



Basic Course Information

Semester:	Winter 2026	Instructor Name:	Jeff Caudill
Course Title & #:	AJ 141 Arrest & Firearms	Email:	Jeff.Caudill@Imperial.edu
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Classroom:	3212	Office #:	3207 B
Class Dates:	January 8, 2026 - January 24, 2026	Office Hours:	5:00 PM-6:00 PM (M-R)
Class Days:	Thursday-Sunday	Office Phone #:	760-355-6340
Class Times:	8:00 AM-5:00 PM	Emergency Contact:	
Units:	3.5	Class Format/Modality:	In-person

Course Description

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

Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)

Prerequisites as required by P.O.S.T.: No felony or domestic violence convictions. Able to successfully participate in physical requirements of the class. U.S. citizen or have filed for U.S. citizenship. Department of Justice fingerprint clearance.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and attitudes as demonstrated by being able to: 1. Identify the elements of an arrest and the laws of the arrest of suspects. 2. Identify the various parts of ammunition and firearms and demonstrate proficiency in firearms. 3. Demonstrate the techniques to arrest a suspect and defend yourself if attacked.

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students 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, but not limited to, 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 a handgun and satisfactorily pass P.O.S.T. mandated examination.
6. Identify factors affecting attitudes and influences in the community.
7. Demonstrate effective written and oral communication skills in reports, interviewing, field notes, etc.



8. Satisfactorily perform weaponless defense exercises and demonstrate knowledge of search, restraint, and transportation techniques.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

No textbook. Information provided in class.

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

This course will consist of lectures, discussions, and activities. The arrest & control portion of the course will require students to physically participate in guided instruction in various techniques involving arresting and controlling subjects. The firearms portion of the course will need students to demonstrate proficiency in a course in fire as presented by the instructors. There is no required homework for the course.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

The arrest & control portion of the course will require students to physically participate in guided instruction on various techniques involving arresting and controlling subjects. The student's ability to demonstrate the necessary methods of arresting and controlling subjects will also be assessed. The evaluation is pass or fail. The firearms portion of the course will need students to demonstrate proficiency during fire, as presented by the instructors. There will be an assessment of the student's ability during firearms. The assessment is pass or fail. The final test will be a comprehensive multiple-choice assessment, covering the materials covered in the classroom lectures and required learning domains, as required by the Commission on Peace Officer's Standards and Training (POST). The passing score will be determined by POST. If the students fail any portion of the required assessments, including arrest & control, firearms, or the comprehensive test, they will have one opportunity to review the material and re-test. If they fail the re-test, they will fail the course. These guidelines are required by POST.

Academic Honesty (Artificial Intelligence -AI)

IVC values critical thinking and communication skills and considers academic integrity essential to learning. Using AI tools as a replacement for your thinking, writing, or quantitative reasoning goes against our mission and educational honesty policy and will be considered academic dishonesty or plagiarism unless you have been instructed to do so by your instructor. In case of any uncertainty regarding the ethical use of AI tools, students are encouraged to contact their instructors for clarification.

Course Policies

Attendance: •

The Commission of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) requires students to attend 95% of the course. This course is 88 hours; therefore, students cannot miss more than 5 hours of class during the entire course, or they will be dismissed and receive a failing grade.

Other Course Information

Academic Honesty:

Academic honesty in advancing knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect one another's work's integrity and recognize the importance of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

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There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Instead, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

- **Plagiarism** is taking and presenting one's writings or ideas of others without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not know how to "cite a source" correctly, you must ask for help.
- **Cheating** is fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, using or attempting to use materials or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the General Catalog for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service.

IVC Student Resources

Imperial Valley College offers various services to support student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available.

- **Learning Services.** There are several learning labs on campus to assist students using computers and tutors. Please consult your Campus Map for the Math Lab; Reading, Writing & Language Labs; and the Study Skills Center.
- **Library Services.** There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the Study Skills Center, study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resources

IVC wants you to be successful in all aspects of your education. For help, resources, services, and an explanation of policies, visit <http://www.imperial.edu/studentresources> or click the heart icon in Canvas.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

Day	DATE	DAY	TIME IN	TIME OUT	LD	SUBJECT
1	1/8/2026	Thursday	8:00	10:00	X	Intro/Equipment
		Thursday	10:00	12:00	LD-1	Leadership, Professionalims & Ethics
		Thursday	13:00	15:00	LD-2	Criminal Justice System
		Thursday	15:00	17:00	LD-3	Policing in the Community
2	1/9/2026	Friday	8:00	12:00	LD - 35	Firearms Safety Lecture
		Friday	13:00	17:00	LD - 35	Firearms Class Skills



3	1/10/2026	Saturday	8:00	17:00		Firearms Training - Practice (RANGE)
4	1/11/2026	Sunday	8:00	17:00	LD - 35	Firearms Training - TEST (RANGE)
5	1/15/2026	Thursday	8:00	17:00	LD-33	Arrest & Control - Practice
6	1/16/2026	Friday	8:00	17:00	LD-33	Arrest & Control - TEST
7	1/17/2026	Saturday	8:00	10:00	LD - 17	Presentation of Evidence
			10:00	12:00	LD - 30	Crime Scene, Evidence & Forensics
			13:00	17:00	LD - 5	Introduction to Criminal Law
8	1/18/2026	Sunday	8:00	10:00	LD - 39	Crimes against the Justice System
			10:00	17:00	LD - 15	Laws of Arrest
9	1/22/2026	Thursday	8:00	12:00	LD - 16	Search and Seizure
			13:00	17:00	LD - 20	Use of Force
10	1/23/2026	Friday	8:00	10:00	LD - 18	Investigative Report Writing
			10:00	12:00	LD - 42	Cultural Diversity/Discrimination
			13:00	15:00	PS1	Class Activity - LD Reviews
			15:00	17:00	TMAS	FINAL TEST
11	1/24/2026	Saturday	8:00	17:00	PS2	L.E. Agency Functions



					PS3	Court Procedures
					PS4	Corrections/Parole

*****Subject to change without prior notice*****