

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

POLICE RESERVE ACADEMY – 25 CREDITS

CAREER DESCRIPTION

The Public Safety Department offers several programs related to a career in criminal justice. For students interested in becoming a law enforcement officer, the Police Reserve Academy provides a 320-hour program over the course of three terms. For students interested in working in the field of juvenile corrections, the one-year Juvenile Corrections Certificate Program is available. The AAS Degree in Criminal Justice is a two-year Associate of Applied Science degree that provides a strong basis for employment in the field. For those students intending to proceed on to a related Bachelor's degree, the AA/OT (Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer) Degree is available with a Criminal Justice focus, as well as Associate of Science (AS) articulated transfer programs. For more information, see the following program descriptions.

This is a 320-hour program designed to train police reserve officers to enter a career in law enforcement. Students interested in this program must apply to the Public Safety Department Chair prior to Fall Term. All program participants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Not have been convicted by any state or by the federal government of a crime, the punishment for which could have been imprisonment in a federal penitentiary or state prison.
- Be a high school graduate or have passed the General Education Development test.
- Possess a valid Oregon driver's license with an acceptable driving record.

This nine-month Academy program is instructed on Saturdays between early September and mid-May of each year. The classes are scheduled from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each Saturday. Students are required to provide their own uniforms, equipment, and supplies.

Participating law enforcement agencies in Douglas County may select candidates for their Reserve Officer Program or full-time positions from the class at any time. These classes are taught by personnel from throughout the criminal justice system in Douglas County.

This program may be taken in conjunction with the AAS, AS, or AA/OT Criminal Justice Program. For further information, contact the Criminal Justice Program Coordinator.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES INFORMATION

Students who successfully complete the Criminal Justice Police Reserve Academy will:

1. Communicate effectively in the criminal justice culture: verbally, non-verbally, and in writing
2. Balance the unique responsibilities of criminal justice work with competing family and other personal needs
3. Work effectively on both independent assignments and team efforts within the criminal justice system
4. Exhibit a commanding presence that is appropriate to specific criminal justice situations
5. Locate and interpret current case law and statutes pertaining to specific criminal justice roles; take action that is supported by current law and statutes
6. Recognize symptoms of mental health and substance abuse issues; take appropriate action
7. Work effectively with persons of different cultural heritage, gender, and age
8. Acquire an understanding of cultural norms and their impact on criminal justice interactions
9. Discuss the relationship between the criminal justice system, cultural and other diversity, and police/community dynamics
10. Demonstrate cognitive knowledge focusing on positive

criminal justice professional/citizen contacts, with the principle emphasis on the importance of a continuing dialogue between the criminal justice system and all segments of the community

INFORMATION

UCC's program overall is monitored through rubrics, but the program coordinator uses several specialty areas throughout our curriculum:

- The physical fitness testing administered to the students sets the standard for all Oregon peace officers on the ORPAT test.
- The program physical fitness evaluations use the US Army physical fitness test that has set standards and is adjusted by age and gender and is employed by the Oregon State Police.
- As the students are presented with their target goal, then tested at several points throughout the program, they are able to focus clearly on where they need to improve.

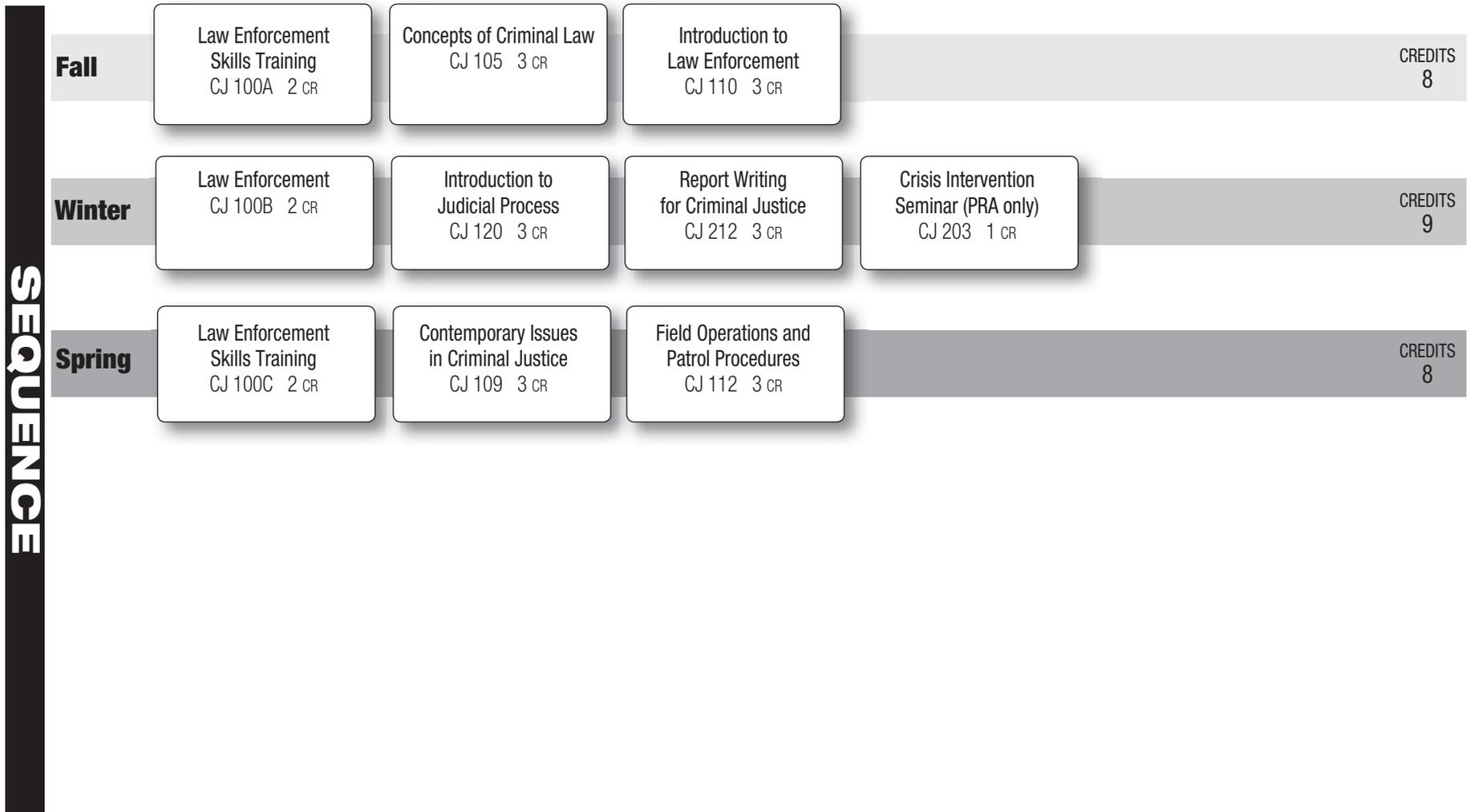
Achieving the set standards for our students is the ultimate goal of the program and insures maximum hiring potential for graduates.

- Lowering or easing of those standards whether for academics, physical fitness, or ethics, will not do justice to our graduates that face entry into a professional field that will not lower their standards.

Continuous monitoring of all students and documentation of improvements ensures they meet our standards and their individual goals by the end of spring term.

Police Reserve Academy

25 Credits — Recommended Sequence for Students (Students should see an advisor to customize their educational plan.)



NOTES

Please see an advisor for a degree planning worksheet for this program.