

What You Can Expect to Learn:

- An overview of the criminal justice process.
- The roles of law enforcement, prosecutor, defense attorney, judge and probation officer in a criminal case.
- Diversity and racial issues within the framework of the criminal justice system.
- Perceptions of disparity in the criminal justice system.
- How you can have a positive impact on the criminal justice system.



To apply visit:

www.sacda.org
(Under - In the Community)

Application Deadline:

March 17, 2023

Qualifications:

You must be at least 18 years old and live or work in Sacramento County.

For Questions:

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For additional information about these agencies visit:

Sacramento County DA's Office
www.sacda.org

Sacramento County Superior Court
www.saccourt.ca.gov

Sacramento City Police Department
www.sacpd.org

Sacramento County Probation Department
probation.saccounty.net

Sacramento County Sheriff's Office
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Citizens Academy

April 4 to June 13, 2023

Sacramento Police Department
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What is Citizens Academy?

Citizens Academy is a FREE 10-week course designed to improve communication, foster a better understanding and develop relationships between members of the criminal justice system and our citizens, including those from different ethnic, cultural and faith-based communities.

The Mission & Vision of Citizens Academy

The **Mission** is to provide information and resources, mutual learning, critical analysis of issues, and exchange of ideas and perspectives.

The **Vision** is to achieve improved relationships and communication within the criminal justice system.



A first of its kind, there are several unique components to the Citizens Academy:

- A broad range of class topics and discussions.
- A diverse group of speakers and participants.
- Field trips to the District Attorney's office, courthouse, county jail and officer ride-alongs.

Spring 2023 Class

Tentative Schedule & Topics:

Day and time:
Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

- Week 1:** Introduction to Law Enforcement Agencies in Our Community
- Week 2:** The Role of the District Attorney: Anatomy of a Prosecution & Special Challenges for Prosecutors
- Week 3:** "Can We Talk?" Understanding Use of Force
- Week 4:** Semper Justitia
- Week 5:** "The Big Picture" - The Hypothetical Case: Anatomy of a Criminal Case From Offense, Investigation, Trial, Sentencing
- Week 6:** CSI Today - On Scene Investigations, Crime Lab Analysis
- Week 7:** Specialized Areas of Prosecution - Victim/ Witness, Domestic Violence, Elder Abuse, Juvenile Prosecution
- Week 8:** Federal Criminal Justice System/Recently Passed Initiatives/Laws
- Week 9:** "Outside the Box" Approach to the Justice System- Human Trafficking, Collaborative Courts, Prevention and Intervention Programs
- Week 10:** "From Rhetoric to Reality - Where Do We Go From Here?", Building Bridges & Partnerships and Community Participation

** All field trips are TBD*

What Citizens Academy Graduates Say...

"It's a wonderful program, we found out about it through NextDoor. It helps educate you and get you involved. It bridges the gap between the community and law enforcement." - **Sylvia Franklin**

"I loved how open everyone was, it was very transparent. We also loved the Sheriff's Department ride along and the different tours we got to take." - **Jenny Franklin**



"I really enjoyed this program. As a college student, I wanted to be part of the law enforcement program and I think this program gave me a better understanding of the District Attorney, the Defense Attorney, and law enforcement." - **Zabrina Torres**

"The Citizens Academy provided an informative, candid and revealing look at the inner workings of our law enforcement and criminal justice systems. We learned from knowledgeable insiders and were given a unique, behind-the-scenes view of the challenges they face everyday. Every class was fascinating." - **Joe Selewicz**



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