

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 172 POLICE RESERVE OFFICER III COURSE

UNIT VALUE: 07 (4 Lecture/3 Lecture-Lab)

MINIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS: 170

**BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENTS:**

Appropriate language skills

**ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

**PREREQUISITE:** Free from any felony conviction or domestic violence conviction. Valid driver's license. 18-years of age.

**COREQUISITE:** None.

**RECOMMENDED PREPARATION:** None.

**SCOPE OF COURSE:**

A 170-hour course of instruction mandated and certified by Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) for individuals functioning as a Level III Reserve Police Officer. Includes professional orientation, criminal law and procedures, communications, first aid, firearms, vehicle operations, defensive tactics, officer safety, report writing, and fitness.

**SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

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

1. Describe the role of a police officer.
2. Define the law enforcement code of ethics and what constitutes unethical conduct and how to handle it.
3. Discuss basic criminal procedures.
4. Qualify with a semi-automatic pistol.
5. Demonstrate effective self-defense methods.

6. Write basic police reports.
7. Discuss the basic operations of a police vehicle.
8. Discuss officer safety.
9. Demonstrate appropriate basic first aid and CPR procedures.
10. Obtain a level of fitness appropriate to a Level III Reserve Officer.

**CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:**

- I. Professional Orientation
  - A. Law enforcement agencies
  - B. Code of Ethics
  - C. Professionalism
  - D. Criminal Justice System
- II. Criminal Law and Procedures
  - A. Laws of Arrest
  - B. Criminal procedures
  - C. Rules of evidence
  - D. Search and seizure
  - E. Criminal Law
- III. Communication and Report Writing
  - A. Oral
  - B. Written
- IV. First Aid
  - A. Basic first aid
  - B. CPR
- V. Firearms
  - A. Safety
  - B. Use of Force
  - C. Marksmanship
  - D. Qualification
  - E. Chemical Agents
- VI. Vehicle Operations
  - A. Legal aspects
  - B. Operation
- VII. Defensive Tactics
  - A. Person control
  - B. Handcuffs
  - C. Body search
  - D. Prisoner transport

VIII. Officer Safety

- A. Levels of alertness
- B. Deadly errors
- C. Methods to avoid assaults

**REQUIRED READING:**

Hunt, Derald D. PC 832 Concepts IV. Lake Tahoe: Copperhouse Publishing, 1994.

**SUGGESTED READING:**

State of California. Penal and Vehicle Codes, 1998. San Clemente: Law Tech Publishing Co., 1998.

**REQUIRED WRITING:**

Ten one-page narrative incident reports.

**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.

Study for PC 832 California State Examination.

**INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY:**

At a minimum, specify lecture, laboratory, lecture-laboratory combination, or directed study. You may add a statement.

**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:**

- telecourse
- mediated instruction
- computer assisted instruction

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

- 25% PC 832 State Examination
- 25% Performance Examination
- 25% Final Examination
- 25% Ten Writing Assignments



**IS COURSE REPEATABLE FOR REASON(S) OTHER THAN DEFICIENT GRADE?**  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No   x   Number of times course may be taken for credit:  
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If yes, identify specific provision of Title 5 Division 2 section(s) 55761-55763 and 58161 which qualifies course as repeatable:

**CONTACT PERSON:** Enter name and extension number of person to contact in case of questions.

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