



University of Akron/Summit County Sheriff's Office Police Academy



Thank you for your inquiry about the Basic Peace Officer Training Academy with The University of Akron and Summit County Sheriff's Office.

Minimum Requirements to enter the academy:

- 1) Must have a high school diploma or GED
- 2) Must be 20 or turning 20 before the end of the academy
- 3) Must have a valid driver's license
- 4) Must be in good physical condition. (see link to minimum physical fitness requirements)
- 5) Must have no felony convictions, or any arrests for domestic violence

Our next academies

- 1) Full-time Day Academy: Our fall academy runs mid-August through mid-Dec. Classes meet Mon-Sat from 8 am until 5 pm. Our spring academy runs beginning of January through mid-May.
- 2) Part-time Evening Academy: our evening academy runs mid-August through mid-May. Classes meet Mon-Thurs 6-10 pm and Sun from 8-5 pm.

The tuition for the academy is \$4,300(includes a \$200 registration fee).

We do offer a payment plan:

Full-time day academy: \$200 registration fee due with application; \$2300 due by orientation (which is a week before the academy starts, then \$900 by end of Sept., and \$900 by end of Oct.)

Part-time evening academy: \$200 registration fee due with application; \$1500 due by orientation, \$900 due end of Sept., \$900 due by end of Oct., \$800 due by end of Nov.

Students will be required to purchase the following:

- 1) Academy polo shirt, tshirt, hat, shorts, sweat pants/sweat shirt
- 2) Khaki BDU's, shineable boots, and a leather belt
- 3) A parking pass, \$175
- 4) A copy of the current Ohio Revised Code book.

Additional application requirements: (all requirements below must be dated within 90 days of the first day of the academy)

- 1) Get a physical by either a MD, DO, CNP, or PA
- 2) Must pass a 10-panel urine drug screening within 90 days of the start of the academy conducted at

SUMMA Corporate Health Center on State Road in Cuyahoga Falls. Cost is \$50.

- 3) Get fingerprinted at The University of Akron Police Department within 90 days of the start of the academy. There must be no felonies or domestic violence charges on your record. (no cost)

The Basic Police Academy is V.A. approved, so eligible students can use their Montgomery G.I. Bill or Post 9/11 benefits. Please provide a copy of your DD214 Form with your completed application packet.

Cadets have 2 years from the date of the state exam to obtain a commission. If after 1 year you do not secure a commission, you will be required to take a refresher course, and if after 2 years you do not secure a commission, you will be required to retake the entire academy.

**Financial Aid Eligibility for Police Academy Courses
Taken During the Pursuit of the Bachelor of Science Degree in
Emergency Management & Homeland Security**

Students who choose to take courses for the Police Academy may do so as part of the curriculum for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Emergency Management & Homeland Security. The following criteria must be met in order for students to meet program eligibility requirements for financial aid:

- Must be accepted to The University of Akron
- Enrolled in the Bachelor of Science Degree in Emergency Management & Homeland Security
- Complete Police Academy courses as specialty credits/specialty block in the Emergency Management & Homeland Security curriculum.

Students must also meet the following criteria for financial aid eligibility:

- Be a U.S. citizen or national or an eligible non-citizen as defined by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Have a high school diploma or general education development (GED) certificate, or have completed a secondary school education in a home school setting that is treated as a home school or private school under State law.
- Be meeting the Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) at The University of Akron
- Have not defaulted on a federal student loan or owe an overpayment on a federal aid program.

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For more information, go to our website at www.uakron.edu/police-academy. Check back often to see when applications come out.