

Broward College – Institute of Public Safety

NOTE TO POLICE ACADEMY RECRUITS & GRADUATES

Students who successfully complete a Florida state-certified Police Academy are eligible to receive 15 college credits from Broward College. To receive the credits, you must:

1. Have passed the Florida state certification exam for Law Enforcement and currently be a Florida state-certified Law Enforcement Officer;
2. Be enrolled as a college student at Broward College (BC). New students must submit and complete an application to BC (cost \$35). Former students who have not attended BC for more than a year must submit a “reentry application” (no cost). Applications may be obtained from any BC campus or downloaded from the BC website at www.broward.edu ;
3. Be currently employed in Florida as an officer (deputy, trooper, agent, etc.) by a state or local government law enforcement agency.

The 15 college credits will be awarded as “prior learning assessment” (life experience) credits (no cost!). They will be for the following courses:

CCJ 1020, Introduction to Criminal Justice (3 cr.)

CJL 1100, Criminal Law (3 cr.)

CJE 2400, Police-Community Relations (3 cr.)

CJE 2600, Criminal Investigation (3 cr.)

CCJ 2191, Human Behavior in Criminal Justice (3 cr.)

Depending on your selected major, these five courses may be counted toward an Associates degree earned at Broward College. They will appear on your transcript as “CR” (credit awarded), but no grade is given and there is no impact on your G.P.A. (grade point average). If you wish to transfer these courses to another college or university, consult with that school to see if it will accept experiential learning credits and a “CR” grade.

After you complete all of the above requirements, contact the BC Criminal Justice Degree program 954-201-6793: Program Manager/Professor Andrew Smalling, asmallin@broward.edu, Associate Dean Tom Nguyen, tnguyen8@broward.edu, or Executive Assistant Samir Lakhdar, slakhdar@broward.edu to submit your documentation and do the paperwork necessary to receive the 15 college credits.