

FLORIDA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ACADEMY (5005)

CAREER CERTIFICATE

RECRUIT COURSES AVAILABLE AT THE ST. AUGUSTINE CAMPUS ONLY

This program provides job-related training to prepare candidates for entry-level employment as law enforcement officers. The curriculum is prescribed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission in accordance with Florida Statutes. Upon completion of the program, candidates will be eligible to take the state exam for law enforcement officer.

To be eligible for the acceptance into the Florida Law Enforcement Officer Academy, a student must:

1. Be at least 19 years of age prior to the academy graduation
2. Have achieved a passing score on the Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test for Law Enforcement (CJBAT)
3. Have a high school diploma or GED
4. Be a United States citizen
5. Not have been convicted of, pled guilty or nolo-contendere to, any felony or misdemeanor involving perjury or false statement
6. Not have been convicted of any crime involving domestic violence nor is under the provisions of a domestic violence injunction
7. Not have received a dishonorable discharge from any of the Armed Forces of the United States
8. Possess a valid driver's license
9. Be able to pass a physical examination by a licensed physician
10. Not have used any illegal narcotics within 12 months prior to application

To be considered for acceptance into the program, a student must complete the following:

1. Application to SJR State
2. Application to the Florida Law Enforcement Officer Academy
3. Basic Motor Skills Test

This program is mentally and physically challenging and has special requirements including strict attendance and demonstration of proficiency in firearms, defensive tactics, and first aid. Additional program information and application packets can be obtained from the criminal justice program office or by visiting SJRstate.edu/law.

Note: Students are encouraged to take this Career Certificate program as a part of the Associate in Science degree in Criminal Justice Technology. See page 156 for additional information.

STUDENT SELECTION

When there are more applicants than the number of available seats for the Basic Law Enforcement class, selection will be based on the following criteria/point system:

1. Sponsored and Crossover recruits from service area agencies (Law Enforcement Agencies in St. Johns, Clay, and Putnam counties) will be admitted to the next available recruit class following completion of their registration (See Registration/Fees).
2. **5 POSSIBLE POINTS AWARDED** - Applicants may receive credit from only **one** of the following qualifiers:
 - 5 points will be awarded for a recommendation from a service agency chief or sheriff; or
 - 5 points will be awarded for three years of full-time work experience in a Law Enforcement related field (e.g. Security Guard, Public Service Assistant); or
 - 5 points will be awarded for military police experience (for those who do not qualify for EOT); or
 - 4 points will be awarded for four years of general, full-time work experience (with gaps no longer than a total of three months); or
 - 4 points will be awarded for three or more years of full-time military experience.
3. **5 POSSIBLE POINTS AWARDED** - Applicants may only receive credit for **one** of these qualifiers:
 - 5 points will be awarded for a four-year degree from an accredited college; or
 - 3 points will be awarded for a two-year degree from an accredited college; or
 - 3 points will be awarded for 45 credit hours of an A.S. degree in Criminal Justice Technology.
4. **6 POSSIBLE POINTS AWARDED** - Applicants may receive credit for **as many qualifiers as are applicable** up to a maximum of 6 points:
 - 2 points will be awarded if enrolled in SJR State's Criminal Justice Technology program with 36 or more credits earned;
 - 1 point will be awarded for an internship with a service area law enforcement agency;
 - 1 point will be awarded if applicant resides within the Academy's service area;
 - 1 point will be awarded if applicant participated in a service area Law Enforcement Explorer program or High School Law Enforcement program;
 - 1 point will be awarded for participation in a high school ROTC program.

If two or more applicants are tied for points for the last available seat, admission will be awarded to the applicant with the earliest date and time on the application.

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TOTAL PROGRAM CONTACT HOURS

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