

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: AJ118A – Basic Firearms

UNIT VALUE: 2

MINIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS: 48

BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENTS: Appropriate language skills

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

PREREQUISITE: None

COREQUISITE: None

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION: None

SCOPE OF COURSE:

Principles of firearm safety, ballistics and legal aspects of weapons. Fundamentals of marksmanship. Proficiency with revolver, pistol, and shotgun will be required. CSU

SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES:

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

1. Describe the operation and nomenclature of semi-automatic and revolver type handguns.
2. Describe the operation and nomenclature of law enforcement shotguns.
3. Discuss the effective range and spread of different barrel and load combinations commonly used in law enforcement.
4. Qualify with a handgun
5. Qualify with a shotgun
6. Discuss the legal aspects of using a firearm

CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:

- I. Safety
 - A. Range
 1. Range rules
 2. Weapon handling
 - B. Home
 1. Storage
 2. Alcohol/drug use

- C. On-Duty
 - 1. Retention
 - 2. Holster
 - 3. Professional conduct
- D. Off-Duty
 - 1. Retention
 - 2. Wearing or storage
 - 3. Legal aspect
 - 4. Alcohol/drug use
- II. Nomenclature and Operating Characteristics
 - A. Revolver
 - B. Semi-automatic pistol
 - C. Shotgun
- III. Care, maintenance, cleaning
 - A. Revolver
 - B. Semi-automatic pistol
 - C. Shotgun
- IV. Marksmanship
 - A. Shooting position
 - B. Sight alignment
 - C. Target picture
- V. Legal Aspects of Weapons
 - A. Ownership and possession
 - B. Carrying concealed weapons
 - C. Homicide and murder
 - 1. Justified
 - 2. Non-justified
- VI. Range Activities
 - A. Basic marksmanship
 - 1. Revolver
 - 2. Pistol
 - 3. Shotgun
 - B. Qualification
 - 1. Revolver
 - 2. Pistol
 - 3. Shotgun

REQUIRED READING:

Selected section from the California Penal Code; handout material

SUGGESTED READING:

None

REQUIRED WRITING:

1. The student will write a two-page essay describing when the use of a firearm is justified.
2. The student will write a two-page essay explaining how to use a semi-automatic pistol.

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.

Reading textbook, writing papers, and preparing for the P.O.S.T. knowledge domain test.

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):

- 20% Safety Examination
- 20% Nomenclature Examination
- 20% Legal Aspect Examination
- 40% Performance Scores
 - Revolver (40%)
 - Pistol (40%)
 - Shotgun (20%)

Performance test other than the qualification score will also be administered. Grading is on a pass/fail basis.

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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