

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 117B Patrol Tactics 2

UNIT VALUE: 4

MINIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS: 64

BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENTS: Appropriate language skills

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

PREREQUISITE: None

COREQUISITE: None

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION: None

SCOPE OF COURSE: Specific types of circumstances encountered by patrol officers including patrol methods, vehicle stops, and unusual occurrences are included in this course. CSU

SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of the course the student will be able to:

1. Prepare for a patrol shift.
2. Describe the factors that affect an officer's observational skills.
3. Discuss how different patrol techniques can be used to prevent crime and apprehend offenders.
4. Analyze situations and perform skills required during common patrol tasks such as stopping pedestrian, making a crime broadcast, and handling field encounters with plainclothes officers.
5. Analyze situations and perform skills needed to conduct a safe, lawful, and tactically sound vehicle pullover.
6. Analyze situations and perform skills needed to conduct a safety and effective physical search of a vehicle.
7. Perform skills needed to react appropriately to events such as earthquakes and floods that threaten public safety.

CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:

- I. Patrol Techniques
 - A. Patrol preparation
 - 1. Uniforms
 - 2. Equipment
 - 3. Information acquisition
 - 4. Vehicle inspection
 - B. Types of patrol
 - C. Vehicle patrol techniques
 - D. Radio communication
 - E. Patrol techniques
 - 1. Business patrol
 - 2. Residential patrol
 - 3. Varying patterns
 - 4. Checks of suspicious persons
 - F. Directed enforcement
 - G. Advantages and disadvantages of various patrol methods
 - H. Patrol patterns
 - 1. Circular
 - 2. Double back
 - 3. Random
 - I. Observation skills
 - J. Factors in selecting a patrol strategy
 - 1. Officer safety
 - 2. Population distribution
 - 3. Need for directed enforcement
 - 4. Crime activity
 - 5. Geography/topography
 - 6. Locations that require frequent checks
- II. Vehicle Pullovers
 - A. Types of vehicle pullovers
 - B. Location selection
 - 1. Safety factors
 - 2. Visibility to passing traffic
 - 3. Possible escape routes
 - 4. Availability of cover and concealment
 - 5. Lighting
 - 6. Hostile environment
- III. Unusual occurrences
 - A. Events that threaten public safety
 - B. Responsibilities during major disasters
 - C. Airplane crashes
 - D. Explosive devices
 - E. Extinguishing fires
 - F. Entering and searching a burning building

REQUIRED READING:

Robbins, Ray K., Larry D. Nicholos, Barry E. Dineen. California Peace Officer: The Basic Course. 3rd edition. Berkeley: McCutchan Publishing, 1993. Chapters 21, 22, 26.

SUGGESTED READING:

Articles as distributed or assigned by instructor.

REQUIRED WRITING:

The student will write a two-page description of how to conduct a vehicle pullover. The student will write a two-page essay on how to get ready for work. The student will participate in a learning activity where he/she is required to observe an event and after a short delay, describe the nature of the event and any pertinent observations made. The student will critique ten vehicle pullovers and submit a half-page report on each.

OUTSIDE ASSIGNMENTS:

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.

Observing and critiquing an actual police incident where a vehicle pullover is conducted, or a video showing a vehicle pullover; writing papers and reports; preparing for the P.O.S.T. knowledge domain tests.

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):

The California Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training is the accrediting body for this course. Within this course there are three knowledge domains. The student must pass a state generated test on each knowledge domain. Passing is 80%

Course grade will be the average of the P.O.S.T. test and final. Written assignments will be pass/fail.

Performance test will also be administered. Grading on scenario testing will be pass/fail.

- 25% Patrol Procedures
- 25% Vehicle Stops
- 25% Unusual Occurrences
- 25% Final

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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*I certify that this course meets all the minimum requirements for A.A. degree applicable courses.

Course outlines of record should be reviewed regularly and revised as necessary.

NOTE: Some revisions to course outlines of record require Curriculum Committee approval, others may not. Please consult your dean or the Instruction Office if you need assistance.