

Polaris Career Center Course Syllabus

Natural Resources Ranger Academy
Adult

Course Information

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		Meeting Time:	600 hours per course September through April Monday through Thursday 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM and Saturday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Some Fridays and Sundays as well
		Availability:	2:20-3:20 PM

Course Description

Natural Resources/Ranger/Basic Peace Officer Academy* (600 hrs.)

Recent worldwide events have emphasized the need for more trained public safety professionals. On the homefront, Greater Cleveland will have to fill over 1,100 protective services positions annually through 2014. The Polaris Natural Resources/Ranger/Basic Peace Officer Academy prepares candidates for police and natural resource law enforcement officer positions and other careers that require peace officer training. This 600-hour course is conducted under the auspices of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission. The instruction will be provided by teachers/commanders with experience and expertise in the field of law enforcement, natural resources, and parks and recreation. As an all-inclusive Academy, the following are provided for use during the program: Gun Belt, Holster, Handgun, Shotgun, Ammunition, Handcuffs, Notebooks, Gym Uniforms, Polo Shirt, Winter Jacket, Equipment Bag, Winter Hat, Baseball Cap, Textbooks, Expandable Baton, Aerosol Dense Spray. Students must be able to perform all the Student Performance Objectives; the physical actions that a public safety officer must be able to execute safely.

Applicants must be 21 years old by the completion of the course, have a valid driver's license, and must submit to fingerprinting, a background check, and a medical examination. All state and federal guidelines regarding the possession of a firearm and minimum physical fitness standards set by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission will be followed. Commissioned and open enrollment applicants will be accepted.

College Credit

Students can earn credits toward an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Park Ranger Policing at Cuyahoga Community College. In addition, credits may be obtained through Ashland University toward a Baccalaureate Degree in Criminal Justice.

Schedule:

Mondays – Thursdays 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM on Saturdays.
Some Fridays and Sundays are required as well.

Major Course Goals

The major goals of the Adult Natural Resources Ranger Academy program/course will ask students to:

1. Complete all mandatory classes and attend at least 95 % of all non-mandatory classes.
2. Complete all the required physical Student Performance Objectives according to the Ohio Peace Officer Training Standards.
3. Compile and complete notebooks, passing the written state examination with a minimum score of 70%.

Instructional Philosophy

Students will be treated and referred to as cadets while a member of the Natural Resources Ranger Academy. All cadets will arrive for class in a timely matter, preferably fifteen minutes prior to class. Upon the arrival of an instructor, commander, field agent or any member of the public, the cadet will stand at attention until dismissed. In the event the cadet will be tardy or will not be attending class, the cadet will contact or leave a message for the commander at 440-891-7670. Prior to the next class meeting, the cadet will submit the reason of the absence or tardy in writing to the commander. Cadets will be required to type all material provided in class and compile notebooks containing the information. Although physical fitness training is provided, cadets are expected to train outside of the academy hours. All contacts with law enforcement agencies such as traffic violation, disturbance calls etc., will be reported in writing to the commander prior to the next class period. Cadets will be required to work in groups and squads and must be tolerant and respectful of all classmates regardless of their age, sex, creed, or national origin.

Course Units of Study

The major units of study in the Natural Resources Ranger Academy are:

- Administration
- Legal
- Human Resources
- Firearms
- Driving
- Subject Control
- First Aid
- Patrol
- Civil Disorders
- Investigation
- Physical Conditioning
- Intermediate Weapons
- Student Performance Objectives

Primary Curriculum Materials

Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy Basic Peace Officer School Curriculum, State of Ohio

Business and Industry Credentials, Certifications, and/or Licenses

OPOTA Peace Officer Certification

Course Projects and Special Activities

This course prepares students for the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission Examination.

Course Policies

Code of Conduct:

The published Code of Conduct for Polaris Career Center found in the Student Handbook will be enforced at all times. Students should refer to the Handbook for discussions of due process and safety violations. Students are required to wear the correct uniform for each class session. Specific rules and regulations for the Ranger Academy are distributed the first day of class.

Dress and Grooming Guidelines:

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruptions, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect and is similar to those enforced in most working environments. Students should refer to the handbook for explicit explanations. The appropriate uniform of the day will be worn by the student. Various types of uniforms are provided for students for different types of instruction or portions of the academy.

ID:

No ID's are required.

Attendance/Tardiness:

Students are required to attend all mandatory classes and 95% of all non-mandatory classes.

Make-up Work:

Only mandatory class hours will be made up at the discretion of the Academy Staff. Instructors will be contracted to teach the instruction for missed mandatory classes, the cadets will compensate Polaris for the cost of make-up hours in addition to the academy tuition.

Computer Usage:

Access to technology is designated for the completion of class assignments only. Students must sign the Technology Acceptable Use Policy of Polaris in order to be given use of computers, software, and Internet access. The use of technology is a privilege, not a right. Any student who violates the Policy may lose their access to these items. Polaris Career Center reserves the right to monitor computer and Internet access.

Infinite Campus:

Does Not Apply

Syllabus Changes:

The commander/Polaris Career Center Administration reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus and the schedule throughout the year.

Course Assessment Plan

Ohio Peace Officers Training Exam
Student Performance Objectives

100%
P/F

Grades for the course will be based on the following levels of performance:

Grade	Description
A (90-100%)	Based on the State Examination Score.
B (80-89%)	Based on the State Examination Score.
C (70-79%)	Based on the State Examination Score.
D (60-69%)	In event the student fails the first examination, only one re-test will be given by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission Staff.
F (0-59%)	