

LAW ENFORCEMENT, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Banner Code: 2_CN_CJ
Financial Aid Eligible

This curriculum was developed with an advisory committee comprised of Criminal Justice administrators. Its purpose is to provide basic fundamentals for entry into any type of Criminal Justice agency. The curriculum leads to a Certificate of Achievement in Criminal Justice.

It is suggested that courses be taken in the order they are listed. However, courses may be taken in any order provided prerequisites have been met. Following are the three different options to obtain this certificate.

As a prerequisite for admittance to the Regular Basic Course (Police Academy) and the Specialized Investigators' Basic Course (State Investigators Academy), applicants must certify that they are free from any physical, behavioral, emotional, or mental condition that would adversely affect their behavior so as to create an undue risk of harm to themselves, other students, instructors, or other persons. If the Program Director determines an applicant is not free from such a physical, behavioral, emotional, or mental condition, the Program Director, with the agreement of the Vice President of Instruction and Student Learning, shall, as soon as possible, arrange for such an applicant to be examined by one of the following:

1. a licensed physician, or
2. a licensed clinical psychologist who has a Ph.D. in psychology and at least five years of postgraduate experience in diagnosis and treatment of emotional and mental disorders.

This expert will determine if the denial of admission to the program was based upon reasonable grounds. If so, the applicant will not be admitted to the program. If the expert determines reasonable grounds do not exist, the applicant will be admitted to the program. Applicants may appeal the denial of admission to the Division Dean, on the grounds they have met this prerequisite. Following the appeal to the Dean, applicants may make a final written appeal to the Vice President of Instruction and Student Learning.

Maintenance of a satisfactory physical, behavioral, emotional, and mental condition is required throughout enrollment in the Basic Course Programs. If at any time the Program Director determines a student is not meeting this requirement, the Program Director may refer the student to a physician or clinical psychologist and follow the procedures outlined in the preceding paragraph. The physician or psychologist will determine if the student should be dismissed from the program. Students may appeal their dismissal to the Division Dean. Following the appeal to the Dean, students may make a final written appeal to the Vice President of Student Instruction and Learning of the college. The College does not assume any responsibility for the student's physical, behavioral, emotional or mental condition. The student at all times is personally responsible for these conditions and is obligated to report in writing to the course instructor if the student's ability to participate in the course is impaired in any way.

Basic Course Programs

A. Regular Basic Course (RBC) (Police Academy)

CJ G064 Police Academy - Regular Basic Course is the required courses identified as the Regular Basic Course (Police Academy Program). The Academy entrance requirements will be verified through successful completion of CJ G054 Police Academy, Regular Basic Course, Orientation (Pre-Academy Orientation Class). The following prerequisites and requirements are applicable to the Regular Basic Course.

1. Students must possess a valid California Driver's License.
2. Students must not have any Federal or State Felony convictions.
3. Students must obtain from the Department of Justice written certification that there is nothing in their criminal history background which would disqualify them from owning, possessing, or having under their control, any firearm capable of being concealed on their person.
4. Students must certify their physical fitness for the course by obtaining and providing the college with the results of a medical examination including a resting EKG, verified and interpreted by a physician (Agency affiliates refer to item #10).
5. Students must successfully complete a P.O.S.T. prescribed reading and writing skills examination.
6. Students must pass a job-related physical agility test.
7. Students must participate in an oral interview to determine their suitability for the academy program and potential for employment as a police officer.
8. Students must pass a Traits Profile Assessment and be free from any physical, behavioral, emotional, or mental condition that would adversely affect their behavior so as to create an undue risk of harm to themselves, students, instructors or other persons.
9. Students must execute an agreement assuming the risk of harm from participating in the course and releasing the District from any liability from such harm.
10. Agency affiliates are expected to meet the minimal standards prescribed by P.O.S.T. Contact the Criminal Justice Training Center office for Academy admission procedures.

B. Specialized Investigators' Basic Course (SIBC) (State Investigator Academy)

CJ G090 Specialized Investigator's Basic Course (SIBC) is the required course for the Specialized Investigators' Basic Course (State Investigator Academy Program). The following prerequisites and requirements are applicable to the Specialized Investigators' Basic Course:

1. Students must possess a valid California Driver's License.
2. Students must not have any Federal or State Felony convictions.
3. Students must obtain from the Department of Justice written certification that there is nothing in their criminal history background which would disqualify them from owning, possessing, or having under their control, any firearm capable of being concealed on their person.
4. Students must certify their physical fitness for the course by obtaining and providing the college with the results of a medical examination including a resting EKG, verified and interpreted by a physician (Agency affiliates refer to item # 9).
5. Students must successfully complete a P.O.S.T. prescribed reading and writing skills examination.

- Students must participate in an oral interview to determine their suitability for the Specialized Investigators' Basic Course and potential for employment as a specialized investigator.
- Students must pass a Traits Profile Assessment and be free from any physical, behavioral, emotional, or mental condition that would adversely affect their behavior so as to create an undue risk of harm to themselves, students, instructors or other persons.
- Students must execute an agreement assuming the risk of harm from participating in the course and releasing the District from any liability from such harm.
- Agency affiliates are expected to meet the minimal standards prescribed by P.O.S.T.

Contact the Criminal Justice Training Center office for Specialized Investigators' Course admission procedures.

Program Level Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Differentiate the roles of the law enforcement, courts, and corrections components of the criminal justice system.
- Evaluate the biological, psychological, and social causes of criminal behavior.
- Summarize the punishment philosophies of criminal law.
- Demonstrate appropriate First Aid procedures.
- Develop effective reading, writing, speaking, listening, and nonverbal communication skills for a variety of audiences.
- Evaluate legal arguments, and explain constitutional and statutory limits on the application of law.
- Discuss and practice the Six Pillars of Character as defined by the Josephson Institute of Ethics: trustworthiness, respect, fairness, responsibility, justice and fairness, caring, civic virtue and citizenship, and how they apply to personal and professional environments.

Potential careers students may enter upon completion are as follows:

- Police officer
- Probation officer
- Corrections Officer

Review Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/golden-west/graduation-requirements/certificates/#achievementtext>).

Course	Title	Units
Required Courses		
<i>Select one option of the following:</i>		
Option 1:		
CJ G064	Police Academy - Regular Basic Course	33
Option 2:		
CJ G090	Specialized Investigator's Basic Course (SIBC)	24.5
Option 3:		
<i>Courses should be taken in the order listed.</i>		
CJ G140	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ G141	Concepts of Criminal Law	3
CJ G128	Criminal Procedure and Evidence	3

Course	Title	Units
CJ G137	Community Relations And Special Issues In Criminal Justice	3
CJ G110	Criminal Investigation	3
Recommended Electives		
HLED G107	Drugs, Health, and Society	3
CJ G123	Juvenile Law	3
CJ G150	Introduction To Corrections	3
CJ G220	Forensic Accounting, Introduction	3
or ACCT G220	Forensic Accounting, Introduction	
Total Units		18-33

Recommended Program Sequence

These sequences are general maps for students to finish all requirements for the Certificate. There may be advisories or time requirements that students may want to consider before following these maps. **Students are advised to meet with a GWC Counselor for alternate sequencing.**

Year 1:

Course	Title	Units
Semester 1		
CJ G064	Police Academy - Regular Basic Course	24.5-33
or CJ G090	Specialized Investigator's Basic Course (SIBC)	
CJ G140	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ G141	Concepts of Criminal Law	3
CJ G128	Criminal Procedure and Evidence	3
Units		33.5-42

Course	Title	Units
Semester 2		
CJ G137	Community Relations And Special Issues In Criminal Justice	3
CJ G110	Criminal Investigation	3
Units		6