

# Lassen Community College Course Outline

## AJ-53 Basic Force and Weaponry

2.0 Units

### I. Catalog Description

This course is designed for probation officers, fire investigators, and other personnel who are planning to work or who have been assigned to work an armed position. The course meets the California Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) 832 Firearms requirements and will provide students with practical and realistic tactical exercises to build confidence and improve weapon handling skills. Enrollment limited to current California peace officers who are sponsored by their agency. Course instructor signature required for enrollment. Material fees of \$15.00 per student collected at time of registration. Repeatable as necessary to maintain certification.

**Recommended Preparation:** Successful completion of ENGL105 or equivalent multiple measures placement.

Does Not Transfer

40 hours lecture, 80 Expected Outside Class Hours, 120 Total Student Learning Hours

Scheduled: Spring, Summer, Fall

### II. Coding Information

Repeatability: None

Grading Option: Pass/No Pass

Credit Type: Credit - Degree Applicable

TOP Code: 210500

### III. Course Objectives

#### A. Course Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the understanding of the Four Basic Safety Rules for handling firearms.
2. Demonstrate the knowledge of the nomenclature of the weapon
3. Demonstrate the proper take down, cleaning, and reassembly of firearms.
4. Demonstrate the safe and effective use of a firearm while demonstrating safe loading/unloading procedures.
5. Demonstrate safe, accurate, and effective use of a firearm from varying distances and positions.
6. Demonstrate knowledge of agency policies and laws with respect to use of force considerations.

#### B. Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate understanding of the agency policy regarding the use of firearms.
2. Demonstrate understanding of State, Federal and Constitutional laws with respect to the use of deadly force.
3. Demonstrate the knowledge of firearms and their safe handling and use. This will include, but is not limited to, loading, unloading and the correct handling during misfires.

4. Participate in the takedown, cleaning, and reassembly of firearms.
5. Demonstrate the ability to apply the fundamentals for handgun marksmanship to fire accurately from the prone, kneeling, sitting and standing positions.
6. Demonstrate knowledge of handgun tactics and the skills of combat shooting.
7. Assess the need for the use of force and select the appropriate level of force to be used.
8. Demonstrate proficiency in weapon retention
9. Demonstrate proficiency with the weapon and obtain agency qualification

#### **IV. Course Content**

- A. Introductions and Orientation
- B. Introduction to Firearms
  1. Firearm familiarization and nomenclature
  2. Firearm and range safety
  3. Shooting principles and marksmanship
  4. Firearm care and cleaning
- C. Use of Force
  1. Penal code and State laws
  2. Case law
    - a. U.S. Supreme Court
    - b. Other applicable court rulings
  3. Department policy
  4. Training requirements
  5. Application
- D. Shooting Fundamentals – Dry Fire
  1. Stance
  2. Draw
  3. Grip
  4. Sight alignment
  5. Trigger control
  6. Reloads
  7. Clearing malfunctions
- E. Weaponless Defense
  1. Wrist and twist locks
  2. Take downs
- F. Weapon Retention
  1. Grabs and traps
  2. Takeaways
- G. Shooting Fundamentals - Live Fire
  1. 7 Yard line (POST)
    - a. Loading
    - b. Holstering
    - c. Draw and firing
    - d. Trigger reset
    - e. Reloading
    - f. Clearing malfunctions
    - g. Scanning
  2. 3 Yard line (POST)
    - a. Two handed from hip level

- b. Drawing firing and reloading
  - 3. 15 Yard line (POST)
    - a. Two handed sighted
    - b. Drawing firing and reloading
- H. Introduction to Kneeling Positions
  - 1. Unsupported
  - 2. Supported
  - 3. Double kneeling
- I. POST 832 Course of Fire – Practice and Qualification
  - 1. 3 yard line
  - 2. 7 yard line
  - 3. 15 yard line
- J. Firearm Maintenance
- K. Introduction to Prone Positions
  - 1. Isosceles prone
  - 2. Rollover prone
- L. Introduction to Barricade Shooting
  - 1. Understanding cover and concealment
  - 2. Strong side barricade
  - 3. Support side barricade
- M. Introduction to Multiple Threats
  - 1. Threat assessment
  - 2. Spread fire
- N. Introduction to One Handed Shooting
  - 1. Strong side
  - 2. Support side
- O. Introduction to Alternate Reloads
  - 1. Combat
  - 2. Tactical
- P. Single Threat Assessment
  - 1. Failure drill
  - 2. Center mass verses Central Nervous System
- Q. Introduction to Movement
  - 1. Forward and rearward
  - 2. Lateral
- R. Combat Course Qualification
- S. Range Maintenance
  - 1. Serviceability
  - 2. Cleanliness

## **V. Assignments**

### **A. Appropriate Readings**

Required reading assignments to include applicable Federal and state laws and participant's agency policies related to the topic.

### **B. Expected Outside Assignments**

The student will be required to examine, critique, and review critical areas of course topics. Assignments could include, but not limited to, reviewing policy, procedures, and applicable laws; and reviewing and practicing in a controlled environment new techniques and skills learned in class.

### **C. Specific Assignments that Demonstrate Critical Thinking**

The student will be required to examine, critique, and review critical areas of each topic presented. The student will apply learned knowledge of firearms and safety to the proper firing of their firearms.

## **VI. Methods of Evaluation**

### **Traditional Classroom Instruction**

Students will be evaluated on the accuracy and completeness of their knowledge, understanding, and application of appropriate codes, policies, and procedures as well as in course dry and live firing exercises. Students must complete two practical live fire shooting evaluations and a written evaluation with passing scores to receive POST certification and passing grade.

## **VII. Methods of Delivery**

Check those delivery methods for which, this course has been separately approved by the Curriculum/Academic Standards Committee.

Traditional Classroom Delivery     Correspondence Delivery

Hybrid Delivery                       Online Delivery

### **Traditional Classroom Instruction**

Special topics class will be taught in a seminar format. Typical instruction components of the course will be as follows:

1. Overview and goals of the course.
2. Instructor-modeled review and analysis of codes policies, and procedures related to topic, followed by group discussion.
3. Instructor-modeled review and analysis of handgun firing techniques, shooting positions and tactical considerations, followed by student demonstration of knowledge/skills.

## **VIII. Representative Texts and Supplies**

1. Federal and State codes related to course of instruction as well as student supplied agency policy on firearms use.
2. Student supplied eye and ear protection, note book, gym clothing, appropriate outdoor range attire, agency supplied handgun, duty equipment and ammunition.

## **IX. Discipline/s Assignment**

Administration of Justice

## **X. Course Status**

Current Status: Active

Course Originator: Thomas V. Downing

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Board Approval Date: 03/10/2020

Chancellor's Office Approval Date: 03/13/2020

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