



Criminal Justice: Law Enforcement Major Academy Track (A.A.S.)

2018–2019

DESCRIPTION:

The fast-paced field of Criminal Justice offers a wide variety of career paths for those interested in this area. The Law Enforcement Academy Track degree program is intended for those students who are interested in immediately entering the field of certified, sworn law enforcement in the state of Ohio after completion of the program. Upon successful completion of all state and college program requirements, the student will have earned the Criminal Justice Degree as well as certification as a Peace Officer in the state of Ohio. The Academy Program contains requirements mandated by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and The Columbus State Community College Police Academy that are different from the other Criminal Justice degree programs. For more information, see csc.edu/academics/departments/criminal-justice.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- An entry interview by the Academy Commanders or panel, criminal history background check
- Completion of a minimum of 35 semester hours or their equivalent prior to the start of training
- Completion of all state and college mandated police academy paperwork
- Successful passing of a state required physical examination
- The purchase of uniforms and related supplies such as ammunition for firearms training courses

ONGOING REQUIREMENTS:

- 100% attendance/compliance requirements throughout the academy training period
- Maintaining a valid Ohio Driver's License throughout the training
- No negative contacts with law enforcement agencies and officers during the academy training
- Students are encouraged to verify summer term financial aid eligibility. Meet with a division advisor to discuss transfer implications for general education course selections.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATES:

As part of their degree work, individuals graduating with an AAS in Law Enforcement attain the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) Basic Peace Officer Certification, which is required of individuals seeking appointments as a law enforcement officer in the State of Ohio. Students pursue careers in a variety of law enforcement related fields including, but not limited to: police officer, deputy sheriff, trooper, investigator, detective, forensic analyst, criminalist, state and federal agency, state and federal investigator, emergency management director, wildlife officer, natural resources agent, animal control officer, fraud investigator, border/customs patrol. The job outlook for these positions is positive with median annual incomes average of \$60,000. Continuing education opportunities are plentiful with multiple four-year bachelor degree transfer options which will enhance employment eligibility for a law enforcement related career field.

TRANSFER OPPORTUNITIES:

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Bachelor of Arts in Criminology

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (CRIMINAL JUSTICE: LAW ENFORCEMENT MAJOR ACADEMY TRACK):
FIRST SEMESTER**

Course	Term	Credits	Milestones/Progress Check
CRJ 1101 Introduction to Criminal Justice	AU/SP/SU	3	• Meet with program faculty to ensure readiness and eligibility for placement in the Academy Certification classes
CRJ 1116 Government and the Law	AU/SP/SU	3	
COLS 1100 First Year Experience Seminar	AU/SP/SU	1	
ENGL 1100 Composition I	AU/SP/SU	3	
BMGT 1102 Interpersonal Skills	AU/SP/SU	2	
Semester Credits		12	

SECOND SEMESTER

Course	Term	Credits	Milestones/Progress Check
CSCI 1100 Essential Computer Topics	AU/SP/SU	1	• Declare formal interest to participate in the Academy Certification classes
MATH 1109 Mathematics for Emergency Services	AU/SP/SU	3	
NAT Elective (select from list- transfer considerations recommended)	AU/SP/SU	3-5	
SES 1100 Personal Fitness Concepts	AU/SP/SU	3	
Semester Credits		10-12	

THIRD SEMESTER

Course	Term	Credits	Milestones/Progress Check
COMM 1105 Oral Communication	AU/SP/SU	3	• Meet the OPOTA & CSCC registration standards for placement in a POBT academy (physical, PT test, drug screen, academic placement, etc.)
ENGL 2367, 2567, 2667, or 2767	AU/SP/SU	3	
HUM Elective (select from list-transfer considerations recommended)	AU/SP/SU	3	
PSY 1100 Introduction to Psychology	AU/SP/SU	3	
Semester Credits		12	

FOURTH SEMESTER

Course	Term	Credits	Milestones/Progress Check
CRJ 2075 Peace Officer Academy I	AU	6	
CRJ 2076 Peace Officer Academy II	AU	6	
Semester Credits		12	

FIFTH SEMESTER

Course	Term	Credits	Milestones/Progress Check
CRJ 2077 Peace Officer Academy III	SP	6	• Successfully pass the OPOTA final physical fitness exam and final test for certification.
CRJ 2078 Peace Officer Academy IV	SP	6	
Semester Credits		12	
Total		58-60	

AU: Autumn Semester/SP: Spring Semester/SU: Summer Semester
Requirements subject to change.