PACT Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement

Professional Accelerated Career Training

Overview

LLCC- Taylorville offers several opportunities for area high school students to experience college *before* college. Advising is an important part of the transition from high school to college. LLCC-Taylorville has a full time academic advisor to meet your needs. Call 287.7081 to make your appointment to discuss your future at LLCC.

The Professional Accelerated Career Training (PACT) Program is for those students who have career goals and want to get started on a particular career path. Students spend two hours, Monday through Friday, in class, each semester. Students will obtain a head start toward a career or completion of a degree or certificate program. Students should check with their respective high schools regarding cost of the program. Some schools pay for tuition and fees and/or books. Convenient interest-free tuition payment plans are also available.

Employment

Job opportunities in most local police departments will be favorable for qualified individuals, whereas competition is expected for jobs in State and Federal agencies. As fast as average employment growth is expected.

Overall opportunities in local police departments will be favorable for individuals who meet the psychological, personal, and physical qualifications. In addition to openings from employment growth, many openings will be created by the need to replace workers who retire and those who leave local agencies for Federal jobs and private-sector security jobs. Jobs in local police departments that offer relatively low salaries, or those in urban communities in which the crime rate is relatively high, may be the easiest to get. Some smaller departments may have fewer opportunities as budgets limit the ability to hire additional officers. Bilingual applicants with military experience or college training in police science will have the best opportunities in local and State departments.

Wages

Median hourly wages $24.72 per hour. Police and sheriff's patrol officers had median annual wages of $51,410 in May 2008. The middle 50 percent earned between $38,850 and $64,940. The lowest 10 percent earned less than $30,070, and the highest 10 percent earned more than $79,680. Median annual wages were $46,620 in Federal Government, $57,270 in State government, $51,020 in local government and $43,350 in educational services.

Source: Occupational Outlook Handbook 2010-2011

Cost

Fall Semester
*Estimated tuition/fee cost .....$100.50 per credit hour**
Estimated book costs $300.00
Spring Semester
*Estimated tuition/fee cost .....$100.50 per credit hour**
Estimated book costs $225.00
**please reference the current semester course schedule for exact tuition costs.*

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Allied Health and Welding Operator Programs are also available.

Schedule

Fall Semester (August – December)					
	Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
1:00-1:50	SOC 101	CRJ 102	SOC 101	CRJ 102	SOC 101
2:00-2:50	CRJ 101	CRJ 102	CRJ 101	CRJ 102	CRJ 101
Spring Semester (January – May)					
	Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
1:00-1:50	POS 101	CRJ 251	POS 101	CRJ 251	POS 101
2:00-2:50	CRJ 105	CRJ 251	CRJ 105	CRJ 251	CRJ 105

Course Descriptions

CRJ 101 Violence and Criminal Behavior 3 credits
This course introduces and critiques theories of the external (social/political) and internal (biological/psychological) influences on criminal and violent behavior. The role of the criminal justice system and the methods of punishment in response to criminal behavior is also examined. **R** (3 lecture hours)

CRJ 102 Introduction to Corrections 4 credits
This course provides those intending to pursue careers in the field of corrections or law enforcement a basis for understanding the correctional system. The course includes the historical development, philosophy and variety of correctional methods. Included are pre-institutional, institutional and post-institutional techniques, probation and parole. This course is required in probation and corrections programs. **R** (3 lecture hours)

CRJ 105 Introduction to Criminal Justice Systems 3 credits
Administration of justice in the United States is studied with emphasis on the total system and the roles of police, courts and correctional agencies. Principles of constitutional law and court decisions bearing on the administration of justice are included. R (3 lecture hours) IAI: CRJ 901

CRJ 251 Crime, Justice and Social Diversity 4 credits
This course examines how the issues of crime and justice are seen in the context of a highly diverse world. The ultimate aim of the course is to raise and discuss basic issues about the meaning of justice and how justice can be achieved in a diverse world. **R** (4 lecture hours)

POS 101 Introduction to American Politics 3 credits
This is an overview of the American political system including the structure, functions and processes of our federal government. Emphasis is placed on current illustrations of the continuing interplay of forces which constitute our political system. Successful completion of this course fulfills Illinois school code requirements in the exercise of citizenship under Chapter 122, Sec. 27-3, and statutory requirements for teacher certification. **R, W1** (3 lecture hours) IAI: S5 900, PLS 911

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology 3 credits
This course provides a study of the principles of human interaction and association and institutions and organizations which result in human grouping. Primary focus is on human behavior in group situations such as society, family, religion, communities and bureaucracies. Emphasis is also placed on human interpretations of situations. This involves culture, the process of socialization, education, group membership (voluntary or involuntary), social stratification and racial and ethnic groups. R, W1 (3 lecture hours) IAI: S7 900

Qualifications

- Students must be able to complete college level coursework;
- Students must be 16 years old at the time the term begins;
- Students are subject to all LLCC academic regulations and grading policies;
- Students are subject to LLCC prerequisites, placement guidelines and policies.

Interested students should talk with their high school counselors *and* call Dee Krueger, LLCC-Taylorville at 287.7081 or 1.800.572.5448.

Limited seats are available in the PACT program

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