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Criminal Justice Administration (CJA) 1058 PC 832 Firearms Training (1.5 unit per semester;
limit 6 units)

[Formerly Criminal Justice Administration 58ABCD]

Prerequisite: Successful completion of CJA 1057 with a passing grade

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Prerequisite Knowledge/Skills: Before entering the course, the student should be able to:

1. Describe the role of law enforcement in the community,
2. Describe the levels of crimes,
3. Describe the legal requirements for making an arrest,
4. Identify and describe the elements of certain crimes against the justice system,
5. Effectively use legal terminology in the description and explanation of the laws of search and seizure,
6. Demonstrate a balanced stance,
7. Demonstrate the position of interview,
8. Demonstrate a control hold,
9. Demonstrate a takedown,
10. Demonstrate the proper application of handcuffs,
11. Demonstrate appropriate search of a person for weapons, and
12. Analyze and recall related statutes.

Total Hours: 24 hours lecture

Course Description: This course covers the competencies required for certification by Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) for Penal Code section 832 Firearms. This course includes engagement in the use of firearms: which will include handgun familiarization, safety, care, cleaning and storage, and firearms range qualifications. This course is offered as pass/no pass basis only. Only 1.5 units can be applied towards an Associate degree.



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Type of Class/Course: Degree Credit

Text: Applicable POST Learning Domains as established by POST

Additional Instructional Materials: None.

Course Objectives:

By the end of the course a successful student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the ability to properly use the service handgun and pass a course designed by POST,
2. Describe and demonstrate the safe handling of a firearm,
3. Describe and practice range safety,
4. Follow range commands and safety rules,
5. Describe the cleaning and proper storage of a firearm,
6. Demonstrate loading and unloading a firearm,
7. Describe and demonstrate handgun shooting principles,
8. Describe and demonstrate combat shooting principles,
9. Demonstrate practical aspects of combat firing, and
10. Evaluate and describe the exercise of discretion in the application of the use of deadly force.

Course Scope and Content:

- Unit I Firearms
 - A. Revolvers
 - B. Semi-automatic pistol

- Unit II Firearms shooting principles
 - A. Stance
 - B. Grip
 - C. Sight Alignment
 - D. Breathing
 - E. Trigger Control
 - F. Follow-through

- Unit III Legal and moral aspects of the use of deadly force
 - A. Possible criminal sanctions

- B. Possible civil sanctions

Unit IV Firearms safety

- A. Care and cleaning
- B. Storage- short term and long term
- C. Transportation

Unit V Range safety rules

- A. Range commands
- B. Safety rules and procedures on the range
- C. Safety rule quiz

Unit VI Firearms combat shooting principals

- A. Physical changes in combat situations-affect it has on accuracy
- B. Day vs. Night combat situations- affect it has on accuracy

Unit VII Practical aspects of combat firing

- A. Physical reactions that shooter can control
- B. Use of concealment vs cover
- C. Combat/Tactical magazine changes
- D. Tactical considerations based on environment

Learning Activities Required Outside of Class

The students in this class will spend a minimum of 3 hours per week outside of the regular class time doing the following:

1. The student will have to practice the techniques taught to maintain proficiency with their firearm.
2. Care and cleaning of firearm
3. Storage and transportation of a firearm
4. Students will prepare a written summary of the skills learned.

Methods of Instruction

1. Lecture
2. Demonstration
3. Class discussions and participation
4. Audiovisual presentations and practical exercises
5. Experience:
 - a. Safety rules
 - b. Functioning and Firing of the firearm
 - c. Firearm shooting principles

- d. Care and Cleaning
- e. Storage of a firearm
- f. Extensive practice in live fire exercises (one-on-one instruction/small groups)

Methods of Evaluation

1. Class Presentation
 - a. Students will demonstrate safety and competence with dry fire exercises.
2. Students must pass a performance exam demonstrating proficiency with live fire exercises at the range.
3. Students must pass a live fire exercise, determined by POST with a passing grade.

Supplemental Data:

TOP Code:	210500- Administration of Justice
SAM Priority Code:	C: Clearly Occupational
Funding Agency:	Y: Not Applicable
Program Status:	1: Program Applicable
Noncredit Category:	Y: Not Applicable
Special Class Status:	N: Course is not a special class
Basic Skills Status:	N: Not Applicable
Prior to College Level:	Y: Not Applicable
Cooperative Work Experience:	N: Course is not a part of a cooperative education program
Eligible for Credit by Exam:	No
Eligible for Pass/No Pass:	No

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