



NORTHERN VIRGINIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING ACADEMY

COLLEGE CREDITS FOR ACADEMY TRAINING

BASIC TRAINING

The Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy currently has agreements with several colleges that will provide college credits for Academy training. Each program listed below differs in what they offer, in how you may use the credits at their institution or elsewhere and whether or not a fee per credit awarded is applicable. The Academy does not recommend any one of the programs over the others but depending on your personal situation, one program may give you significantly more benefits than another. Costs can also vary significantly. There may be other student fees as well plus the cost of books. Please verify costs with the school directly before applying.

You need to assess your own situation to determine which school is best for you. Please note that you generally do not receive a blanket number of generic credits. Many of these are course specific and you cannot duplicate courses and receive additional credit for them if you have already completed similar coursework at another college. Also note that many schools have caps on how many credits they will accept for transfer. All credits awarded for Academy training will be considered transfer credits by your prospective school. Therefore, if you have existing credits from other colleges and couple them with credits from Academy training you may not be able to transfer everything into your desired school if you exceed their cap on transfer credits. Caps on transfer credits vary significantly between schools and sometimes between programs within schools. There may also be limited availability within your degree program to use electives. Some schools will consider all, or some of, your Academy earned credits to be electives. There may not be room within your degree program to use the full number of credits awarded. As an example, between basic and in-service training credits awarded by the University of Phoenix, it is possible to earn over 100 credits through Academy training. However, it is not however possible to use more than a small portion of these credits toward any degree offered by the University. Since there may be a charge for each credit awarded (varies by school), you should not request more credits than you can actually use toward your degree.

With each school, find out how many courses you will need to complete to graduate. This is where you are most likely to find dramatic differences between the schools. The more electives a school allows to be used toward attaining your degree, the greater the likelihood you will not lose credits transferring to that school. Contact the guidance department at the school for clarification but also be advised that many of the guidance counselors are unaware that these articulation agreements exist. You do NOT have to do a prior learning portfolio assessment at any of these schools to obtain your credits for Basic Training. All you need to do is to have the Academy send proof of graduation to the school and your credits should then be placed on your academic record at that school. The Academy does NOT send certification of graduation to all these schools at graduation so you must formally request that this be done for each school where you are applying. Contact the Curriculum Office for the appropriate forms.

NOTE: The NVCJTA is not a college and as such it cannot award any college credits itself nor can it produce college style transcripts with letter grades for your completed coursework.

Please do not contact the Academy and ask us to transfer your college credits anywhere. You did not earn any college credits while you were attending the Academy. The credits you see listed in the agreements below are awarded directly by those colleges listed in the agreements *for use at their schools only*. We only send these schools a form that certifies that you graduated and when you graduated. There is no transcript sent. If you want to try and get college credits for your Academy training at a school other than one of those listed below, you should either use the Excelsior College One Transcript (have them create a transcript for you and have it sent to your school of interest) or contact the college you are interested in to see if they will evaluate your Academy training for college credit themselves. Some schools will do this, some will not. Some schools will also not take transfer credits earned from Academy training used by another college since they do not have letter grades. For example, if you received an Associate Degree from NVCC and part of your academic portfolio contains credits awarded by NVCC for your Academy training, you may not get these credits accepted at another school for use toward a Bachelors Degree even if you enroll at that school under one of the community college guaranteed admission programs. You may then see your NVCC credit total drop from somewhere around 66 to the mid 30's. In some cases, whether or not the credits awarded for Academy training are accepted varies by programs within the same school. Check first, negotiate, and make long range plans that maximize the credits you can get from all sources. Given the number of schools with which we now have articulation agreements there is no reason you should not be able to use your Academy training for credits toward either an Associate or Bachelors degree somewhere.

A Brief Statement About College Accreditation:

Do not enroll in any school with intentions on transferring to a different school later on without first checking on the transferability of all of your credits. If you attend a school without *Regional* Accreditation you may have difficulty transferring your credits to another school (Regional Accreditation is generally recognized as being the top tier of accreditation and is what most major colleges and universities have). Accreditation information should be posted on the college's website. More information regarding accreditation and a searchable database of accredited schools is available on the US Department of Education website (www.ed.gov) under frequently asked questions.

Northern Virginia Community College

Credit is granted as shown below for students who completed their training at the NVCJTA in January 2013 or later.

<i>Basic Law Enforcement School</i>		
ADJ 110	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3
ADJ 127	Firearms and Marksmanship	3
ADJ	Electives	9
ADJ 211	Criminal Law, Evidence and Procedures I	3
ADJ 212	Criminal Law, Evidence and Procedures II	3
ADJ 236	Principles of Criminal Investigation	3
ADJ 237	Advanced Criminal Investigation	3
PED 116	Lifetime Fitness and Wellness	2
Total		29

<i>Combined Basic Deputy Sheriff School</i>		
ADJ 110	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3
ADJ 127	Firearms and Marksmanship	3
ADJ 140	Introduction to Corrections	3
ADJ	Electives	9
ADJ 211	Criminal Law, Evidence and Procedures I	3
ADJ212	Criminal Law, Evidence and Procedures II	3
ADJ 236	Principles of Criminal Investigation	3
ADJ 237	Advanced Criminal Investigation	3
PED 116	Lifetime Fitness and Wellness	2
Total		32

Note: No more than 32 credits will be applied toward the Administration of Justice AAS degree. Please refer to the current version of the NVCC Credit for Prior Learning Manual for further information.

See: <https://www.nvcc.edu/prior-learning/index.html>

The Administration of Justice program at NVCC awards an AAS degree for those that complete all the requirements. If you plan on transferring to a 4 year institution after completing NVCC you should speak to a counselor at the school and discuss possible issues with attempting to transfer an AAS degree into a 4 year school.

Kaplan University Online (Kaplan is on quarters so it will take 180+ credits to graduate). This agreement is valid for Academy Sessions 119 and up. Earlier Sessions that were similarly structured may be able to use this agreement as well:

<u>Kaplan U Course</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Qtr-Hr Credits</u>
Criminal Investigation	CJ210	5
Criminal Procedure	CJ 227	5
Criminal Law for Criminal Justice	CJ 230	5
Criminal Justice Elective	100/200-level	5
Criminal Justice Elective	100/200-level	<u>5</u>
		25

Note: Kaplan's Criminal Justice program does not give additional credits to Deputy Sheriff School graduates.

Excelsior College: Courses are online, DVD and can be passed by challenge exams. If you take the challenge exam and do not pass, the cost of the exam will be applied toward the tuition for that class. None of the credits awarded for Academy training have course ID numbers but all are lower division. This agreement is valid for Academy Sessions 105 and up. Excelsior does offer a Liberal Studies option which permits numerous electives to be used.

<u>Excelsior Course</u>	<u>Sem Credits</u>
Emergency First Responder	1
Health and Wellness	2
Human Relations and Special Populations	3
Intro to Criminal Investigations	3
Intro to Criminal Law	3
Intro to Criminal Procedure	3
Intro to Firearms	2*
Intro to Patrol Procedures	3
Intro to Patrol Skills	2
Intro to Substantive Legal Aspects	1
Legal and Ethical Issues in Law Enforcement	2
Virginia Traffic Code and Procedures	<u>3</u>
	28

*Many colleges, including Excelsior, will not accept Firearms as an academic course

Additional Credits for Deputy Sheriff Graduates (35 credits total)

Human Relations and Special Populations in Corrections	2
Intro to Corrections	3
Legal and Ethical Issues in Corrections	<u>2</u>
	7

Note: Excelsior will put all of your Academy credits onto a formal transcript that you could then send to other schools for a fee. This may be a good way to get credits at schools that do not have an articulation agreement with the Academy. Check first with the school you intend to transfer the credits to in order to ensure that they will take them before you spend the money as no school is required to take them as transfer credit. Further information is available on Excelsior's web page: <http://www.excelsior.edu/onetranscript> (look at the bottom of the page for a participating criminal justice agencies button).

Tuition: Excelsior offers discounted tuition and fees to NVCJTA graduates. Partnership pricing is also available to spouses and recognized domestic partners. Make sure you advise Excelsior you are affiliated with NVCJTA prior to enrolling or making any payments as pricing will not be retroactive. You may access the Excelsior partnership web page directly at <http://www.excelsior.edu/web/partners/northern-virginia-criminal-justice-training-academy>. This school is often the best choice for those with a lot of prior college credits as their degree programs allow a lot of electives. Some graduates have gotten as much as a full year more of usable credits at this school than they would have received at other schools.

University of Phoenix: University of Phoenix has both online courses and traditional classroom classes at several facilities around this region. The agreement with U of P is not specific as to which Basic Training sessions will be accepted but the agreement may not be applicable to Sessions prior to 120.

NVCJTA Corporate Articulation Agreement. These credits can be used toward any U of P degree.

<u>Basic Law Enforcement School</u>	<u>Sem Credits</u>
Physical Education	4
Social Science Elective	0.5
Interdisciplinary Elective	<u>21.5</u>
	26

<u>Basic Deputy School</u>	
Interdisciplinary Elective	4.5
Physical Education	2*

NOTE: The PE credits from the basic deputy school cannot be used if combined with the credits from the law enforcement school as U of Phoenix has a cap of 4 credits for PE.

P.O.S.T. Agreement. This agreement can be used by ANY graduate of the NVCJTA even back to Session 1. These credits can ONLY be used toward the BSCJA degree.

Course #	Course Name	Credits
CJA/204	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJA/214	Introduction to Police Theory and Practices	3
CJA/224	Introduction to Criminal Court Systems	3
CJA/234	Introduction to Corrections	3
CJA/304	Interpersonal Communications	3
CJA/324	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
CJA/344	Cultural Diversity in Criminal Justice	3
CJA/354	Criminal Law	3
CJA/364	Criminal Procedure	3
CJA/384	Criminal Organizations	3

In-Service Training

Up to 86 Credits Available

Unlike some of the other colleges with which NVCJTA has articulation agreements, U of Phoenix will offer credits for a number of in-service classes. See Appendix for a list of eligible classes and credits awarded.

Please note: These are all electives and can only be used as specified by the University as electives fulfilling elective requirements in Interdisciplinary Studies, Communication Arts, Social Science, Physical Education and Physical Biological Science. Depending on the permissible number of elective credits in your program, this may greatly reduce the applicability of courses for which you might be otherwise eligible to attain credit. Contact an advisor at the University to determine how many of these credits you will be able to use in the program you select.

NOTICE TO ACADEMY GRADUATES: Effective 2013, the University of Phoenix has entered into a Partnership agreement with the Academy. Tuition will reduced by 5% and the fees associated with obtaining the credits for Academy training are suspended. You must advise the school that you are an Academy member prior to enrolling or having your Academy training converted into U of P credits to receive these discounts. This pricing is not retroactive so students cannot receive refunds for previous payments to obtain the Academy credits.

Herzing University: Herzing University is a regionally accredited school that offers both online and on-campus classes at 11 locations in the US (however none of the campuses are in this area). Herzing has an on-line program entitled “**Badge to Grad**”. Under this program you will receive 32 credits toward graduation for your Academy basic training. The exact number, and type, of credits that you will receive depends on your previous college education, if any, and the degree that you are attempting to attain. Under the Badge to Grad program you will receive a significantly discounted tuition and there are no application or enrollment fees. You will only pay \$250 per credit under this program and that fee includes your textbooks. With the books and total credits awarded toward graduation factored in, Herzing will be the least expensive of the regionally accredited 4 year schools that we have an agreement with over the course of an entire 4 year degree. The agreement is applicable to all Academy sessions that were longer than 400 hours. Because of the way in which training hours were calculated for the earlier sessions, it appears that this agreement will cover every Academy session. The school also has a number of graduate degrees and tuition for law enforcement officers is reduced by 20% for graduate classes. No Academy training is applicable to graduate classes. You may find out more about this program at: <http://lawenforcement.herzing.edu/> or by calling 1-866-255-7607.

Columbia Southern University: Columbia Southern University has *National* Accreditation through the DEAC (See notes about Accreditation on page 2). The University has applied for Regional accreditation but this process will take several years, and there is no guarantee that they will be successful, so at this time if you attend there you should expect to graduate from this school with the National accreditation. The number of credits that Columbia Southern will accept from Academy training is dependent on the degree program you are enrolled in. Fewer credits can be applied toward the Associate degree than can be applied toward the Bachelors degree. Columbia Southern does give some upper level credits for completing the Basic Training program whereas none of the other schools that the Academy has agreements with currently will. Approved based on Session 120 data, may be applicable to earlier sessions with similar hours.

Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice:

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
BCJ 2001	Theory and Practice of Law Enforcement	3L
BCJ 2501	Criminology	3L
BCJ 3301	Judicial Process	3L
BCJ 3601	Criminal Law	3L
<u>Total for Law Enforcement School:</u>		12 hrs

From Deputy School:

BCJ 2002	Theory & Practices of Corrections	3L

Total Of:		15 hrs

OR

Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice Administration

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
BCJ 2001	Theory and Practice of Law Enforcement	3L
BCJ 2501	Criminology	3L
BCJ 3301	Judicial Process	3L
BCJ 3601	Criminal Law	3L
BCJ 3950	Constitutional Law for Criminal Justice	3L
BCJ 3701	Criminal Investigation	3L
BCJ 4201	Race and Ethnic Relations	3L
<u>From Basic Law Enforcement Academy (In Addition to above):</u>		
BCJ 4101	Police & Community Relations	3U
BCJ 3801	Criminal Evidence & Legal Issues	3U

Total Of: ----- 27 hrs

For Credit from the Deputy School In Addition to above:

BCJ 2002	Theory & Practices of Corrections	3L

Total Of:		30 hrs

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AMERICAN PUBLIC UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
 (AMERICAN MILITARY UNIVERSITY AND AMERICAN PUBLIC UNIVERSITY):

Both APUS schools are Regionally and Nationally Accredited. The Criminal Justice Major has space for 39 General Elective Credits.

APUS schools are giving credit for in-service classes. See Appendix for a list of in-service courses available for credit at these schools.

For Basic Training classes, the below chart indicates what credits you will receive for all basic training completed AFTER 1990. Check directly with the school for applicability for session ending before 1990. For Sessions 100+ the calculation of credits for exceeding 400 hours of contact will result in 6 additional credits for the Law Enforcement school with the total credit award equaling 18 semester credits. Those completing the Combined School will receive additional credits totaling up to 27. For additional information on credit for law enforcement training at this school please review the material on the APUS website at <http://www.apus.edu/TransferCredit/accepted/Undergraduate/internal-policies/blet.htm>

Documentation of successful completion may make a student eligible for the following transfer credit recommendations depending on their specific undergraduate degree program requirements:

APUS Transfer Credit Recommendation	APUS Semester Hours
CMRJ101 - Evidence and Procedures	3 SH
CMRJ203 - Patrol Methodologies and Community Policing	3 SH
LSTD302 - Criminal Law	3 SH
Elective Credit	3 SH
Additional credit may be awarded for BLET programs exceeding 400 contact hours	
Elective Credit	Up to 15 SH *
* Additional credit award is determined by the following mathematical equation: $(\# \text{ of BLET program hours greater than } 400 \times 0.25) / 15 = \text{APUS Semester Hours}$ The resulting APUS SH are rounded down to the nearest whole number when awarded.	

Bluefield College: Bluefield College is a private school with an online degree completion program. Bluefield College does award some credits for selected in-service training classes (see Appendix A). For Bluefield College only, NVCJTA graduates receive credits as part of an articulation agreement created for all Criminal Justice Training Academies in Virginia.

Basic Law Enforcement School:

<u>Course #</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
	CRJ 2013 – Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
	CRJ 3233 - Law Enforcement	3
	CRJ Electives	16
	PE Elective	3
	Gen Ed Health Elective	<u>3</u>
		27

Combined Deputy School:

No additional credits are awarded for completion of the Combined Deputy School

Strayer University: Strayer has classes online and at a number of local campuses. There is a local campus almost directly across Rt. 7 from the Academy. However, not all degree programs are offered at all campus locations.

Strayer is on a quarter credit system instead of a semester credit system so it will take approximately 180+ credits to graduate. If you plan on transferring semester credits to Strayer each semester credit should be multiplied by 1.5 to determine how many quarter credits you should receive. All Strayer courses listed in their catalog are worth 4.5 credit hours.

BELOW AGREEMENT IS APPLICABLE TO ALL VIRGINIA ACADEMY BASIC GRADUATES REGARDLESS OF YEAR OF GRADUATION.

Course Code	Course Title	Credits
CRJ 100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	4.5
CRJ 105	Crime and Criminal Behavior	4.5
CRJ 180	Juvenile Delinquency and Justice	4.5
CRJ 220	Ethics & Leadership in Criminal Justice	4.5
LEG 320	Criminal Law	4.5
CRJ 320	Criminal Investigation	4.5
CRJ 325	Criminal Procedure	4.5
CRJ 435	Drugs, Gangs and Organized Crime	4.5
CRJ 400	Crime Prevention Strategy	4.5
CRJ 420	Emergency Management	4.5
Total Credit Hours		45

Law Enforcement Tuition Assistance Program. This program offers eligible new and readmit students a discounted tuition rate. All students need to do is show proof of employment in one of the above roles and proof of completion of a basic law enforcement training program.

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

Liberty University awards 14 credits for graduation from any State approved law enforcement training program. Additional credits may be awarded through a Portfolio Assessment for in-service training. Refer to the University's Prior Learning Assessment for Law Enforcement Officer page <http://www.liberty.edu/index.cfm?PID=17333> . The school does not specify that the training must have been completed within any specific time frame so it appears that this agreement would be applicable to graduates all the way back to Session 1. If choosing this school and option, request that the NVCJTA certification of graduation be sent directly to you and include it with your Liberty University PLA Application that can be accessed via the aforementioned link.

This school does give a substantial tuition discount to current military members and honorably discharged veterans. The school also gives a 25% discount to all public safety personnel.

WALDORF COLLEGE

Waldorf College is a regionally accredited college offering undergraduate and graduate degrees at a number of on-campus locations (none of which are near here) and online. The online degree programs do not require any on campus residency as of 2013. Academy graduates will receive a 10% discount (the cost below reflects this discount) on both undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Tuition at Waldorf includes textbooks. ***This discount applies to direct family members (spouse and children) of Academy graduates as well.*** Waldorf offers a one-time scholarship of \$500 toward the first year's tuition.

Waldorf College awards 19 credits for Academy training. While this includes a number of upper division credits, these courses cannot be used to satisfy the schools requirement that all students complete 36 upper division credits to graduate. You will still need to take 36 upper division credits at Waldorf. A number of Academy classes would award more credits that are given in a traditional Waldorf class. In addition to awarding the traditional 3 credits for that class, Waldorf will award additional credits which will count as general electives.

B.S. Criminal Justice (generic) and B.S. Criminal Justice Administration

Course:	Credits:	Surplus awarded as elective:
CRJ 2200 Theory and Practice of Corrections	3	2
CRJ 3601 Criminal Law	3	0
CRJ 3950 Constitutional Law for Criminal Justice	3	5
CRJ 3701 Criminal Investigation	3	0
Total:	12	Plus 7 Total of 19

STEVENSON UNIVERSITY

Stevenson University is located in Baltimore, Maryland just off the Baltimore Beltway. The school has traditional classroom setting classes as well as online classes. The partnership agreement with the Academy provides discounted tuition for Academy graduates for undergraduate and graduate classes.

Stevenson Degree Requirement	Course	Title	Credits
Core—Skills Course (Comm course)	CM 115	Interpersonal Communication	3
Core—Skills Course (PE course)	PE 132	Self-defense	1
CJ Major Requirement	CJUS 101	Intro to Criminal Justice	3
CJ Major Requirement	CJUS 220	Criminal Law and Procedure	3
CJ Major Requirement	CJUS 280	Law Enforcement	3
CJUS Elective	CJUS 350	Spec Topics: CJ Practicum	3
CJUS Elective	LAW 204	Constitutional Law	3
CJUS Elective	LAW 322	Criminal Investigation	3
CJUS Elective	LAW 404	Advanced Constitutional Law	3
Total			25

Tuition is discounted for NVCJTA graduates.

AVERETT UNIVERSITY

Averett University is a private school with the main campus located in Danville, Virginia. The school has a number of satellite facilities around the State. The school is regionally accredited and offers on-line classes leading to a bachelors degree or an MBA. Averett will be offering graduates of the basic law enforcement training program and the combined law enforcement program the following semester credits.

Basic Law Enforcement School (22 week academy)

CRJ 352 – Criminal Investigation	3 semester hours
CRJ 387 – Criminal Law	3 semester hours
CRJ Electives	18 semester hours
PE Electives (Marksmanship, Weight Lifting)	4 semester hours
Health Elective	2 semester hours
Total	<u>30 semester hours</u>

Combined Law Enforcement and Basic Deputy School (25 week academy)

CRJ 352 – Criminal Investigation	3 semester hours
CRJ 387 – Criminal Law	3 semester hours
CRJ Electives	20 semester hours
PE Electives (Marksmanship, Weight Lifting)	4 semester hours
Health Elective	2 semester hours
Total	<u>32 semester hours</u>

1. Credits shall be awarded toward the graduation requirements for a GPS Bachelor's Degree at Averett University, with particular reference to the Sociology/Criminal Justice Major.
2. Students shall provide certificate of completion from The Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy and other information as required by Averett University.

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Western International University (West) is part of the Apollo Educational Group which also owns the better known University of Phoenix. West is a regionally accredited school offering several online degrees. West does not have an agreement that would award credits for the Basic training program. West does have an agreement to award credits for almost 70 different in-service classes. However, almost all of the credits you can earn through the in-service agreement will be General Education Electives. If your current transcript already has a lot of these electives in it, you may be able to only use a few of the credits you might be awarded from in-service training toward graduation.

All classes are 8 weeks long and start monthly. West has one of the lower tuition rates for regionally accredited universities. This school currently does not offer a criminal justice major. This school has a new student policy where you can try out your first class for 2 weeks with no risk. You only pay if you decide to continue past the initial 2 weeks.

Western International University has assessed a number of In-Service Academy classes and has agreed to award credits for those courses. The list of these classes is included in Appendix A. It is anticipated that sometime in the near future West will have a credit agreement for Basic training as well.

INFORMATION ON OTHER SCHOOLS

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

The Academy has **no agreement** with the University of Maryland University College (UMUC). It has been the experience of Academy graduates that UMUC will not accept any credits earned through any of the Academy articulation agreements. As such, a student completing an Associate Degree at the NVCC, where they used the articulation agreement to earn credits toward that degree, would lose all of those credits if they enroll at UMUC. An NVCC graduate would probably see their usable credits drop from ± 65 to about 40 if they enroll at UMUC. Similarly, you would not be able to use the Excelsior Credit Bank for credits at this school either. UMUC expects students to enroll in a 3 credit class entitled EXCEL 301 where they complete their own portfolio assessment. UMUC indicates that students typically only earn about 15 credits from this course. There are regular tuition fees for the EXCEL 301 course and there is a \$90 per credit awarded fee as well. You must also complete 6 credits at UMUC before you will be permitted to enroll in EXCEL 301. UMUC also advises that students completing EXCEL 301 may be awarded credits that cannot be used in their degree plan. Should students elect to enroll at UMUC and wish to complete EXCEL 301 the Curriculum Office can provide you with a copy of the Excelsior College Site Report. This will aid in completing the assessment as it details how Excelsior decided how credits were awarded under their articulation agreement.

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

As of February 2014 GMU will not award any academic credit for Academy training. The Office of Admissions at GMU has advised the Academy that Academy records may be used for evaluation of whether or not GMU will accept an Academy graduate into the University but it will only use the Academy materials for this purpose and it will not award any academic credits for the training. This means that if you used your Academy training as part of your Associate degree at NVCC, you will lose those credits if admitted to GMU, even if admitted under the guaranteed admission program for NVCC graduates. Since the credits awarded for Academy training at other schools with which the Academy has articulation agreements amounts to almost one year of full time academic study, GMU will probably not be the best option for Academy graduates at the undergraduate level of study.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OF MAINE

This school has an online program and the school has full regional accreditation. One Academy graduate was able to obtain 41 credits for Academy training through a portfolio assessment. This student received 35 general elective credits and 6 social studies credits. There is an advertised fee of \$400 for portfolio assessments. General Studies tuition for 2011 is \$285 per credit. Check with the school for further information.

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

GWU has a frequently advertised Police and Security Studies bachelors degree. Enroll through the College of Professional Studies. Classes are online and are offered at the school's satellite facility in Arlington. The school does not have an articulation agreement for awarding credits for Academy training at this time (one is currently being evaluated) but they will do an independent assessment of your academy training for credit at GWU. The current tuition at this school is higher than any school with which the Academy has an articulation agreement. 2014 tuition for this degree program is \$620 per credit and there are some additional fees as well. This is however less than the standard online tuition of \$900 per credit for other degree programs and is about 1/3 the cost of part time on-campus classes which are \$1,830 per credit. Additional information available at <http://cps.gwu.edu/police-security-studies>

FERRUM COLLEGE

Ferrum College has an online degree completion program for those who already have an associate's degree in Criminal Justice. Only those with an associate's degree in Criminal Justice will be admitted to this program. Admission is guaranteed. Ferrum will not award any credits for your Academy training. However, Ferrum will accept credits for Academy training if they were part of your associate's degree. Spring 2015 tuition for this program is \$285 per credit.