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1 General Information

1.1 Curriculum and the implementation of teaching

The Police University College's curricula are competency-based. Competency-based curricula determine the learning outcomes for the degree and courses, in other words, what the student should know, understand and be able to do as a result of the learning process. Evaluation is focused on learning results and based on learning outcomes. The principles of evaluation are described in the Police University College degree regulation.

The contents and implementation of the courses are described in more detail in an implementation plan, which can be accessed on the institution's intranet.

The curriculum information describes the

- Scope of the course
- Course level
- Learning outcomes
- Subject matter
- Course requirements
- Grading scale.

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See also: [Degree Regulations of the Police University College.](#)



1.2 Grading scales

At Polamk, the scope of studies is indicated in [ECTS credits](#).

The grading scale is 1-5 or pass/fail.

Local grade	Definition	ECTS Grade
5	excellent	A
4	good	B
3	good	C
2	satisfactory	D
1	satisfactory	E
0 / HYL	fail	F / FX
HYV / PASS	pass	No grading scale. Course is evaluated only on pass/fail basis and cannot be graded.

1.3 Pedagogic policies behind the curriculum

The Police University College curricula emphasize a student-oriented approach as well as learning and competence-based thinking. Factors that guide teaching and study include the goal-oriented development of competence, strengthening the aspects of learning and building modules that reflect day-to-day professional work.

Read more: [The Pedagogic policies of the Police University College](#).



2 List of courses available for Erasmus+ students

The language of instruction is English. There are no prerequisites for the courses.

Course name	Scope	Level
Orientation course	1 ECTS	B
The Finnish Way of Policing	3 ECTS	B/M
Aspects of Operational Police Education	3 ECTS	B
Current Themes in Police Research	3 ECTS	B/M
Cop Culture: The Occupational Culture of the Police	1 ECTS	B
Survival Finnish Course	2 ECTS	B
International Competences from the Police Perspective	3 ECTS	M
E-FIRST - First responders e-learning course on cybercrime	1 ECTS	B
Project Work	6 ECTS	B/M
English for International Contacts (English language course)	1 ECTS	B
How to be a police officer (English language course)	1 ECTS	B

Course level: B = Bachelor (1st cycle), M = Master (2nd cycle), B/M = can be taken as a Master level course. All courses are open to all incoming students regardless of degree level.

If students need to take a full load of 30 ECTS during the semester, those students have a possibility to choose some studies from cross-institutional studies of Tampere University and Tampere University of Applied Sciences. Those studies will have to be planned in cooperation with the Polamk coordinator once next Autumn's study offers are public in June. The details and instructions for the cross-institutional studies are forthcoming.



3 Course descriptions

3.1 Orientation course, 1 ECTS

Course level

Bachelor

Learning outcomes

After completing this course, the student is:

- expected to grasp the principles of studying at POLAMK and to be familiar with POLAMK as a study environment
- aware of the services available to them to support their studies.
- able to apply this knowledge in their studies.

Subject matter

- Studying at POLAMK
- POLAMK as a learning environment
- Electronic study skills, electronic services for students and information security
- Practical matters
- Support services

Required work

Attendance at lectures.

Grading scale

The course will be graded on a scale of pass/fail.

3.2 The Finnish Way of Policing, 3 ECTS

Course level

Bachelor (can be taken at Master level)



Learning outcomes

After completing the course, the student will be:

- familiar with the basics of police work and education in Finland
- aware of the main legislative and ethical principles of the Finnish police.
- able to compare policing in Finland to that in her/his own country and internationally.

Subject matter

In Finland, public confidence in the police is strong. According to polls, 95 % of the population trusts the police. How are these numbers achieved and maintained? Why is it important to aim for high confidence levels? During the course, students gain an understanding of the historical developments, operational principles, strategies, and ethics of the police in Finland. The students also learn how Finnish police education and work compare to those in the Nordic countries and in the EU.

Required work

- Attendance at lectures
- Literature
- Learning assignments
- Learning diary

Grading scale

The course will be graded on a scale of 0 to 5.

3.3 Aspects of Operational Police Education, 3 ECTS

Course level

Bachelor

Learning outcomes

After completing this course, the student will be familiar with and understand the role of a number of aspects or functions pertaining to education at Polamk and police work in general.



Subject matter

Introduction to different aspects of police education at Polamk in theory and practice. During the course, the students will get to know some practical approaches to police education and police work during short training exercises, lectures and other activities. The course includes participating and/or observing exercises in police education separately or jointly with Finnish students. Subjects include stress management and resilience training, crime scene investigation, use of force, concluding exercises. The level of participation in the exercises is determined by the student's previous experience and background. The course also includes study visits.

Required work

Lectures, exercises, literature, learning diary.

Grading scale

The course will be graded on a scale of pass/fail.

3.4 Current Themes in Police Research 3 ECTS

Course level

Bachelor (can be taken as a Master level course)

Learning outcomes

After completing the course the student is able to

- understand the issues and significance of chosen current themes in police research and relate them to their own field or background
- generate and compare information related to the themes covered in the course
- present ideas and relevant information coherently in written assignments

Subject matter

Lecture series on chosen topics, presented by Police University College researchers.

Required work

Learning diary, written assignments.

Grading scale.

The course will be graded on a scale of 0 to 5.



3.5 Cop Culture: The Occupational Culture of the Police, 1 ECTS

Course level

Bachelor

Learning outcomes

After completing this course, the student is able to describe the features of police culture and its impact on police work.

Subject matter

- Features of police culture
- Police culture research

Required work

- Attendance at lectures
- Active participation in workshops and seminars including presentations and discussions

Grading scale

The course will be graded on a scale of pass/fail.

3.6 Survival Finnish Course, 2 ECTS

Course level

Bachelor

Learning outcomes

After completing this course, the student will know the foundations of Finnish pronunciation and be able to use and understand some short and simply structured Finnish expressions that concern some of the most common everyday situations. The course introduces everyday language and includes many activities to practice listening and reading comprehension, writing and speaking. With the course, it is possible to build a useful vocabulary of the Finnish language.

Subject matter



Greetings, simple questions, countries and nationalities, numbers, the days of the week and months, police work, food and eating, situations linked to everyday life, basics of Finnish customs; phrases connected to these subjects.

Required work

- Attendance at lectures and exercises
- Learning assignments
- Exam
- Successful completion of the exercises indicating that the student has acquired the skills included in the subject matter.

Grading scale

The course will be graded on a scale of pass/fail.

3.7 International competences from the police perspective, 3 ECTS

Course level

Master

Learning outcomes

After completing the study unit, the student will be able to:

- operate in an international operating environment, taking cultural differences into consideration
- apply and assess international knowledge and expertise in their own field
- form a general idea of the position and importance of professional duties in the international operating environment
- describe the challenges in the international operating environment and the management of cooperation and find constructive solutions for them.

Subject matter

- organisations related to international police work
- the significance of culture and acting in international interaction



- international dimension of competence development and international careers

Required work

Learning assignments, online courses in English, exercises. Attendance is mandatory.

Grading scale

The course will be graded on a scale of pass/fail.

3.8 E-FIRST online course - Being a police officer in a cyber environment, 1 ECTS

Course level

Bachelor

Learning outcomes

The objective of the course is to give the student the basic abilities necessary to help the victims of cybercrime when receiving reports and to initiate an investigation into the offense. After completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- use the FIRST tool at a crime scene;
- recognize and capture possible digital evidence related to the case under investigation;
- plan and execute a search of a cyber environment;
- understand the difference between crimes directed at a cyber environment and crimes that take advantage of it; and
- understand the role of the first responder in investigating cybercrime.

Subject matter

- The internet and its services
- Open-source data collection
- Devices and technologies
- Crimes that target or exploit cyber environments
- Capturing digital evidence
- Practical operating models for solving technical problems



- FIRST tool

Required work

Successful completion of online training material and practical training.

Grading scale

The course will be graded as pass/fail.

3.9 Project Work, 6 ECTS

Course level

Bachelor (can be taken as a Master level course)

Learning outcomes

After completing this course, the students will be able to:

- generate and compare information related to a chosen topic
- understand its significance in their field
- present ideas and information coherently to a specific audience
- learn independently as well as collaborate through working in a team to achieve common goals.

Subject matter

The students will form a team in which they will pick a current topic relating to police work (such as intimate partner violence, use of force etc). The project work includes comparing aspects of the chosen topic in different countries from the perspective of the law, police education and jurisdiction. The students will present their work in written and/or oral form.

Required work

- Attendance at tutorials
- Independent work in teams
- Project report

Grading scale

The course will be graded on a scale of pass/fail.



3.10 English for International Contacts, 1 ECTS

Course level

Bachelor

Learning outcomes

After completing this course, the student will be able to:

- introduce him- or herself and their professional assignments in English in a structured manner and with credibility;
- produce and present spoken and written presentations related to the field of policing;
- create and maintain relationships and maintain a conversation without effort in English; and
- use a wide range of vocabulary related to international policing.

Subject matter

- Presentations, meetings, emails, telephone, interviews
- International professional vocabulary and subject areas, e.g. Interpol, Europol, Tispol, Cepol, Frontex

Required work

- Learning assignments, active participation in teaching, oral presentation and peer assessment of oral presentation
- Written examination

Attendance in classroom lessons is required (80%).

Grading scale

The study course is graded on a scale of 0–5.

The assessment is based on the descriptions of language proficiency in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages and the national Polytechnics skill



level descriptions derived from them (writing and speaking English). Proficiency level B2.

3.11 How to Be a Police Officer, 1 ECTS

Course level

Bachelor

Learning outcomes

After completing this course, the student will be able to:

- read and understand English literature
- analyse elements and relationships in English
- use key police vocabulary and phrases in English writing
- to develop their skills in English as part of their professional competences

Subject matter

- written skills
- reading comprehension
- police vocabulary

Required work

Book exam

Grading scale

The course will be graded on a scale of 0 to 5.

The assessment is based on the descriptions of language proficiency in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages and the national proficiency descriptions for polytechnics determined on the basis of the Framework. Proficiency level B2.

