

# Law Enforcement Training Academy

The Law Enforcement Training Academy prepares individuals to successfully sit for the Colorado P.O.S.T. (Peace Officer Standards and Training) Certification Examination, a necessary requirement to becoming a peace officer in Colorado.

The Academy is staffed with experienced instructors who are experts in their areas of instruction. All Academy instructors are career peace officers or full-time public sector professionals.

This is a one-semester intensive peace officer certification program that provides tried-and-true police procedures plus previews of the latest innovations and technologies. The Academy offers 737 hours of classroom and hands-on training, plus 60 hours of physical conditioning. This is 239 hours above the 558 required training hours for the Colorado POST.

Law enforcement training academy applicants cannot have any felony convictions, domestic violence convictions, child support violations of the Child Support Enforcement Act, or military separation with any less than honorable conditions. Applicants with any section 24-31-305, Colorado Revised Statute convictions must have Colorado POST Rule 7 Variance prior to submission. Applicants must submit a completed OJC Data Sheet Academy Application, notarized Memorandum of Understanding, proof of college level writing ability and two law enforcement letters of recommendation prior to a successful academy pre-admission interview.

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## HOW TO ENROLL

*There is no application fee at OJC.*  
**You can begin the enrollment process for next semester at any time during the year.**

### Admission Requirements

- ◆ **Must be 21 years of age**
- ◆ **Must be able to possess a weapon. No felony, assault, theft, domestic violence or moral turpitude convictions**
- ◆ **No section 24-31-305, C.R.S. convictions without written POST variance**
- ◆ **High school diploma or GED**
- ◆ **Must pass POST fingerprint background**
- ◆ **Must read and write at the college level**
- ◆ **Provide two references from criminal justice or public sector professionals**

### Program Costs

**Call for a Student Information Packet with current tuition rates, fees, supply and room and board costs.**

*Financial aid is available for students who qualify.*

**For Program and Enrollment Information Contact:**

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Gainful Employment Information

The US Department of Education requires colleges to disclose a variety of information for any financial aid eligible program that "prepares students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation". You may access Gainful Employment information for a career in Law Enforcement at: [www.ojc.edu/lawacademy.aspx](http://www.ojc.edu/lawacademy.aspx)

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## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

**LEA 101 Basic Law Enforcement Academy I..... 6**  
 Conforms to POST standards and state certification requirements as well as the basic skills and knowledge necessary to perform the entry level duties of a peace officer. Emphasis will be on simulating actual situations utilizing a lecture and laboratory mode

**LEA 102 Basic Law Enforcement Academy II ..... 12**  
 Conforms to POST standards and state certification requirements as well as the basic skills and knowledge necessary to perform the entry level duties of a peace officer. Emphasis will be on simulating actual situations utilizing a lecture and laboratory mode of learning.

**LEA 105 Basic Law ..... 8**  
 Conforms to POST standards and state certification requirements as well as the basic skills and knowledge necessary to perform the entry level duties of a peace officer. Emphasis will be on United States Constitution, arrest, search and seizure, interrogation and confessions, rules of evidence, Colorado Criminal Code, Colorado Traffic Code, Colorado Children's Code, Liquor Code and controlled substances.

**LEA 106 Arrest Control Techniques ..... 3**  
 Cover the skills, knowledge and abilities necessary to effectively maintain control of a suspect when making an arrest. Emphasizes the continuum of force and de-escalation of force.

**LEA 107 Law Enforcement Driving ..... 3**  
 Covers the skills, knowledge and abilities required for operation of a law enforcement vehicle. Emphasizes defensive driving. Enables students to demonstrate skills by driving a vehicle under simulated conditions.

**LEA 108 Firearms ..... 3**  
 Discusses the skills, knowledge and abilities necessary to safely use police firearms. Students will demonstrate skills by firing weapons on a firing range. The student will demonstrate basic safety techniques and will explain the firearms role within the continuum of force.

**LEA 175 Special Topics: Career Management ..... 1**  
 This is a 21-hour course involving methods for finding, securing and maintaining law enforcement employment. Career Management is an OJC Law Academy curriculum class with limited outside enrollment.

**\*LEA 175 Special Topics: Roadside Sobriety ..... 1**  
 This is a 24-hour certification course presenting the requirements for stopping, approaching, conducting roadside sobriety tests, and the follow-up procedures necessary for adjudication of D.U.I. charges and revocation requirements. SFST is an OJC Law Academy curriculum class with outside enrollment limited to currently employed peace officers.

**\*LEA 175 Special Topics: Command Spanish ..... 1**  
 This is a 24-hour certification course limited to learning the basic Spanish phrases and questions necessary to communicate certain specific law enforcement protocols. Instruction includes cross-cultural issues pertaining to relationships between non-Spanish-officers and the Latino/Spanish speaking community. Command Spanish for Law Enforcement Officers is an OJC Law Academy curriculum class with outside enrollment limited to currently employed peace officers.

**\*\*LEA 175 Special Topics: First Aid..... 0.5**  
 This is an eight-hour basic first aid, cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and biological contamination certification course. Heartsmart First Aid/CPR is an OJC Law Academy curriculum class open to currently employed peace officers and public individuals.

**\*LEA 175 Special Topics: OC Spray ..... 0.5**  
 This is an eight-hour certification course in the proper use of oleoresin capsicum (OC) defensive spray. OC is an OJC Law Academy curriculum class with outside enrollment limited to currently employed peace officers.

**\*LEA 175 Special Topics: Anti-Bias ..... 0.5**  
 This is an eight-hour certification course in preventing the patterns and practices of racial profiling and biased based policing. Anti-Bias Policing is an OJC Law Academy curriculum class with outside enrollment limited to currently employed peace officers.

**\*LEA 175 Special Topics: TASER ..... 0.5**  
 This is an eight-hour certification course in the proper use of TASER arrest control weapons. TASER training is an OJC Law Academy curriculum class with outside enrollment limited to currently employed peace officers.

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