

Criminal Justice – Basic Law Enforcement Academy Certificate

Length of Study: Alvin Community College offers two options for the Law Enforcement Academy.

- **Day Academy-** One semester certificate program offered twice each year. Classes meet from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday and an occasional Saturday. A new day academy begins each July (ending mid December) and each January (ending mid May).
- **Night Academy-** Two semester certificate program offered twice each year. Classes meet from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday-Friday and an occasional Saturday. A new night academy begins each July (ending mid May) and each January (ending mid December); there is a short summer break for those who enroll in the January Academy.

Purpose: The Alvin Community College Law Enforcement Academy train women and men for a career in Law Enforcement. The course curriculum is designed so the student can meet the testing objectives of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) and be certified to take the state licensing examination. In addition, students will earn a total of 22 credit hours, 12 hours of which apply directly to the AAS Law Enforcement and Police Administration degree plan at Alvin Community College. The Academy has graduated almost 100 classes during the last four decades.

Accreditation: The Alvin Community College Law Enforcement Academy is approved by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) as a basic police academy and an in-service police training site.

Admission Requirements: To be eligible for the program, the student must:

1. Be a high school graduate or hold a GED certificate.
2. Be 21 years of age prior to being commissioned as a Texas Peace Officer or meet special TCLEOSE requirements.
3. Agree to purchase the Academy uniform **during pre-registration**; agree to properly wear the Academy uniform.
4. Complete TCLEOSE L-2 Declaration of Medical Condition **during pre-registration**.
5. Complete TCLEOSE L-3 Declaration of Psychological and Emotional Health **during pre-registration**.
6. Complete and accurately answer a personal history statement **during pre-registration**.
7. Obtain and provide ACC a background check through electronic fingerprinting service.
8. Abide by the special written rules of the Academy and administrative orders issued during special circumstances.
9. Meet the minimal standards for enrollment as required by TCLEOSE (Texas Administrative Code 215.15) and Alvin Community College (TCLEOSE rules are subject to change without prior notice).
10. Be a U.S. Citizen.
11. Not be prohibited by state or federal law from operating a motor vehicle.

In addition to the eligibility requirements, the following is a summary of the standards, and should any conflict occur between the ACC standards and TCLEOSE standards, then the TCLEOSE standards will govern: (TCLEOSE rules are subject to change without notice).

- a) Pay the necessary fees **during pre-registration**.
 - b) Not be on probation for any offense above a Class "C" misdemeanor.
 - c) No convictions in the past ten years (since final date of disposition) of Class "B" misdemeanors; no pending charges of this type.
 - d) No family violence, Class "A" misdemeanor or felony convictions; no pending charges of this type.
 - e) No convictions or served probation for the offenses relating to the responsibilities of the office as a peace officer.
 - f) TCLEOSE considers deferred adjudication and probation as a conviction.
 - g) Be of good moral character.
 - h) Prior military applicants must have honorable discharge(s).
12. Pay special fees associated with the Academy courses **during pre-registration**.

Special Registration Requirements: Since this course is governed by TCLEOSE rules, the following special conditions apply.

1. No late registration: all special conditions to registration must be completed prior to the first class meeting.
2. A special pre-academy entry exam is required prior to registration and is administered by the Criminal Justice Department. If the applicant fails the test, two retakes are allowed. The applicant must wait 7 days to take the first retake test and 14 days to take the second retake test. If applicant fails the second re-take, then he/she must wait for the next academy and begin the testing series anew. The test is given **Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.** in N125 (Criminal Justice Building).

Bring the following documents for testing:

- DD214 (if served in military; nothing less than honorable discharge)
- Valid/Eligible Texas Drivers License
- Social Security Card
- Birth Certificate
- High School Diploma or GED Certificate
- \$30 lab fee
- Certified court disposition (s) for **any** prior arrests, charges or convictions

3. The student **must attend** an “Academy Orientation” meeting prior to the start of the academy. The student will be measured at this orientation for uniforms and special equipment. Direct payment to the vendor is expected at this time for the items ordered.
4. Space is limited so the pre-registration conducted by the Criminal Justice Department will determine the order of acceptance to the academy.
5. The pre-registration with the CJ Department should be completed 30 days prior to the first class day.
6. Assume the risk of a highly intense and physically challenging training program which involves the use of firearms and hand-to-hand body contact drills.

Course Requirements: Day Academy students must enroll in Basic Police Officer I, II, III, and IV and the Basic Firearms course in the same semester to attend the Academy. These courses are available only to those attending the Academy. The student must successfully complete the entire series in progressive order and make a satisfactory score on a pre-TCLEOSE test administered by academy staff to receive an endorsement to take the state licensing test. Night Academy students must meet the same requirements as the Day Academy students, but two semesters are necessary to complete the series.

Special Fees:

Ammunition	\$275.00 (subject to change without notice since ammunition cost fluctuates)
Driving	\$ 30.00
Criminal History Check	\$ 24.95 (payable to L1 Enrollment)

Student Expenditures in Addition to Tuition:

1. TCLEOSE-testing fee (currently \$25.00)
2. Uniforms: 3 shirts, 3 pants, 5 T-shirts, 1 pair shoes, 1 jacket (optional) and 1 belt
3. Books/Course information from ACC College Store
4. Physical Training clothes and shoes
5. General supplies

Courses:

Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
CJLE 1506	Basic Peace Officer I	3	6	5
CJLE 1512	Basic Peace Officer II	3	6	5
CJLE 1518	Basic Peace Officer III	3	6	5
CJLE 1524	Basic Peace Officer IV	3	6	5
CJLE 1211	Basic Firearms	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
		13	26	22

Total Credits Required for Basic Law Enforcement Academy Certificate.....22