

PALOMAR COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD FOR
DEGREE CREDIT COURSE

Transfer course A.A. degree applicable course

(check all that apply)

COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE: AJ 141 Enforcement Psychology

UNIT VALUE: 3

MINIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS: 48

BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENTS: Appropriate language skills

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

PREREQUISITE: None

COREQUISITE: None

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION: None

SCOPE OF COURSE:

A course designed to assist the peace officer understand the psychological dilemma of law enforcement. Victimology, diversity, politics, and tactical aspects of the criminal justice system will be evaluated from a psychological perspective.

SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES:

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

1. Discuss the emotional environment of law enforcement
2. Describe mob and group behavior
3. Describe violence as a controlling factor
4. Discuss the considerations given to politics and selective enforcement
5. Discuss multicultural enforcement issues
6. Describe the dynamics of domestic violence and child abuse

7. Describe how to defuse a potentially volatile situation
8. Discuss psychological theories and their relevance to law enforcement
9. Describe policing styles and departmental ethos
10. Discuss psychological aspects of courtroom demeanor
11. Discuss the various aspects of how to evaluate him/her self

CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:

- I. Emotional environment of law enforcement
- II. Mob and group psychology
- III. Psychological theories and law enforcement
- IV. Violence
- V. Victimology
- VI. Politics
- VII. Multicultural issues
 - A. Racial
 - B. Age
 - C. Gender
 - D. Sexual preference
 - E. Gangs
 - F. Other subcultures
- VIII. Policing styles and department ethos
- IX. Defusing
- X. Domestic violence
- XI. Self evaluation

REQUIRED READING:

Instructor generated handouts

SUGGESTED READING:

Articles and distributed material

REQUIRED WRITING:

The student will be required to write two page essays on the following topics:

- 1. Mob and group psychology
- 2. Victims
- 3. Psychology and diversity
- 4. Enforcement psychology
- 5. Psychological theories
- 6. Self

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.

Completing reading and writing assignments, and studying for course examinations

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY:

Check all that apply:

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

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

Yes No

If yes, check all that apply. (See guidelines for preparation for definitions.)

- telecourse
- mediated instruction
- computer assisted instruction

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

60% of semester grade

Three midterms

30% of semester grade

Writing assignments

10% of semester grade

Self evaluation of enforcement style

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

Yes ____ No X Number of times course may be taken for credit: ____

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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