





## **ACADEMY DESCRIPTION**

The Department of Criminal Justice's Public Safety Academy provides Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (P.O.S.T.) basic law enforcement certification to students who declare a major in criminal justice and meet all P.O.S.T. mandates and requirements for acceptance into the P.O.S.T. program from the baccalaureate program on UNG's Dahlonega campus.

## **OBJECTIVES**

1. Gain knowledge and understanding of crime and the criminal justice system through the major curriculum.
2. Gain knowledge and understanding of policing through the major curriculum, law enforcement training, and the POST Port Manual.
3. Learn career-related skills and training by effectively participating and performing skills as a student in the Public Safety Academy.

## **TRAINING**

Students will be required to complete 23 BDC -2 (be)4 (-2 (Tw 60 Tn2i(TjEMC /PDC -0. Cu)4 ( r)3 (e)MC /P T[(a)4 -2 xs)



### **PSA Labs**

During a student's third year in the PSA, they will participate in hands-on lab training. This will take place during a 0-credit-hour course registered on each student's course schedule by the Academy Coordinator. These training courses cover:

- Firearms
- Defensive Tactics
- Taser Certification
- OC Spray Certification
- Emergency Vehicle Operation Course (EVOC) Certification
- ASP Baton Certification
- Building Clearing
- Misdemeanor and Felony Traffic Stops

### **FEMA**

During a student's third year in the PSA, they will be required to complete two Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) training courses prior to graduating from the Academy.

### **Law Enforcement Specialized Training Courses**

Students are required to complete Standardized Field Sobriety training and Speed Detection training. In addition, students may be given the opportunity to participate in additional



## **PROGRAM PLAN OF STUDY**

### **YEAR 1**

GPSTC Courses: 0 12 2



In-Service Training: 1-2 hours per month (as scheduled by Academy Director)

Director's Meeting: 1 hour per month (as scheduled by the Academy Director)

PORT Exams: as determined by course schedu



Students spend (4) 8-hour Saturdays completing the requirements for Defensive Tactics. This course is a pass/fail course and students cannot miss more than 10% of the course. **Note:** All students are required to receive clearance from a medical doctor if they are experiencing any condition that may prevent them from completing the required tasks involved in training.

Students spend 5 8-hour days during the week of Spring Break completing the requirements for the Emergency Vehicle Operator's Course. There is a pass/fail practical examination at the end of the course. In addition, students cannot miss more than 10% of the course. If a student fails, they can recycle one time through the course. The student is required to pay the instructor for his/her time.

## YEAR 4

### GPSTC Courses:

1. Legislative Update [1 credit hour]
2. Use of Force and De-escalation Options for Gaining Compliance [9 credit hours]
3. Choose at least **one** of the following three course choices:
  - a. Fostering Positive Community Relations [2 credit hours]
  - b. Police Legitimacy, Procedural Justice, and Community Relations [2 credit hours]
  - c. Cultural Awareness [2 credit hours]

In-Service Training: 1-2 hours per month (as scheduled by Academy Director)

Director's Meeting: 1 hour per month (as scheduled by the Academy Director)

PORT Exams: as determined by course schedule

PSA Graduation: Students graduate from the Academy with their class at the conclusion of the fall semester assuming the students successfully complete all required designated by POST.

Internship: Students complete the required 12 credit-hour internship during the spring semester of their senior year. Completion of the PSA allows students who wish to do so, seek employment with a law enforcement agency and utilize this as their internship.





## CADET CONDUCT

An important component of satisfactory performance in the PSA is the adherence of students to a professional standard of program conduct. Throughout the duration of the program-C





## **TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

The Academy Director hold the right to terminate anyone based on student behavior. We will review each case