

# POLICE SCIENCE

## FIND YOUR PATH.



### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Police Science program, also known as the Basic Law Enforcement Academy, is the training preparation for anyone seeking a career as a California sworn police officer. It is administered by the Ventura County Sheriff's Department in collaboration with the Ventura County Community College District (Ventura College).

It is the mission of the RBC "to prepare entry level law enforcement trainees mentally, morally, emotionally and physically for entry into a field training program, assume the responsibilities, and execute the duties of a peace officer in society."

The program includes a 2-week orientation and preparation course, followed by a 24-week Police Science course referred to as the Basic Law Enforcement Academy. The Academy, more formally called the Regular Basic Course or RBC, is certified by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).

The Academy is presented in an intensive format; 5 days per week, 8 hours per day, for 24 weeks. Successful completion of the program is required by POST for all new law enforcement officers in the state of California.

### What Are the Requirements to Apply for the Basic Law Enforcement Academy?

Students interested in completing the Basic Law Enforcement Academy program must follow these steps:

1. Apply for admission to Ventura College or already be an admitted student.
2. Submit the **Police Academy Application** packet and return the completed packet to the Criminal Justice department.
3. Fulfill all qualifying requirements as listed in the **How to Apply** and **Admission Requirements and Information** documents that are linked on the Police Science website.
4. Once cleared on all enrollment requirements, the student must enroll in and successfully complete the pre-academy orientation course - either **POSC V01A** or **POSC N101A**.
5. Upon successful completion of the pre-academy orientation course, the student may enroll in the Basic Law Enforcement Academy - either **POSC V01** or **POSC N101**.

Applications will normally be accepted twice yearly. Admission is subject to available openings. All information, application dates, and applicable forms can be found at this link:

[www.venturacollege.edu/departments/academic/police-science/post-basic-academy](http://www.venturacollege.edu/departments/academic/police-science/post-basic-academy)

Contact the Criminal Justice department at (805) 289-6430 with any questions regarding these procedures.



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**Why are there two pre-academy and two academy courses?**

The Academy Program courses can be taken either for college credit or as noncredit courses. All students have the options below:

**POSC V01A Pre-Academy (3.5 units)** and **POSC V01 Academy (32 units)** – **credit courses** with tuition of \$46 per unit for California residents. Some students could qualify for the VC Promise that could cover some of their tuition costs. You would need to contact the Ventura College financial aid department for more information.

**- OR -**

**POSC N101A Pre-Academy** and **POSC N101 Academy** – **noncredit**.

There are no tuition costs for this option. There are a few small additional fees but those may be waived for California residents.

Before deciding on the path to take, we high recommend that you consult with a VC academic counselor to review the options that are best for your situation.

<https://www.venturacollege.edu/departments/student-services/counseling>

**Career Opportunities**

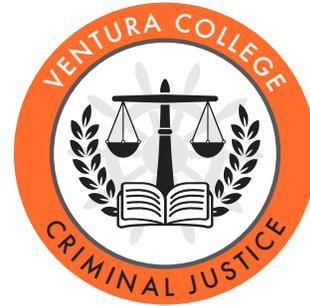
Career opportunities available to graduates of the Basic Law Enforcement Academy include, but are not limited to:

- Police Officers
- Deputy Sheriffs
- Highway Patrol Officers
- CSU or UC Police Officers
- Correctional Officers
- Fish and Game Wardens
- Alcohol and Beverage Control Officers

**Certificates Upon Completion of the Academy**

Upon successful completion of the Basic Law Enforcement Academy program, students will receive either a Certificate of Achievement (for those taking the credit program) or Certificate of Completion (for those taking the noncredit program). Once the RBC (Regular Basic Course) graduate has satisfactorily completed the employing agency's probationary period, a POST Basic Certificate is awarded, to currently full-time peace officers of a POST-participating agency who have satisfactorily completed the prerequisite prerequisite RBC requirements.

Award Title	Type	GE Units	Major Units
Police Science	CoA		35.5
Police Science	CoCN		Noncredit



**WORK-BASED EXPERIENCES**

Ventura College offers students the opportunity to apply their skills while still in college, gain on-the-job experience, and "try out" a career before graduation through internships or work-based learning experiences.

***Courses are \$46 per unit.***

Ventura College participates in an array of federal and state financial aid programs including the Ventura College (VC) Promise, grants, loans and work-study. Contact the Financial Aid Office at (805) 289-6369 or [vcfinancialaid@vcccd.edu](mailto:vcfinancialaid@vcccd.edu).

The Ventura College Foundation provides additional scholarships and textbook lending support. Contact the Ventura College Foundation at (805) 289-6461 or [vcfoundation@vcccd.edu](mailto:vcfoundation@vcccd.edu) / [vcgiving.org](http://vcgiving.org) for more information.