



**2017-2018 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**  
**Degree: Technical Certificate**  
**Program of Study: Peace Officer Academy -**  
**P.O.S.T. Certification**

**About This Major . . .**

The Peace Officer Academy certificate program exceeds the Colorado Peace Officers Standards Training (P.O.S.T.) requirements for peace officer entry level training. The individual training requirements for Arrest Control, Law Enforcement Driving, and Firearms are included in the program. Students enrolled in the program will earn 31 credit hours that may be applied towards Associate or Bachelor's degrees at Mesa State.

This is an intensive 16 week course that requires full time participation during the weeks of enrollment, including some weekends. Many course days are 12 hours long: Mandatory Physical Fitness training occurs throughout the semester. This Academy is sponsored by the Grand Junction P.D. Mesa County S.O and the 21st Judicial District Attorney's Office. The program is not an open enrollment program and requires a separate application to the Academy. Please contact the Academy Director or visit our web page for details.

For more information on what you can do with this major, go to <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/wccc/programs.html>.

All CMU certificate graduates are expected to demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking, communication fluency, quantitative fluency, and specialized knowledge/applied learning. In addition to these campus-wide student learning outcomes, graduates of this major will be able to:

1. Illustrate communication and writing skills that are formal and professional in nature. (Communication Fluency)
2. Apply mathematical concepts required of entry level law enforcement and criminal justice professionals. (Quantitative Fluency)
3. Demonstrate critical thinking skills by evaluating and analyzing contemporary issues in law enforcement and criminal justice using knowledge of criminal justice concepts, terminology, and theories. (Critical Thinking)
4. Demonstrate specialized and holistic knowledge of the Criminal Justice system and the law enforcement profession. (Specialized Knowledge)
5. Demonstrate proficiency in basic skills required for entry level law enforcement and criminal justice professionals. (Applied Learning)
6. Examine ethical standards and practices, specific to law enforcement, the courts, and corrections. (Specialized Knowledge)

**Advising Process and DegreeWorks**

This document is intended for informational purposes to help determine what courses and associated requirements are needed to earn a certificate. Some courses are critical to complete in specific semesters while others may be moved around. Meeting with an academic advisor is essential in planning courses and discussing the suggested course sequencing. It is ultimately the student's responsibility to understand and fulfill the requirements for her/his intended certificate.

DegreeWorks is an online degree audit tool available in MAVzone. It is the official record used by the Registrar's Office to evaluate progress towards a certificate and determine eligibility for graduation. Students are responsible for reviewing their DegreeWorks audit on a regular basis and should discuss questions or concerns with their advisor or academic department head. Discrepancies in requirements should be reported to the Registrar's Office.

**Graduation Process**

Students must complete the following in the first two months of the semester prior to completing their certificate requirements (for one semester certificates complete in the first week of class):

- Review their DegreeWorks audit and create a plan that outlines how unmet requirements will be met in the final semester.
- Meet with their advisor and modify their plan as needed. The advisor must approve the final plan.
- Submit the "Intent to Graduate" form to the Registrar's Office to officially declare the intended graduation date and commencement ceremony plans.
- Register for all needed courses and complete all requirements for each degree sought.

Submission deadlines and commencement details can be found at <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/registrar/graduation.html>.

If a student's petition for graduation is denied, it will be her/his responsibility to consult the Registrar's Office regarding next steps.

### **INSTITUTIONAL CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS**

The following institutional requirements apply to all CMU technical certificates. Specific programs may have different requirements that must be met in addition to institutional requirements.

- Consists of 5-59 semester hours.
- Primarily 100-200 level courses.
- At least fifty percent of the credit hours must be taken at CMU.
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in all CMU coursework.
- A grade lower than “C” will not be counted toward meeting the requirements.
- A course may only be used to fulfill one requirement for each degree/certificate.
- Non-traditional credit, such as advanced placement, credit by examination, credit for prior learning, cooperative education and internships, cannot exceed twenty-five percent of the semester credit hours required for a technical certificate.
- Pre-collegiate courses (usually numbered below 100) cannot be used for graduation.
- Capstone exit assessment/projects (e.g., Major Field Achievement Test) requirements are identified under Program-Specific Certificate Requirements.
- The Catalog Year determines which program sheet and certificate requirements a student must fulfill in order to graduate. Visit with your advisor or academic department to determine which catalog year and program requirements you should follow.
- See “Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees and Certificates” in the catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.

### **PROGRAM-SPECIFIC CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS**

- 31 semester hours for the Technical Certificate in Peace Officer Standards Training (POST).
- “C” or better in each course which comprises the area of emphasis or specialization.

### **TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE: PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS TRAINING (POST) REQUIRMENTS** (31 semester hours)

- CRJW 101 - Basic Police Academy I (6)
- CRJW 102 - Basic Police Academy II (10)
- CRJW 105 - Basic Law (6)
- CRJW 106 - Arrest Control (3)
- CRJW 107 - Law Enforcement Driving (2)
- CRJW 108 - Firearms (3)
- KINA 127 - Physical Conditioning (1)

### **SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCING**

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#### **First Semester: 31 credits**

- CRJW 101 - Basic Police Academy I (6)
  - CRJW 102 - Basic Police Academy II (10)
  - CRJW 105 - Basic Law (6)
  - CRJW 106 - Arrest Control (3)
  - CRJW 107 - Law Enforcement Driving (2)
  - CRJW 108 - Firearms (3)
  - KINA 127 - Physical Conditioning (1)
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