

# WITHLACOOCHEE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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Florida Law Enforcement Academy

Course Syllabus

## **INSTRUCTOR**

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## **PROGRAM LENGTH**

**770 HOURS**

## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The Florida Law Enforcement Academy Career and Technical Certificate program provides content which includes, but is not limited to, knowledge of codes of ethics; history and evolution of laws; introduction to the criminal justice system; statutory authority of the FDLE CJSTC; basic law and legal procedures; law enforcement operations; investigation knowledge and skills; laws, rules, and regulations of arrest; search and seizure; knowledge of use of force; defensive tactics; physical fitness; weapons skills; controlling and restraining techniques; traffic control and direction, DUI enforcement techniques; first aid techniques; communications skills; and human relations skills.

## **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

Upon completion of this course, students will be eligible to:

- Sit for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's (FDLE) State Officer Certification Examination (SOCE).
- Apply for employment as a sworn officer within the state of Florida

## **TEXTBOOKS**

Are part of the Curriculum Kit. Refer to Law Enforcement Program Cost Information sheet.

## **PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Applicant must have a completed physical exam within six months of the Academy start date. The physician completing the exam must approve a student to participate in physically strenuous activity, have exposure to a Dart Firing Stun Gun, oleoresin capsicum (OC) and/or orthochlorobenzal-malonotrite (CS). Applicants must also have good physical agility and good hand eye coordination.

## **DRESS CODE**

The Public Safety Training Center uniform should be respected as that of a criminal justice agency. It should not be worn while consuming alcohol, using tobacco products or worn at other activities or locations perceived to be unprofessional by the general public. Recruits are permitted to wear the program uniform to all academy-approved functions. Uniforms and clothing with program logo shall not be worn to any non-approved function (excluding meal breaks) and shall not be displayed in photographs depicting derogatory or unbecoming behavior.

## **DISCIPLINE**

1. Any student who violates general conduct rules outlined in sections 2-5,8,9,12 of the Student Policy Procedure Manual will receive a documented Incident Report by the Training Program Coordinator. A copy of this report will remain in the student file.
2. Any student who receives three negative Incident Reports will be recommended for dismissal from the program by the Program Coordinator. The Training Center Director, Program Coordinator and other persons that may be necessary, will conduct a review of the incidents prior to dismissal.

## BACKGROUND CHECKS

An applicant shall be disqualified if he/she:

1. has been convicted of ANY felony
2. has been convicted a misdemeanor involving perjury, a false statement, or domestic violence
3. has committed a misdemeanor which involves “moral turpitude.” Legally, moral turpitude has been defined as “conduct contrary to justice, honesty, modesty, or good morals.” Applicants must have good moral character
4. Have not received a dishonorable discharge from any of the Armed Forces of the United States

## HOW YOU ARE EVALUATED

GRADEBOOK PERCENTAGES WILL BE EXPLAINED IN CLASS

**Competency/Proficiency Evaluation:** Demonstrate proficiency in all high-lability areas including DUI Traffic Stops

**Classroom:** (assignments, tests, quizzes): Students must have an 80% average on all end of course examinations.

**Employability Skills/Work Ethic:** Attitude, approach to employment and teamwork, safety, professional appearance (observes dress code)

## GRADES

100-90 A

89-80 B

79-70 C

69-69 D

Below 60 F

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance requirements will be explained during first week of class. Refer to the Student Policy Procedure Manual for additional information.

## SAFETY

Safety is an important aspect of the Public Safety Training Center and will be incorporated throughout the Law Enforcement Recruit training.

## FIREARM TRAINING

- Students convicted of any felony or domestic violence infraction may not legally possess firearms and will not be permitted to attend training programs.
- Students enrolled in any training program must achieve a firearm score of at least 80% on two (2) consecutive or three (3) out of six (6) attempts on a commission-approved course with a primary weapon.
- Students are required to use school weapons, ammunition and equipment, unless sponsored by an agency that is providing a weapon and ammunition. (Written authorization from that agency is required).

**PROGRESS**

See the below Occupational Completion Point. The LE program is a lock step program and all students progress through at the same pace.

Introduction to Law Enforcement	12 hours
Communication	24 hours
Legal	64 hours
Interviewing and Report Writing	56 hours
Fundamentals of Patrol	40 hours
Serving Your Community	34 hours
Crimes Against Persons	48 hours
Crimes Involving Property and Society	12 hours
Crime Scene Follow-up Investigations	34 hours
Traffic Incidents	12 hours
Traffic Stops	24 hours
Traffic Crash Investigations	30 hours
DUI Traffic Stops	24 hours
Critical Incidents	44 hours
Law Enforcement Vehicle Operations	48 hours
First Aid for Criminal Justice Officers	40 hours
Criminal Justice Firearms	80 hours
Criminal Justice Defensive Tactics	80 hours
Conducted Electrical Weapon/Dart-Firing Stun Gun	4 hours
Criminal Justice Officer Physical Fitness Training/Law Enforcement	60 hours
Total Course Hours	770 hours

**RECOMMENDED WEBSITES/RESOURCES**

<https://www.fdle.state.fl.us>