individual has *one year* after taking and passing the OPOTC State Certification Exam (SCE) to obtain a Commission without having to take any further classes.
- If hired *after* the one-year anniversary of having passed the SCE, the individual must have enough time to finish any new OPOTC requirements before the second year anniversary date of the SCE occurs. If the deadline is not met, he/she must repeat the entire OPOTC Basic Police Academy.
- Note: The College offers two full time academies, one starting in Fall and one starting in Spring, and a part-time academy starting in Fall. Once students begin an academy program, the student cannot switch to a different academy program (i.e. start in a full-time academy and switch to a part-time academy).
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Program Learning Outcomes

This program is designed to prepare students to demonstrate the following learning outcomes:

1. Recognize and practice ethical behavior associated with the criminal justice and public safety professions.
2. Apply local, state, and federal legal standards, including statutory and case law, to adults and juveniles in civil and criminal matters, in both public and private sectors.
3. Purposefully adapt oral, written and non-verbal styles and techniques to communicate effectively in diverse professional roles and environments.
4. Maintain personal health and well-being in carrying out professional responsibilities.
5. Apply understanding of law enforcement culture to develop and refine skill sets essential to specific law enforcement and public safety positions.
6. Sit for the Ohio Basic Peace Officer Training Commission Exam.
7. Apply community policing principles to enhance positive interactions with diverse populations.
8. Apply laws, theories, and standards designed specifically for the juvenile population.
9. Provide supervision including effective communication, personnel evaluation, hiring practices, retention practices, and taking disciplinary and corrective action.

Suggested Semester Sequence

First Semester		Credit Hours
CJ-1000	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ-1120	Criminal Court Procedures	2
CJ-1130	Criminal Evidence	2
Select one of the following:		3
PHIL-1020	Introduction to Logic	
MATH-1190	Algebraic and Quantitative Reasoning ¹	
MATH-1410	Elementary Probability and Statistics I (or Any Approved Ohio Transfer 36 Mathematics course)	
Select one of the following:		3
ENG-1010	College Composition I	
ENG-101H	Honors College Composition I	
Select one of the following:		3
IT-1090	Computer Applications	
IT-109H	Honors Computer Applications	
Credit Hours		16
Second Semester		
CJ-1111	Constitutional Law for Police	3
CJ-2360	Community Oriented Policing	3
CJ-1320	Ethics in Criminal Justice	2
CJ-2300	Juvenile Delinquency	2
Select one of the following:		3
ENG-1020	College Composition II	
ENG-102H	Honors College Composition II	
COMM-1010	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	
COMM-101H	Honors Speech Communication	
Select one of the following:		3
POL-1010	American National Government	
POL-101H	Honors American National Government	

PSY-1010	General Psychology	
PSY-101H	Honors General Psychology	
SOC-1010	Introductory Sociology	
SOC-101H	Honors Introductory Sociology	
UST-1010	Introduction to Urban Studies	
Credit Hours		16
Third Semester		
CJ-1380	Police Academy I ^{2, 3}	6
CJ-1390	Police Academy II ^{2, 3}	6
Arts and Humanities		3
Credit Hours		15
Fourth Semester		
CJ-2280	Police Academy III ^{2, 3}	6
CJ-2290	Police Academy IV ^{2, 3}	6
CJ-2990	Issues in Supervision	4
Credit Hours		16
Total Credit Hours		63

¹ MATH-1100 Mathematical Explorations or MATH-1240 Contemporary Mathematics taken prior to Fall 2024 will be accepted to meet the Mathematics requirement for this program.

² Students will receive credit for these courses upon successful completion of the Police Academy Program.

³ In order to be awarded the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Basic Police Academy, a student must successfully complete a Basic Police Academy. This is accomplished by maintaining a "C" or higher grade in each of the Criminal Justice courses attached to the Basic Police Academy (CJ-1380 Police Academy I, CJ-1390 Police Academy II, CJ-2280 Police Academy III and CJ-2290 Police Academy IV) as well as passing grades in the non-credit classes (ZPOL-1004 and ZPOL-1005) and passing the State Certification Examination during the course of one OPOTC certified Basic Police Academy session.

MATH-1140, MATH-1141, MATH-1200, MATH-1270, and MATH-1280 can no longer count towards fulfilling the college-level mathematics requirement. These courses were re-classified as developmental mathematics by the state of Ohio in 2016. Tri-C established a 5-year transitioning window for students who had completed these courses prior to 2016 to apply them towards meeting graduation requirements, which expired in Summer 2021. It is highly recommended to see a counselor to determine the appropriate math required for your current major.