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 Fall 2025 academies

1) Full-time Day Academy: Our Fall academy runs late July to end of November, 2025. Classes meet Mon-Sat from 8-4:30 pm.
2) Part-time Evening Academy: Our fall evening academy runs late July to mid-April 2026. Classes meet Mon-Thurs from 6-10 pm & Sun from 8-4:30 pm.

The tuition for the academy is $5,600(includes a $200 registration fee).

We do offer a payment plan:

Full-time day academy: $200 registration fee due with application; $2,300 due by orientation (which is a week before the academy starts, then $1,100 by end of August, $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; $1300 by end of August; $1300 by end of Sept; $1300 by end of October.

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, $245 for full-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 $55.
3) Get fingerprinted at the Summit County Jail within 90 days of the start of the academy. There must be no
   felonies or domestic violence charges on your record. Cost is $15.

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.

If you interested in becoming a Summit County Sheriff's Deputy, they are hiring cadets and paying for them to attend the academy if hired. You will also get paid while attending the academy. Go to https://sheriff.summitoh.net/pages/Academy-Qualifications.html, for more information.

We are also a certified training program through Ohio Means Jobs. If you qualify financially, you can get financial assistance which includes: tuition, uniform, drug screen, finger prints, ORC Handbook.

 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.