Setting the bar for law enforcement education since 1974.

The GVSU Basic Police Academy is an annual 16-week intensive program that meets the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) training requirements and prepares students for the Michigan Law Enforcement Licensing Examination. The academy is conducted during the spring and summer semester, April through August.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission is highly competitive and enrollment is limited. To be eligible for consideration, a candidate must meet one of the following:

• Possess a two- or four-year college degree. There is no specific major requirement.
• Be a registered student at GVSU and eligible for graduation upon completion of the police academy.

MCOLES REQUIREMENTS

• Obtain a passing score on both of the MCOLES pre-enrollment tests: physical fitness, and reading/writing.
• Hold no felony convictions, including expugements.
• Possess good moral character as determined through a background investigation.
• Complete required medical examinations successfully.

Additional MCOLES minimum employment standards can be found at www.michigan.gov/mcoles under the Standards and Training link.
COURSEWORK

Students will be mentally and physically challenged on a daily basis. Instruction is a combination of traditional classroom lecture, hands-on exercises, and scenario-based application.

Students will enroll for 15 credit hours during the course of the police academy.

- CJ 415: L.E. Physical Education, Defensive Tactics, and Firearms
- CJ 416: Special Operations and Training
- CJ 417: Criminal Investigations II
- CJ 418: Patrol and Traffic Administration and Procedures
- CJ 419: Michigan Criminal Law

STUDENT EXPENSES

- Tuition: 15 credit hours (based on university pricing)
- Student fee: $1700 (approximate)
- Uniforms: $300 (approximate)

Room and board is not included. Students have the option of on-campus housing.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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