

About the Program

The Career Certificate (C.C.) in Florida Law Enforcement provides students with exceptional law enforcement learning opportunities in subjects including evidence gathering, investigation and criminal law, traffic control, patrol procedures and weaponry training. Students will attain the knowledge and skills needed for such career options as certified Florida Law Enforcement Officer and Sworn Bailiff. For more information about this program, visit fscj.edu/5797.

Note: If you are considering employment in a state other than Florida, please visit fscj.edu/academics/license-disclose to determine if this program will meet the selected state's educational requirements to sit for licensure or certification testing.

Day program classes are held Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., for 5 months. **Night program** classes are held Monday through Friday, 6 p.m.-10 p.m., for 11 months. The curriculum for both programs is identical.

Upon completion of this program along with a passing score on the State Officer Certification Examination, students will obtain a Certificate of Law Enforcement valid throughout the State of Florida. This is a basic certification, and additional training will be required by the hiring agency.

Upon successful completion of the program, **students may receive articulated College credit** toward the Criminal Justice Technology (2239) (A.S.) degree.

Program Requirements

This program requires **770 contact/clock hours** that must be completed and documented. Students should also understand and accept the attendance requirements prior to enrolling in this career certificate program. This program is **eligible** for financial aid.

Record of Conviction of a Crime: If the students enroll in an internship or cooperative education class and are seeking experience at a law enforcement agency or facility under Children and Family Services then a background check is performed by the law enforcement agency or facility, and the student may be denied employment (paid or non-paid) based on their criminal record.

Application Procedure

This is a Limited Access Program. Students must pass an entrance interview prior to acceptance into the program. Students must meet the following program entry requirements:

- ☐ Be at least 19 years old.
- ☐ Be a citizen of the United States.
- ☐ Have graduated from a high school or obtained a high school equivalency certificate.
- ☐ Possess a valid driver's license.
- ☐ Be of good moral character.
- ☐ Not have been convicted of a felony regardless of whether or not adjudication was withheld.
- ☐ Not have been convicted of domestic violence.
- ☐ Not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving perjury or making a false statement as defined by law, regardless of whether or not adjudication was withheld.
- ☐ Not have been dishonorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces.
- ☐ Not have falsified their program application or personal history.

Completion of this program is intended to lead to employment in certain safety sensitive positions that are also physically demanding. To address student safety as well as a student's ability to be employed within the current employment environment, all students, after taking and passing the [Law Enforcement Basic Abilities Test \(CJBAT\)](#), are required to submit the following to the Northeast Florida Criminal Justice Center:

- ☐ Drug screen
- ☐ Criminal background check
- ☐ Physical exam
- ☐ Driver history check
- ☐ Proof of health insurance

Additional information is available in the program application, which may be accessed at fscj.edu/5797.

Career Certificate Graduation Requirements

- ☐ Fulfill all academic requirements for the chosen program of study as outlined in the Florida State College at Jacksonville catalog and curriculum.
- ☐ Earn the required number of clock hours for the chosen program of study with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) on a 4.0 scale in all courses that apply to the chosen program of study.
- ☐ Complete a minimum of 25 percent of the total clock hours required for the certificate program as a student at Florida State College at Jacksonville.
- ☐ Fulfill all obligations, financial or otherwise, to the College before graduating.
- ☐ Meet or exceed the program's exit requirement(s), if applicable, or meet the criteria to earn a waiver.

Catalog Year

This document is prepared for students with a **2025-26 College Catalog year**. **Students who enter under the 2025-26 catalog** will be assigned to the degree or certificate requirements in effect during the 2025-26 academic year. The student's assigned catalog year will remain in effect as long as the student maintains continuous enrollment. Changes to requirements as mandated by law or by rule of the District Board of Trustees may supersede this provision.

To maintain continuous enrollment, a student must have registration for, and successful completion of, at least one course within a three-term period. After three consecutive terms of no enrollment, the student will be discontinued from the current program of study and will need to apply to FSCJ to reenter under the same program of study. Upon readmission, the student will be assigned to the current catalog of record in the chosen program.

Curriculum

Prior to enrolling in classes, students are strongly encouraged to **meet with an advisor** to develop an individual academic plan. Students will progress through this program in cohorts. The schedule and order of courses for each cohort will vary based on facility and faculty availability.

☐ CJK 0002 - Introduction to Law Enforcement, Contact Hours: 12 (12 lecture hours).	Grade Earned: _____
☐ CJK 0016 - Communication, Contact Hours: 24 (24 lecture hours).	Grade Earned: _____
☐ CJK 0018 - Legal, Contact Hours: 64 (64 lecture hours).	Grade Earned: _____
☐ CJK 0019 - Interviewing and Report Writing, Contact Hours: 56 (56 lecture hours).	Grade Earned: _____
☐ CJK 0020 - Law Enforcement Vehicle Operations, Contact Hours: 48 (48 lecture hours).	Grade Earned: _____
☐ CJK 0021 - Serving Your Community, Contact Hours: 34 (34 lecture hours).	Grade Earned: _____
☐ CJK 0031 - First Aid for Criminal Justice Officers, Contact Hours: 40 (40 lecture hours).	Grade Earned: _____
☐ CJK 0040 - Criminal Justice Firearms, Contact Hours: 80 (80 lecture hours).	Grade Earned: _____
☐ CJK 0051 - Criminal Justice Defensive Tactics, Contact Hours: 80 (80 lecture hours).	Grade Earned: _____
☐ CJK 0063 - Fundamentals of Patrol, Contact Hours: 40 (40 lecture hours).	Grade Earned: _____
☐ CJK 0072 - Crimes Against Persons, Contact Hours: 48 (48 lecture hours).	Grade Earned: _____
☐ CJK 0073 - Crimes Involving Property and Society, Contact Hours: 12 (12 lecture hours).	Grade Earned: _____
☐ CJK 0079 - Crime Scene Follow-up Investigations, Contact Hours: 34 (34 lecture hours).	Grade Earned: _____
☐ CJK 0093 - Critical Incidents, Contact Hours: 44 (44 lecture hours).	Grade Earned: _____
☐ CJK 0096 - Law Enforcement Officer Physical Fitness Training, Contact Hours: 60 (60 lecture hours).	Grade Earned: _____
☐ CJK 0400 - Traffic Incidents, Contact Hours: 12 (12 lecture hours).	Grade Earned: _____
☐ CJK 0401 - Traffic Stops, Contact Hours: 24 (24 lecture hours).	Grade Earned: _____
☐ CJK 0402 - Traffic Crash Investigations, Contact Hours: 30 (30 lecture hours).	Grade Earned: _____
☐ CJK 0403 - DUI Traffic Stops, Contact Hours: 24 (24 lecture hours).	Grade Earned: _____
☐ CJK 0421 - Conducted Electrical Weapon/Dart-Firing Stun Gun, Contact Hours: 4 (4 lecture hours).	Grade Earned: _____

Course Requirements

Prerequisites, corequisites, and conditions for any course are subject to change. Students must meet the prerequisite and corequisite requirements of any course at the time the student attempts to register for that course. If you have questions about the prerequisites, corequisites, or conditions for a course, please contact any academic advisor.

Professional Courses

Complete all of the following courses.

CJK 0002 - Introduction to Law Enforcement, Contact Hours: 12 (12 lecture hours). Prerequisite(s): None. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: None.

CJK 0016 - Communication, Contact Hours: 24 (24 lecture hours). Prerequisite(s): None. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: None.

CJK 0018 - Legal, Contact Hours: 64 (64 lecture hours). Prerequisite(s): None. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: None.

CJK 0019 - Interviewing and Report Writing, Contact Hours: 56 (56 lecture hours). Prerequisite(s): None. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: None.

CJK 0020 - Law Enforcement Vehicle Operations, Contact Hours: 48 (48 lecture hours). Prerequisite(s): None. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: None.

CJK 0021 - Serving Your Community, Contact Hours: 34 (34 lecture hours). Prerequisite(s): None. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: None.

CJK 0031 - First Aid for Criminal Justice Officers, Contact Hours: 40 (40 lecture hours). Prerequisite(s): None. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: This course emphasizes work based learning.

CJK 0040 - Criminal Justice Firearms, Contact Hours: 80 (80 lecture hours). Prerequisite(s): None. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: This course emphasizes work based learning.

CJK 0051 - Criminal Justice Defensive Tactics, Contact Hours: 80 (80 lecture hours). Prerequisite(s): None. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: This course emphasizes work based learning.

CJK 0063 - Fundamentals of Patrol, Contact Hours: 40 (40 lecture hours). Prerequisite(s): None. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: None.

CJK 0072 - Crimes Against Persons, Contact Hours: 48 (48 lecture hours). Prerequisite(s): None. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: None.

CJK 0073 - Crimes Involving Property and Society, Contact Hours: 12 (12 lecture hours). Prerequisite(s): None. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: None.

CJK 0079 - Crime Scene Follow-up Investigations, Contact Hours: 34 (34 lecture hours). Prerequisite(s): None. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: None.

CJK 0093 - Critical Incidents, Contact Hours: 44 (44 lecture hours). Prerequisite(s): None. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: None.

CJK 0096 - Law Enforcement Officer Physical Fitness Training, Contact Hours: 60 (60 lecture hours). Prerequisite(s): None. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: None.

CJK 0400 - Traffic Incidents, Contact Hours: 12 (12 lecture hours). Prerequisite(s): None. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: None.

CJK 0401 - Traffic Stops, Contact Hours: 24 (24 lecture hours). Prerequisite(s): None. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: None.

CJK 0402 - Traffic Crash Investigations, Contact Hours: 30 (30 lecture hours). Prerequisite(s): None. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: None.

CJK 0403 - DUI Traffic Stops, Contact Hours: 24 (24 lecture hours). Prerequisite(s): None. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: None.

CJK 0421 - Conducted Electrical Weapon/Dart-Firing Stun Gun, Contact Hours: 4 (4 lecture hours). Prerequisite(s): None. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: None.