

Police Science New Student Checklist 2017-2018



Submit a WATC Application for Admission.

The WATC application is available online at www.watc.edu/apply or at any campus location.



Request official transcripts (high school and college).

- High school or GED transcripts
 - Applicants seeking admission to WATC must provide official high school or GED transcript.
 - Official transcripts must be mailed or transferred electronically directly from the issuing institution and received by the Registrar prior to registration. Official transcripts must be in a sealed envelope upon receipt and may not be stamped "student copy."
- College transcripts: Request official transcripts be sent from each institution from which coursework is to be transferred. Transfer credits must have been earned at an accredited institution. Equivalent coursework for which students have earned a letter grade of a 'C' or better is considered for transfer. Official transcripts must be mailed directly from the issuing institution and received by the Registrar prior to registration. Official transcripts must be in a sealed envelope upon receipt.

Transcripts must be mailed or delivered directly to:

Wichita Area Technical College
Attn: Registrar's Office
4004 N Webb Road Bldg 100
Wichita, KS 67226



Complete the Accuplacer entrance assessment

- For hours and location, see <http://watc.edu/admissions/testing/>.
- Minimum required scores for the Police Science program:
 - **Reading 60, Sentence Skills 56, and Math 30**
- A photo ID is required to take the assessments. Results are valid for five years.
- The first Compass test is free. Retests are \$5.00 per test.
- Tests can only be taken up to 3 times in one year.



Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

- File your FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- WATC School Code 005498
- WATC Financial Aid department should receive your information within 3-5 business days.
 - Additional information may be required before your financial aid packet can be fully processed (view Financial Aid tab on your myWATC page for more information).



Meet with an Academic Advisor: Jenna Randall jrandall4@watc.edu or 316-677-1009

Students are welcome to walk in during our advising hours or schedule an appointment, if that is more convenient. (The Academic Advisor for the Police Science is located at the SSEC location on E. 47th St. S.)

- Register for classes
- Advising is available on a walk in basis, or by appointment Please see the advising schedule below

	8:00-11:00am	11:00am-2:30pm	2:30pm-5:00pm	5:00pm-6:00pm
Monday	Walk-In	Appt. Preferred	Appt. Preferred	Appt. Preferred
Tuesday	Walk-In	Appt. Preferred	Walk-In	Appt. Preferred
Wednesday	Appt. Preferred	Appt. Preferred	Walk-In	Appt. Preferred
Thursday	Appt. Preferred	Appt. Preferred	Walk-In	Appt. Preferred
Friday	Walk-in	Appt. Preferred	Appt. Preferred	



Attend a New Student Orientation Session

- Contact your Academic Advisor or email orientation@wadc.edu for New Student Orientation schedule
- Bring your course schedule to your orientation session

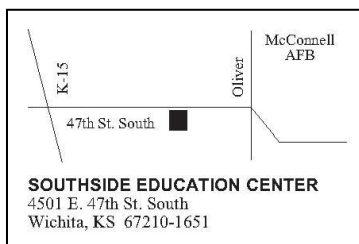


Get your books

- You must have your class schedule and student ID to get your books.
- To charge books to your student account, you must have your financial aid packet fully complete.



Attend Class



Police Science Facts

Type of Degree/Certificate	Length (approximate)	*Cost	Financial Aid Eligible
AAS – Technical Studies-Police Science	2 years	\$6,792.00	Yes
TC – Police Science	1 year	\$4,671.00	Yes

*Costs are approximate and subject to change. (*Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2014-15 Edition*) The cost above includes an estimate of the cost of electives, so the actual cost could be more depending on the electives that the student chooses to take. Amounts include Tuition and Student Fees (Books, tools, and online fees not included in amount). Class schedules and availability are subject to change. For current info, please visit: WATC.edu/course-schedule

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. What wage can someone expect to make with this program?
A. *According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (May 2013); Median wages for individuals in this field are approximately \$41,100 - \$48,390 annually.
- Q. Does the Police Science program require students to become a police officer?
A. No. This program is a great entry point into the criminal justice field. Some of the occupations for this program are: Immigration Inspectors, Intelligence Analysts, Sheriffs, Criminal Investigators, Correctional Officers, Probation Officers, and Security Guards.
- Q. What is required for this program?
A. There are books and manuals that are required. There may additional supplies required for Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center classes.
- Q. When can I start the Police Science Program?
A. The program has two main entry points: January and August. However, students can take general education classes in March, June, and October.
- Q. Are there obstacles to getting a career in the Criminal Justice/Police Science field?
A. Yes. Many law enforcement agencies have guidelines for potential employees. Some guidelines are: no visible tattoos, felony convictions, unsuitable social media postings, negative juvenile history, or domestic violence convictions.
- Q. Am I required to have a computer?
A. Owning a computer is not required to enroll in this program. WATC offers computers for student use at the National Center for Aviation Training and the Southside Education Center.