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 have a valid driver's license
3) Must be in good physical condition. (see link to minimum physical fitness requirements)
4) Must have no felony convictions, or any arrests for domestic violence

Our next academies

1) Full-time Day Academy: Our fall academy runs July 31, 2023 through end of November, 2023. Classes meet Mon-Sat from 8 am until 4:30 pm. Our spring academy runs beginning of January through mid-May.
2) Part-time Evening Academy: our evening academy runs July 31, 2023 through mid-April 2024. Classes meet Mon-Thurs 6-10 pm and Sun from 8-5 pm.

The tuition for the academy is $5,450(includes a $200 registration fee).

We do offer a payment plan:
   Full-time day academy: $200 registration fee due with application; $2,250 due by orientation (which is a week before the academy starts, then $1,000 by end of Aug., $1,000 by end of Sept., and $1,000 by end of Oct.)
   Part-time evening academy: $200 registration fee due with application; $1500 due by orientation, $ 950 by end of Aug. , $950 due end of Sept., $950 due by end of Oct., $950 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 for full-time academy; $90 fall/$90 spring for part-time academy)
4) A copy of the current Ohio Revised Code book.

Additional application requirements: (all requirements below must be dated within 150 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.

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