



What is the job outlook and salary range?

Criminal Justice jobs are expected to grow faster than average for all occupations through 2012. A more security-conscious society and concern about drug related crimes will contribute to the increasing demand for police services as well as trained correctional officers and other public safety professionals. Starting salaries in the region for entry-level jobs in the criminal justice field range from \$24,000- \$34,000 a year. The regional demand for Corrections and Law Enforcement academy graduates fluctuates, but is generally strong. Both OWC Basic Recruit Academy programs boast excellent job placement rates for graduates.

When are the classes taught?

Can I work while enrolled?

The general coursework for the A.A.S. degree in Criminal Justice is offered in both day and evening format at all six OWC locations. Coursework for the Basic Recruit Academies in Law Enforcement and Corrections are held in both day and evening formats. Specialized training in firearms and defense tactics is held at the Niceville campus. Academy training includes training in Florida criminal law, firearms, First Aid, defensive tactics, and emergency vehicle operations (law enforcement academy only).

What is the cost of the program?

OWC fees are the lowest in Florida of any state college or university. A special in-state fee is available at OWC for Alabama residents. Vocational credit courses carry lower fees. Expenses such as textbooks and materials are additional. See www.owc.edu for current fees.

Is Financial Aid available?

The mission of OWC is to serve everyone who can benefit from a college education. OWC offers an extensive financial aid program. More than \$12 million in financial assistance is awarded to OWC students annually through federal, state, and local grants, college work-study, loans and scholarships. For detailed information on financial aid and a complete list of available scholarships, refer to the OWC catalog, the OWC Financial Aid Office or visit the Financial Aid website at www.owc.edu/financialaid. Local scholarships are available through the OWC Foundation. OWC Financial Aid staff are available to personally advise students on the steps necessary to apply for the various forms of financial aid.

I've taken courses at another college, will these count toward this program?

Have your transcripts (of work completed at any regionally accredited college) sent to the OWC Registrar's Office. Appropriate college staff will evaluate any previous courses you have taken and you will be notified if any may be applied to the Criminal Justice program of study.

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Associate of Applied Science:

General Education Courses	Credit Hours
Communications.....	3
Humanities.....	3
Mathematics.....	3
Science.....	4
Social Science.....	3
General Education Elective.....	2
General Education Credits Required.....	18

A.A.S. Degree Criminal Justice Option

Technical Courses	Credit Hours
CCJ1020 Introduction to Criminal Justice.....	3
CJL1100 Criminal Law.....	3
CJL1400 Criminal Procedures.....	3
CJC2500 Courts.....	3
CCJ1000 Introduction to Criminology.....	3
CCJ1500 Juvenile Delinquency.....	3
CJT2340 Police Operations.....	3
CJC2000 Introduction to Corrections.....	3
CJC2162 Introduction to Probation & Parole.....	3
_____ Any Approved College Credit Course(s).....	_____
Total Technical Credits Required.....	46

See College Catalog for A.A.S. degree Law Enforcement or Corrections Academy Options.

Vocational Credit Certificate:

Law Enforcement Basic:

Core Courses	Vocational Credit Hours
CJK0006 Law Enfce. CMS Intro. & the Law.....	2.3
CJK0010 Law Enfce. CMS Human Issues.....	1.8
CJK0015 Law Enfce. CMS Communications.....	2.7
CJK0020 Law Enfce. CMS Vehicle Operations.....	1.6
CJK0031 CMS First Aid for Criminal Justice Officers...1.6	
CJK0040 CMS Firearms.....	2.7
CJK0050 CMS Defensive Tactics.....	2.7
CJK0060 Law Enfce. CMS Patrol Operations.....	2
CJK0070 Law Enfce. CMS Investigations.....	1.9
CJK0075 Law Enfce. CMS Investigating Offenses.....	1.4
CJK0080 Law Enfce. CMS Traffic Stops.....	2.2
CJK0085 Law Enfce. Traffic Crash Investigations.....	1.1
CJK0090 Law Enfce. CMS Tactical Applications.....	2
CJK0421 Dart-Firing Stun Gun.....	0.2
Total Program Credits Required.....	26.2

Corrections Basic:

Core Courses	Vocational Credit Hours
CJK0031 CMS First Aid for Criminal Justice Officers...1.6	
CJK0040 CMS Firearms.....	2.7
CJK0050 CMS Defensive Tactics.....	2.7
CJD0710 Criminal Justice Legal I.....	1.6
CJD0711B Criminal Justice Legal II.....	1.8
CJD0712B Criminal Justice Communications.....	1.5
CJK0713B Interpersonal Skills I.....	2.3
CJD0750 Interpersonal Skills II.....	1.8
CJD0741 Emergency Preparedness.....	1
CJD 0752 Correctional Operations.....	2.2
Total Program Credits Required.....	18.2

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Criminal Justice

To begin the
Criminal Justice Technology
degree or
Basic Recruit Academy
programs in Corrections
or
Law Enforcement:

**Criminal Justice
Technology
A.A.S degree program:**

- ❖ Have a high school diploma or GED high school equivalent diploma. If you have not yet completed a diploma you may apply for admission, but must complete a diploma before you are admitted as a degree-seeking student.
- ❖ Submit OWC admission and residency forms to OWC.
- ❖ Request official transcripts from high school, GED or any post-secondary institution attended.
- ❖ Meet with an advisor to plan a program of study before enrolling in classes.

**Law Enforcement
or
Corrections Academy
Requirements:**

- ❖ Be at least 19 years old.
- ❖ Be a U.S. citizen.
- ❖ Be a high school graduate or have a GED/high school equivalent diploma.
- ❖ Be of good moral character.
- ❖ Take TABE test and FBAT test (Testing available through OWC) prior to completing academy application.
- ❖ Pass a physical exam by a licensed physician.
- ❖ Attend a Public Safety orientation.

To apply for
admission to a
Basic Recruit Academy,
contact the OWC
Public Safety Division
at 729-5378.

General Information

Okaloosa-Walton College offers an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Criminal Justice Technology and vocational credit certificate programs in Corrections and Law Enforcement. Students may complete a vocational certificate while working on the A.A.S. degree requirements. The A.A.S. and certificate programs provide students with the educational background necessary for immediate entry into the job market.

The OWC Law Enforcement and Corrections Basic Recruit Academy programs require a separate application and entry requirements. The academy programs prepare students for state certification that qualifies graduates for county, city or state jobs throughout Florida. Certification also transfers to other states and training qualifies for future credit toward dual certification. OWC is a Florida Department of Law Enforcement certified program and the region's designated Criminal Justice Training Center.

Students who intend to transfer to a four-year institution to earn a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice or a related field should earn an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree and speak to an OWC advisor to plan an appropriate program of study.

Accreditation

Okaloosa-Walton College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award bachelor and associate degrees, certificates, and diplomas.

What is Criminal Justice?

The safety, order, and freedom of society depends on our criminal justice professionals. These men and women are law enforcement officers, security officers, detectives, investigators, deputy sheriffs, correctional officers, and public safety administrators. Their job duties include investigating complaints, handling traffic emergencies, arresting violators, overseeing people in jails and prisons, researching information on suspected criminals, and issuing citations.

Criminal Justice Technology graduates are qualified for positions with police departments, sheriff's offices, prisons, courts, probation agencies, parole agencies, and private industries. OWC Basic Recruit Academy graduates in Law Enforcement and Corrections are qualified to take the state certification test to qualify for county, city or state jobs throughout Florida. **Over for more info>**



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