The Basic Peace Officer Course is divided into four training phases consisting of 176 hours each. The entire program is 704 class hours and exceeds the state minimum standard by nearly 150 hours. Successful completion of this program will enable the student to sit for the State Licensing Examination required for all Texas peace officers.

In-service training covers the state mandated training requirements and includes specialized training programs as determined by local agency needs. To fulfill local training needs, the Training Academy facility consists of a state-of-the-art 20-point indoor shooting range. The Academy also utilizes the Advanced Interactive-shooting System (A.I.S.) that challenges law enforcement students’ decision-making abilities in a deadly force situation.

Students are advised to refer to the course descriptions for all courses identified in the degree plan to ensure they have completed the appropriate prerequisites.