

Peace Officer Exemption: Qualifications, Instructions, Application of Waiver, and Courses

Peace Officers Enrolled in Criminal Justice (Exemption, TEC 54.353). Texas residents employed as peace officers in Texas may be exempt from payment of tuition and lab fees for specified courses if enrolled in a criminal justice program. Students on this exemption must maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA and not meet the excess hour limit (TEC 54.014).

Letter Instructions

To complete the letter to qualify for the Peace Officer Exemption, please have the Chief/Commissioner/Sheriff/ of your department complete the following:

- Address an official letter to me, Dr. Brandon L. Bang.
- The letter should be completed on departmental letterhead.
- Include the date:
 - Please update the date for every semester the letter is submitted (Spring/Fall).
 - The Spring waiver also waives tuition for the Summer sessions, so there is no need to submit an additional Summer letter if you have been approved for the Spring.
- Please include the student's name, Buff ID number, as well as their TCOLE ID number.
 - If the student does not yet have a Buff ID number, please omit the number, but please include it in subsequent letters when they have one.
- State that the student is currently a full-time officer/deputy with the department and is currently in good standing with the department.
- Please include a signature with the letter as well as relevant contact information, including a phone number.
- Please email the completed letter to me at bbang@wtamu.edu.
- Please make sure I have the letter four weeks before the beginning of the semester.

For auditing purposes, if all of the above is not included in the letter, I will send the letter back to you, and your waiver will not be approved.

When the Waiver is Applied

Once I approve and submit the waiver, your account may still show an amount due. The waiver will not officially be applied to your account until after the Census Date, which is usually the 13th class date or shortly after. The Census Date for each term is clearly identified on each year's academic calendar. **You will need to pay the total balance, and then after the Census Date, the Business Office will apply the waiver. You will receive a refund for the tuition portion of the bill.**

This exemption is a waiver, not a sponsorship; it does not cover mandatory fees, and it IS NOT A PAYMENT ON A STUDENT ACCOUNT. Students who receive the waiver are still responsible for paying any balance due on their student account by the same deadlines as all other students. Students who fail to meet minimum payment requirements by said due dates will be subject to the same policies as all other students, including possible schedule deletion, reinstatement fees of \$100, and/or late payment fees of \$20 per missed deadline. Check payment deadlines on the [Academic Calendar](#) located on the [Register's Office](#) web pages or go to the Business Office [Payment Methods and Deadlines](#) page for complete payment deadline information.

Remember, the waiver is a reduction in charges, not a payment, and does not cover 100% of the registration cost. The waiver does not protect a student's schedule from deletion, and the student is still responsible for making the minimum payment required to hold their schedule for the term.

Courses Included

The Code of Education has revised the courses that qualify for the Peace Officer Exemption. Effective January 1, 2020, the below are the listed courses that are approved for the Texas Peace Officers Exemption. Please note, many of these courses are cross-listed with another abbreviation (SOCJ, EMA, POSC). These cross-listed courses are also approved.

CRIJ 1301-01 or 70 Introduction to Criminal Justice
CRIJ 1306- 01 or 70 Court Systems and Practices
CRIJ 1307-01 or 70 Crime in America
CRIJ 1310 – 01 or 70 Introduction to Law
CRIJ 2328-01 or 70 Contemporary Issues in Policing
CRIJ 2313-01 or 70 Corrections systems and practices
CRIJ 3322-01 or 70 Advance Criminal Investigations
CRIJ 3332-01 or 70 Law of Corrections
CRIJ 3361-01 or 70 Writing and research in criminal justice
CRIJ 3362-01 or 70 Statistics for Social Sciences
CRIJ 3372-01 or 70 Prisons
CRIJ 3374-01 or 70 Victimology
CRIJ 3384-01 or 70 Drugs Abuse and Society
CRIJ 4098-06 or 03 Capstone Internship
CRIJ 4328-01 or 70 Terrorism
CRIJ 4324-01 or 70 Community Policing
CRIJ 4326-01 or 70 Managing Police Agencies
CRIJ 4332- 01 or 70 Criminal Law
CRIJ 4340-01 or 70 Constitutional rights of the Accused
CRIJ 4348-01 or 70 Ethics and the Criminal Justice and EMA Systems
CRIJ 4350-01 or 70 Administration of CJ Organizations
CRIJ 4354-01 or 70 Public Personnel Administration
CRIJ 4355-01 or 70 Public Financial Administration
CRIJ 4356-01 or 70 Principles of emergency Management
POSC 4353-01 or 70 Public Administration
POSC 4331-01 or 70 Administrative law

SOCI 4302-01 or 70 Criminology
SOCI 4321-01 or 70 Racial and Cultural Minorities
SOCI 4342-01 or 70 Juvenile Delinquency
SOCI 4304 -01 or 70 Community Corrections
PSYC 2301-01 or 70 General Psychology
PSYC 3350-01 or 70 Social Psychology
PSYC 4360-01 or 70 Abnormal Psychology

For the B.S. requirement – 6 hours in biology, chemistry, geology, geosciences, mathematics, physics, and natural sciences

For the B.A requirement – 12 hours – 6 hours of foreign language, and six hours chosen from Art, English, History, Modern Languages, Music, Philosophy, and Theatre