

IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE
COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE NO.
AJ 141

COURSE TITLE
Arrest and Firearms

INSTRUCTOR
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TEXTBOOK
California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training Basic Course Workbook Series Course Materials
(To be provided)

TERM
Fall 2013

CLASS TIMES
Thursdays 6:30pm-9:40pm

UNITS
3.5

INSTRUCTOR'S OFFICE HOURS
By appointment only.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Designed to satisfy training standards set forth by the Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) as required by Penal Code § 832 for Peace Officers, including laws of arrest, search and seizure, methods of arrest, discretionary decision making, and, where applicable, use and care of firearms. Supply fee may be charged.

PREREQUISITES:

- 1) No felony or domestic violence convictions
- 2) Able to successfully participate in physical requirements of class
- 3) U.S. citizen or have filed for U.S. citizenship

CO-REQUISITES: Department of Justice fingerprint clearance

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The student will be able to:

1. Identify the components of the criminal justice system, discuss the goals and discretion within the system, and distinguish between ethical and unethical conduct.
2. Explain the basic definitions and concepts of criminal law, including crime elements, defenses, probable cause, laws of arrest, and constitutional rights.
3. Explain the basic concepts and rules of evidence and search and seizure concepts.
4. Satisfactorily demonstrate or explain effective preliminary investigative practices, including crime scene protection, collection and preservation of evidence, and chain of custody.
5. Demonstrate knowledge and safe use of handgun and satisfactorily pass P.O.S.T. mandated exam.
6. Identify factors affecting attitudes and influences in the community.
7. Demonstrate effective written and oral communication skills (reports, interviewing, field notes).
8. Satisfactorily perform weaponless defense exercise and demonstrate knowledge of search, restraint, and transportation techniques.

GRADING PROCEDURE:

In order to pass the course, students must pass the P.O.S.T. written exam, Arrest & Control practical exam, and Firearms practical exam. The Arrest & Control and Firearms practical exams will be graded on a pass/fail basis.

The letter grade will be based on a total of 500 points, as follows:

Quizzes: varying points per quiz = 160

P.O.S.T. Written Exam = 340 (85 actual points x 4)

A = 450-500

C = 350-399

B = 400-449

D = 0-349

F = failure of P.O.S.T. written exam, Arrest & Control practical exam, OR Firearms practical exam.

PLEASE NOTE: Students are expected to do the week's reading prior to class and complete the blanks on the Learning Domains Outline.

Quizzes will be given at the start of class and will last no more than 20 minutes. Students coming late will not be given extra time. Failure to take a quiz or exam will result in a zero for that quiz or exam unless prior approval is given by the instructor. Bring a No. 2 pencil and Scantron form to class on exam days.

You must communicate to your instructor any problems that you are having with the course.

ATTENDANCE: P.O.S.T. regulations require that you attend 95% of the course hours. Therefore, you will be allowed to have one three-hour absence from class. On the second absence, you will be dropped from the class. Attendance will be taken at the start of class and after breaks. If you come in late, it is your responsibility to let the instructor know that you came in, or you may be marked absent for all or part of the class. You must attend every single hour of the unarmed self-defense and firearms portions of this course. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

ACADEMIC ETHICS: Cheating is defined as copying answers from another student on an exam or assignment, allowing another student to copy answers from you, turning in work as your own that someone else did for you, working with another student on an assignment without the instructor's express consent, or turning in a writing assignment that uses another's words or ideas without crediting the source of the words or ideas.

CHEATING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. Anyone caught cheating will get a zero for the assignment or exam and may be dropped from the class with the grade of F.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR: Any conduct that disrupts the learning process cannot be tolerated. Anyone engaging in such conduct will be asked to leave the classroom. Talking, whispering, loud yawning, and cell phones ringing during class are examples of disruptive behavior because such conduct is disrespectful and distracting to the instructor and to other students.

NOTICE: Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP & S) Office as soon as possible. [Room 2117, Health Sciences Building; Phone: (760) 355-6312]

*** STUDENT MUST PASS THE P.O.S.T. EXAM IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THIS COURSE***

**DOJ FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE MUST BE COMPLETE
AND ALL AMMUNITION MUST BE BOUGHT BY STUDENT
PRIOR TO
THE START OF THE FIREARMS SECTION OF THIS COURSE**