

PALOMAR COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD FOR
DEGREE CREDIT COURSE

_____ Transfer course x A.A. degree applicable course
 (check all that apply)

COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE: AJ 65 Preparation for Law Enforcement

UNIT VALUE: 3

MINIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS: 48

BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENTS: Appropriate language skills

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS: None

PREREQUISITE: None

COREQUISITE: None

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION: None

SCOPE OF COURSE: This course will provide an educational overview of the hiring process of law enforcement agencies and prepare the serious candidate for law enforcement employment to successfully complete the pre-employment testing and screening process. It will take the student from the written test all the way through to the oral interview.

SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES: At the conclusion of the course the student will be able to:

1. Understand the history of police work, law enforcement and various law enforcement job tasks.
2. Identify various career opportunities in the field of law enforcement.
3. Identify various methods of researching potential law enforcement employers.
4. Understand the importance of thoroughly completing an employment application and background information packet.
5. Identify various methods of personal presentation planning
6. Recognize the importance of public speaking and will give a five-minute oral presentation about himself/herself.
7. Become familiar with the types of exams that departments administer.
8. Identify and understand the fifteen P.O.S.T. Job Dimensions.
9. Recognize ways to successfully pass a physical agility exam.
10. Demonstrate skills learned in class by participating in a short oral board interview along with submitting a background information packet.
11. Identify ways to succeed in the academy, in field training and as a career police officer.

CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:

1. Drug usage

2. Experience and Employment
3. Interviewing skills
4. Pre-employment research
5. Definitions of the 15 P.O.S.T. Job Dimensions
6. Financial
7. Motor vehicle operation
8. Various jobs in the law enforcement field
9. Written communications
10. Test taking
11. Ethics, honesty and Integrity
12. Various topics associated with peace officers
13. Legal and criminal
14. References

REQUIRED READING: Informational materials handed out during course and those reference materials needed to complete project.

SUGGESTED READING: None

REQUIRED WRITING: The student will be responsible for completing a project in which the student will be required to research a law enforcement job and complete a written report. This project will allow for the student to learn how to obtain the necessary information that is needed to make a proper decision in choosing the right agency for them to work for. In addition, this project will teach the student how to conduct research on an agency prior to an interview.

OUTSIDE ASSIGNMENTS: See above research project.

The student will be required to research and write a paper on a particular position in law enforcement. In doing so the student shall complete and include the results of the following items:

1. Must interview one person who works for the organization.
2. Must use the following as research references
 - a. 2 web sites from the World Wide Web
 - b. 2 books
 - c. 1 magazine
 - d. Job announcement

In addition, the student will be required to participate in a ride-along with at least one police department. The student will be required to submit, in writing a brief synopsis of their ride-along.

Students are expected to spend a minimum of three hours per unit per week in class and on outside assignments, prorated for short-term classes.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY:

Check all that apply:

- lecture
- laboratory
- lecture-laboratory combination
- directed study

This course may be offered as a distance learning course and meets Title 5 regulations 55370, 55372, 55374, 55376, 55378, and 55380.

Yes _____ No

If yes, check all that apply.

- _____ Television Course (Video one-way, e.g. ITV, video cassette, etc.)
- _____ Online Course (Text one-way, e.g. newspaper, correspondence, electronic file, etc.)
- _____ Two-Way Video Conferencing (Two-way interactive video and audio)
- _____ One-Way Video Conferencing (One-way interactive video and two-way interactive audio)
- _____ Computer Assisted Instruction (A specialized form of mediated instruction relying primarily on student access to information and prepared lessons or teaching materials through a computer terminal, but not under immediate supervision of a qualified instructor.)

GRADING POLICY AND STANDARDS (include methods of determining whether the stated objectives have been met by students):

Papers will conform to all standards set forth by Palomar College and a grade of credit/no credit will be based upon spelling, grammar, content and neatness.

IS COURSE REPEATABLE FOR REASON(S) OTHER THAN DEFICIENT GRADE?

Yes ___ No Number of times course may be taken for credit: 1

If yes, identify specific provision of Title 5 Division 2 section(s), 55761-55763 and 58161 which qualifies course as repeatable:

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SIGNATURES:

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