

LAW ENFORCEMENT

This program is a Selective Program. Application requirements are included in the description below.

County Corrections Specialist

Occupational Skills Award

This Occupational Skills Award (OSA) is designed to prepare students for a profession as a county corrections officer. County corrections academy students will learn the role and responsibilities of a county correction officer and become knowledgeable in classification, intake procedures and facility security protocols. The county corrections academy will prepare students for Texas Commission on Law Enforcement county corrections officer licensing standards.

Basic Peace Officer

Certificate

This program is designed to prepare students for a profession in law enforcement. Police academy students will learn the role and responsibilities of a law enforcement officer and become knowledgeable in Texas Criminal and Traffic law. The police academy will prepare students for peace officer certifications according to the standards from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers.

Application Requirements

In order to be considered for entry into the South Texas College Police Academy/Basic Peace Officer certificate, all applicants must complete the requirements below which will be evaluated for accuracy, passing scores and acceptable outcomes:

- A. Must be at least 21 years of age by the completion of the police academy.
- B. Applicants with military background must have an honorable discharge to apply.
- C. Complete Police Academy application (published on program webpage).
- D. Pass Physical Fitness Test administered by Police Academy. Information about test dates are published on program webpage. (Applicant must have valid identification to participate in test).
- E. Complete Personal History Statement.
- F. Pass a Polygraph Examination. (Examiner approved by the Police Academy.)
- G. Submit fingerprints for criminal history check through a state/national database. Applicants convicted of a Class A Misdemeanor, or above, or convicted of a Class B misdemeanor within the last 10 years will not be considered.
- H. Pass medical screening to include urinalysis. (Medical doctor approved by the Police Academy.)
- I. Pass psychological screening. (Doctor approved by the Police Academy.)
- J. Must provide the following documents:
 - Certified Copy of Court Disposition (for all charges on criminal history)
 - Licensee Medical Condition Declaration (TCOLE L-2 Form)
 - Licensee Psychological and Emotional Health Declaration (TCOLE L-3 Form)
 - Proof of U.S. Citizenship
 - Valid Texas Driver's License
 - Official high school transcript (accredited) or proof of GED completion.

- Military Discharge Form (DD 214), if applicable.

Law Enforcement

Associate of Applied Science

The Law Enforcement Associate Degree program offers the educational opportunity for veteran officers already in the field to expand upon their knowledge base. The program also provides the necessary foundation for those interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement.

Program Learning Outcomes

Basic Peace Officer Certificate

1. Graduates will demonstrate effective written communication skills that includes conducting interviews and writing police reports.
2. Graduates will identify traffic laws related to the safe operation of vehicles on highways.
3. Graduates will identify procedures related to crime scene investigations.

Law Enforcement Associate of Applied Science

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3. Graduates will identify procedures related to crime scene investigations.
4. Graduates will interpret legal procedures related to arrest, search, and seizure.
5. Graduates will identify various narcotics and other dangerous drugs.

Advisory Committee Members

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Associate Degree

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County Corrections Specialist Occupational Skills Award

TSI Exempt

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Fall		
CJCR 1300	Basic Jail Course	3
CJSA 1348	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
CJLE 1327	Interviewing and Report Writing for CJ Professions	3
Credit Hours		9
Total Credit Hours		9

Basic Peace Officer Certificate* - Spring Admission

TSI Exempt

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Spring		
CJLE 1506	Basic Peace Officer I	5
CJLE 1512	Basic Peace Officer II	5
CJLE 1518	Basic Peace Officer III	5
CJLE 1524	Basic Peace Officer IV	5
CJLE 1135	Police Academy Fitness I	1
Credit Hours		21
Summer		
CJLE 1429	Basic Peace Officer V	4
CJLE 1136	Police Academy Fitness II	1
Credit Hours		5
Total Credit Hours		26

*Capstone: Successful completion of comprehensive exam.

Basic Peace Officer Certificate* - Summer Admission

TSI Exempt

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Summer		
CJLE 1506	Basic Peace Officer I	5
Credit Hours		5
Fall		
CJLE 1512	Basic Peace Officer II	5
CJLE 1518	Basic Peace Officer III	5
CJLE 1524	Basic Peace Officer IV	5
CJLE 1429	Basic Peace Officer V	4
CJLE 1135	Police Academy Fitness I	1
CJLE 1136	Police Academy Fitness II	1
Credit Hours		21
Total Credit Hours		26

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Law Enforcement Associate of Applied Science

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Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Year		
Fall		
ENGL 1301	Composition ¹	3
CJSA 1322 or CRIJ 1301	Introduction to Criminal Justice or Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJSA 1313 or CRIJ 1306	Court Systems and Practices or Court Systems and Practices	3
CJSA 1325	Criminology	3
CJSA 1348	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
CJLE 1249	Intermediate Arrest, Search and Seizure	2
Credit Hours		17

Spring		
Social and Behavioral Sciences Elective ¹		3
Recommended:		
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	
CJSA 1327 or CRIJ 1310	Fundamentals of Criminal Law or Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3
CJSA 1359 or CRIJ 2328	Police System and Practices (or HMSY 1342) or Police Systems and Practices	3
CJSA 1351	Use of Force	3
CJLE 1327	Interviewing and Report Writing for CJ Professions	3
CJLE 1333 or CJSA 2300	Traffic Law and Investigations (or HMSY 1371) or Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement	3
Credit Hours		18

Second Year

Fall		
Math Elective ¹		3
CJSA 1312	Crime in America	3
CJLE 1259	Intermediate Spanish for Law Enforcement	2
CJLE 1174	Current Events in Law Enforcement	1
CJLE 1345	Intermediate Crime Scene Investigation	3
Credit Hours		12

Spring

Speech Elective ¹		3
Humanities Elective ¹		3
Law Enforcement Elective		3
Select One:		
CJLE 1325	Criminal Justice Survey	
HMSY 1337	Introduction to Homeland Security	
CJLE 1374	Stress Management for Law Enforcement Officers	
CJLE 1303	Basic Telecommunication Certification	
CJCR 1300	Basic Jail Course	
CJLE 2345	Vice and Narcotics Investigation	3
CJLE 2168	Practicum	1
Credit Hours		13
Total Credit Hours		60

¹ Identifies courses to fulfill minimum 15 credit hour General Education requirement

Basic Peace Officer - Escrowed Credit

Escrowed Credit: Upon successful completion of CJSA 1348 Ethics in Criminal Justice and CJLE 1249 Intermediate Arrest, Search and Seizure, students who have successfully completed the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers and Education 618 hour Basic Peace Officer certification will be awarded 23 credits for the following courses:

CJSA 1313	Court Systems and Practices	3
CJSA 1322	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJSA 1327	Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3
CJSA 1359	Police System and Practices	3

CJLE 1327	Interviewing and Report Writing for CJ Professions	3
CJLE 1333	Traffic Law and Investigations	3
CJSA 1312	Crime in America	3
CJLE 1259	Intermediate Spanish for Law Enforcement	2
Total Credit Hours		23

U.S. Border Patrol - Escrowed Credit

Upon successful completion of CJSA 1348 Ethics in Criminal Justice and CJLE 1249 Intermediate Arrest, Search and Seizure, students who have successfully completed the U.S. Border Patrol Integrated Basic Training Academy will be awarded 17 hours credit for the following courses:

CJSA 1313	Court Systems and Practices	3
CJSA 1322	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJSA 1327	Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3
CJSA 2300	Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement	3
HMSY 1337	Introduction to Homeland Security	3
CJLE 1259	Intermediate Spanish for Law Enforcement	2
Total Credit Hours		17

U.S. CBP Field Operations Academy - Escrowed Credit

Upon the successful completion of CJSA 1348 Ethics in Criminal Justice and CJLE 1249 Intermediate Arrest, Search and Seizure, students who have successfully completed the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Field Operations Academy will be awarded 12 hours credit for the following courses:

CJSA 1327	Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3
HMSY 1342	Understanding and Combating Terrorism	3
HMSY 1337	Introduction to Homeland Security	3
HMSY 1371	Homeland Security Laws	3
Total Credit Hours		12

U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Law Enforcement Academy - Escrowed Credit

Upon the successful completion of CJSA 1348 Ethics in Criminal Justice and CJLE 1249 Intermediate Arrest, Search and Seizure, students who have successfully completed the U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Law Enforcement Academy (MLEA) will be awarded 15 hours credit for the following courses:

CJLE 2345	Vice and Narcotics Investigation	3
CJSA 1322	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
HMSY 1337	Introduction to Homeland Security	3
HMSY 1342	Understanding and Combating Terrorism	3

HMSY 1371	Homeland Security Laws	3
Total Credit Hours		15

U.S. Navy Master-at-Arms "A" School - Escrowed Credit

Upon the successful completion of CJSA 1348 Ethics in Criminal Justice and CJLE 1249 Intermediate Arrest, Search and Seizure, students who have successfully completed the U.S. Navy Master-at-Arms "A" School will be awarded 18 hours credit for the following courses:

CJSA 1327	Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3
HMSY 1337	Introduction to Homeland Security	3
CJLE 1327	Interviewing and Report Writing for CJ Professions	3
CJLE 1345	Intermediate Crime Scene Investigation	3
HMSY 1342	Understanding and Combating Terrorism	3
CJSA 1351	Use of Force	3
Total Credit Hours		18

Basic County Corrections - Escrowed Credit

Upon the successful completion of CJSA 1348 Ethics in Criminal Justice and CJLE 1249 Intermediate Arrest, Search and Seizure, students who have successfully completed the Basic County Corrections Course will be awarded 3 hours credit for the following course:

CJCR 1300	Basic Jail Course	3
Total Credit Hours		3

Basic Telecommunicator Licensing - Escrowed Credit

Upon the successful completion of CJSA 1348 Ethics in Criminal Justice and CJLE 1249 Intermediate Arrest, Search and Seizure, students who have successfully completed the Basic Telecommunicator Licensing Course or Basic Telecommunication Certification Course will be awarded 3 hours credit for the following course:

CJLE 1303	Basic Telecommunication Certification	3
Total Credit Hours		3

Criminal Investigator Training Program - Escrowed Credit

Upon the successful completion of CJSA 1348 Ethics in Criminal Justice and CJLE 1249 Intermediate Arrest, Search and Seizure, students who have successfully completed the FLETC Criminal Investigator Training Program will be awarded 6 hours credit for the following courses:

CJSA 1313	Court Systems and Practices	3
CJSA 1359	Police System and Practices	3
Total Credit Hours		6

Land Management Training Program - Escrowed Credit

Upon the successful completion of CJSA 1348 Ethics in Criminal Justice and CJLE 1249

Intermediate Arrest, Search and Seizure, students who have successfully completed the FLETC Land Management Training Program will be awarded 9 hours credit for the following courses:

CJSA 1322	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJSA 1327	Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3
CJSA 1359	Police System and Practices	3
Total Credit Hours		9

Uniform Police Training Program - Escrowed Credit

Upon the successful completion of CJSA 1348 Ethics in Criminal Justice and CJLE 1249 Intermediate Arrest, Search and Seizure, students who have successfully completed the FLETC Uniform Police Training Program will be awarded 6 hours credit for the following courses:

CJSA 1322	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJSA 1359	Police System and Practices	3
Total Credit Hours		6