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Course Outline for AJ 9997

LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

Effective: Spring 2014

I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

AJ 9997 — LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY — 29.00 units

Basic concepts of law enforcement, covering investigation, procedures, records, laws, tactics, firearms, and public and human relations. The Law Enforcement Academy is certified by the Commission of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). Strongly Recommended: Administration of Justice 50, 60, 61, and 70 or employment as a peace officer.

14.00 Units Lecture 15.00 Units Lab

Strongly Recommended

AJ 50 - Intro to Admin of Justice
with a minimum grade of C

AJ 60 - Criminal Law
with a minimum grade of C

AJ 61 - Evidence
with a minimum grade of C

AJ 70 - Community Relations
with a minimum grade of C

Grading Methods:

Pass/No Pass

Discipline:

	MIN
Lecture Hours:	252.00
Expected Outside of Class Hours:	504.00
Lab Hours:	810.00
Total Hours:	1566.00

II. NUMBER OF TIMES COURSE MAY BE TAKEN FOR CREDIT: 1

III. PREREQUISITE AND/OR ADVISORY SKILLS:

Before entering this course, it is strongly recommended that the student should be able to:

- A. AJ50
- B. AJ60
- C. AJ61
- D. AJ70

IV. MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. explain the elements and workings of the California Criminal Justice System;
2. discuss the General Criminal Statutes;
3. relate the history, professionalism and ethics of the peace officer;
4. discuss relevant statutes and policies relating to cultural diversity and discrimination;
5. demonstrate appropriate skills in dealing with crowd control, handling disputes, and dealing with domestic violence;
6. demonstrate skills in first aid and CPR procedures;
7. demonstrate skills in weaponless defense;
8. explain the laws and relevant department policies regarding use of force;
9. demonstrate appropriate and effective patrol techniques including vehicle operations;
10. demonstrate the use of effective English skills in report writing;
11. demonstrate proper preliminary investigation techniques including the gathering and preservation of evidence;

12. identify various controlled substances and explain the laws relating to their use;
13. discuss intervention well as prevention techniques;
14. demonstrate the proper use of firearms and chemical agents;
15. demonstrate a level of physical fitness appropriate to the position of peace officer;
16. function as a peace officer in the field;
17. demonstrate effective computer skills.

V. CONTENT:

- A. Introduction to the Academy
 1. Student obligations and responsibilities
 2. Law enforcement problems
- B. Criminal law and the criminal justice system
 1. Elements of the system
 2. Crimes against the justice system
 3. Crimes against persons
 4. Crimes against children
 5. Property crimes
- C. Search and seizure concepts
 1. Constitutional rights
 2. Basic principles such as probable cause
 3. Specific code sections involving these areas
- D. Evidence
 1. Rules pertaining to evidence
 2. Court cases pertaining to the admission of evidence
- E. Communication
 1. Interpersonal
 2. Oral, written, and body language
 3. Telecommunications, including CORPUS
 4. Stress factors involved
- F. Traffic control including traffic rules and accident investigation
- G. Investigations
 1. Investigating specific crimes
 2. Interviewing/interrogation
 3. Crime scene search
 4. Securing evidence
 5. Investigative reporting
 6. Sex crimes investigation
- H. Vehicle operation including defensive driving and pursuit driving
- I. Weapon and weaponless defense
 1. Baton techniques
 2. Firearms, including range activities
 3. Chemical agents
 4. Avoiding the use of force
- J. Crisis intervention and management
 1. Crowd control
 2. Civil cases, as landlord-tenant
 3. Personal, including spouse and/or family disputes
- K. Emergency procedures
 1. Advanced first aid
 2. Emergency care
 3. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- L. Physical fitness
- M. Hazardous materials
- N. Gang awareness
- O. Unusual occurrences
- P. Computer basics

VI. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

- A. **Lecture** -
- B. **Guest Lecturers** -
- C. **Demonstration** -
- D. **Simulations** -
- E. **Classroom Activity** -
- F. **Discussion** - Seminar-style
- G. Case studies
- H. **Field Trips** -

VII. TYPICAL ASSIGNMENTS:

A. Lecture 1. "Laws of Arrest" 2. "Presentation of Evidence" B. Demonstration 1. "Lifetime Fitness" 2. "Crowd Control Techniques" C. Class activity 1. CPR exercise 2. Range live fire exercises

VIII. EVALUATION:

A. **Methods**

B. **Frequency**

1. Frequency of Evaluations
 - a. Weekly POST Learning Domain examinations
 - b. Proficiency examinations are given four times during the academy
 - c. Physical Abilities Assessments are given in weeks 1, 16, and 27
 - d. Other examinations are given once or as needed

IX. TYPICAL TEXTS:

1. California Vehicle Code
2. Penal Code of California, Police Officer's Abridged Edition
3. POST Learning Domain Handbooks

X. OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED OF STUDENTS:

- A. Classroom uniform and physical training uniform, approved departmental duty handgun and shotgun, Sam Browne belt with appropriate rings and holders, handcuff case with handcuffs, flashlight, baton, ammunition, and chemical agents and equipment, including gas masks and smoke grenades.