

EL CAMINO COLLEGE
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE 49
PC 832 ARREST & FIREARMS COURSE

SECTION 7002 / FALL 2015 (10/20 - 12/10)
POST CONTROL # 3490-80100

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The PC 832 Arrest and Firearms Course is designed to meet the minimum requirements for training as required by Penal Code Section 832. This is a standardized course and is certified by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).

The course has three components: 45 hours of lecture covering the below listed topics (Learning Domains), 9 hours of training in arrest methods and control, and 18 hours of training in the use of firearms for a total of 72 hours. The Learning Domains contain the minimum required foundational information.

- LD 01 Leadership, Professionalism & Ethics
- LD 02 Criminal Justice System
- LD 03 Policing in the Community
- LD 05 Introduction to Criminal Law
- LD 15 Laws of Arrest
- LD 16 Search and Seizure
- LD 17 Presentation of Evidence
- LD 18 Investigative Report Writing
- LD 20 Use of Force
- LD 30 Crime Scenes, Evidence, and Forensics
- LD 33 Arrest Methods / Defensive Tactics
- LD 35 Firearms
- LD 39 Crimes Against the Justice System
- LD 42 Cultural Diversity / Discrimination

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, students will be able to

- Explain the fundamentals of the aforementioned Learning Domains, especially in the areas of search and seizure, laws of arrest, presentation of evidence, and proper documentation.
- Demonstrate proficiency in the safe handling of a firearm, cleaning and maintenance, and principles of shooting accurately.
- Explain the legal and moral constraints of using deadly force.
- Explain the concept of situational awareness about officer safety: to select a level of force intervention appropriate for the situation, to apply sound tactics with a high degree of efficiency and effectiveness, and to resolve the situation in the safest manner possible with the least amount of force.
- Demonstrate proper searching and handcuffing techniques.
- Recognize and rate his or her abilities to meet the State's minimum requirements for employment in law enforcement or allied agency.

PREREQUISITES

Students are required to be registered as a student at El Camino College prior to the first day of class. Also, recommended preparation is eligibility for English 84.

Students must be fingerprinted and pass a Department of Justice (DOJ) records clearance check prior to the start of the course (required by Penal Code Section 13511.5). There is a \$71 state fee which is non-refundable. Students need to bring their DOJ clearance letters on the first day. Students who do not have their clearance letters will not be permitted to take the course. The clearance letter is deemed current if dated within (6) six months of the start of the class. Any clearance letter over six months old will not be accepted. Any student convicted of a felony will not be allowed to take this program and possess a firearm in California.

To get a Department of Justice clearance letter, the student needs to get fingerprinted through a Live Scan Fingerprint Service (<http://ag.ca.gov/fingerprints/publication/contact.php>) at which point the service location will send the student's fingerprints to DOJ. DOJ will then send the student a letter either allowing or not allowing the student to possess a firearm in California. Please allow 2-3 weeks for DOJ to process the fingerprints. The clearance letter must be presented to administrative support on or before the first day of class. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Note: All agency sponsored students will also need to obtain a DOJ clearance letter. Please contact administrative support, Mr. Richard Gonzalez at (310) 660-3593 extension 6498, should you have any questions regarding this requirement.

SCHEDULE

The course consists of sixteen classroom sessions on a Tuesday and Thursday (6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.); three range sessions on a Sunday (6 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the first two sessions and 6 a.m. - 12 p.m. on the third session); and two gym sessions on a Saturday (8 a.m. - 3 p.m.). The program schedule will be handed out on the first day of class. The classroom and gym sessions will be held at El Camino College (16007 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, CA 90506), located at the Industry Technology Education Center, Room 229 and Physical Education North, Room PE 2, respectively. The range sessions will be held at So. Cal. Sharpshooter, 1827 W. 208th Street, Torrance, CA 90501; (310) 618-9971. Students must pay for range fees, ammunition, and targets that cost approximately \$140.

COURSE WORK

Required work for this course will include a significant amount of reading. The completion of the learning activity questions at the end of each Learning Domain chapter and independent and small group assignments in order to involve the student in the acquisition of their knowledge, thus making each student responsible for their learning. See the attached course schedule for details on specific assignments.

Note: With regard to the Arrest and Control component, every attempt will be made to accommodate students with preexisting medical conditions. Those with preexisting medical conditions, including pregnancy, which they feel may hinder their ability to perform the exercises during defensive tactics training, are strongly encouraged to speak with administrative support or the instructor prior to enrolling in this course.

CLASSROOM WORK

We will proceed through the course at a rate of one Learning Domain per session. For each Learning Domain, we will participate in a learning activity scenario in order to reinforce and internalize the content of the training. We will have a quiz following the completion of each Learning Domain. There is no make-up for any quizzes.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

As mandated by POST, students are only allowed to miss 5% of the course, which equates to 3.6 hours of instruction. Students who miss more than the allotted hours will be excluded from the program. Students who do not sign in on the class roster will be counted as absent. Students who arrive late to class are required to write the time of arrival. Students who have prior knowledge that they will not be able to meet the attendance time requirements due to preexisting obligations are urged to drop the course and re-register for a different class on a later date. Please contact the instructor or Mr. Richard Gonzalez at (310) 660-3593, extension 6498 if you have any questions concerning attendance.

TESTS

A POST comprehensive written examination is required at the end of the course. Students will be allowed two hours in which to complete the 80-question examination. Students must earn a score equal to or greater than the minimum passing score of 75%. Students who fail this test on the first attempt will be provided with an opportunity to review their test results and to retest with an alternate form of the same examination within one week of the original test date. If a student fails the second examination, the student will receive a failing grade for the course and must repeat the program in its entirety.

The Firearms component includes a firearms range qualification examination. Targets will be scored immediately following completion of the course of fire. If a student fails a particular course of fire, he or she will be permitted a second chance after remediation training. If a student fails the retest, the student will be excluded from the course and must repeat the program in its entirety.

Students are also required to take some skill tests on Arrest and Control Techniques. Any failure requires remediation of the entire method. Students will receive remedial training followed by a retest only for the technique that the student received a failure. If a student fails the retest, the student will be excluded from the course and must repeat the program in its entirety.

GRADING

The letter grade for the course will be based on the final written examination score, except for any students who have to take a retest. A successful retest will equate to the final letter grade of a "C" regardless of the passing score percentage. Students must also pass the Firearms range qualification test and the skill examinations on Arrest and Control Techniques which are pass/fail. Successful completion of all components of the PC 832 Arrest and Firearms Course are required to receive a passing grade in the course. Grade categories shall be as follows:

100% - 90% = A

89% - 80% = B

79% - 75% = C

Below 75% = F

REQUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT (THREE YEAR RULE)

As specified in Commission Regulation 1080, requalification of PC 832 training is required before exercising peace officer powers when:

An individual does not become employed as a peace officer within three years of successful completion of PC 832 training, or an individual completes PC 832 training and subsequently has a three-year or longer break in service as a peace officer. To requalify, an individual must successfully complete PC 832 Arrest and Firearms Requalification.

REQUIRED TEXT

Student Workbooks for the course are available for ordering at the FedEx Office/Kinko's store. You can order these by following the steps below.

1. Go to the following address: https://docstore.fedex.com/post_ca.
2. Select Documents From Your Online Catalog.
3. Select PC 832 Student Workbook.
4. Select 1 each of all 5 Volumes below.

PC 832 Vol 1 - Leadership, Diversity, Policing in the Community and the Justice System
Version 3.1 - 08/12 \$8.65

PC 832 Vol 2 - Law and Evidence
Version 3 - 5/10 \$9.74

PC 832 Vol 3 - Investigations
Version 3 - 1/10 \$6.07

PC 832 Vol 4 - Use of Force Skills
Version 3 - 1/10 \$7.11

PC 832 Vol 5 - Firearms/Chemical Agents
Version 2.0 - 1/10 \$6.10

5. Add to Cart.
6. Fill out the Contact and Payment Information (ideal is to pick up at the store).
7. Under Order Completion choose the days to pick up (in 2 days).
8. Under Production Location, locate a store nearest you.
9. Fill out Recipient information. (If the same as Contact, just check the box.).
10. Make sure Delivery method is Pick Up at FedEx Office and click Continue.
11. Place Order.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Classroom:

Students are required to bring pencils, an eraser, and a notebook to take notes during classroom instruction. Tape recorders and other audio recording devices are prohibited unless otherwise permitted by the instructor.

Range:

Firearms will be provided for training purposes. Students are prohibited from bringing their own firearms, ammunition, or any weapons. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Arrest and Control:

Students are required to wear appropriate attire adequate with participation in physical activities (i.e. gym sweatpants, athletic shorts with compression shorts worn underneath, and a t-shirt. Students dressed in attire other than described above will be asked to change into the appropriate attire or to leave the mat room. Clean socks or wrestling shoes are the only authorized footwear in the mat room. Handcuffs will be provided for training purposes. Students may bring their own handcuffs. Handcuff case is not necessary.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Students will maintain a professional demeanor at all times and will address all staff members by using "Sir" or "Ma'am." No food items shall be eaten in the classroom. Only water bottles or electrolyte drinks are allowed in the classrooms.

The course instruction is for registered students only. Visitors are not allowed during the classroom instruction or at the range. Cellular telephones are to be turned off or put in silent mode. Text messaging, internet surfing, or playing of games during class is prohibited. Students not complying with the above will be told to leave the class.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

El Camino College places a high value on the integrity of its student scholars. When an instructor determines that there is evidence of dishonesty in any academic work (including, but not limited to cheating, plagiarism, or theft of exam material), disciplinary action appropriate to the misconduct may be taken. A failing grade on an assignment in which academic dishonesty has occurred and suspension from class are among the disciplinary actions for academic dishonesty.

Since this is a POST certified course, students will be required to sign a student contract regarding the use of POST constructed training and testing material and a testing contract. Failure to comply with this contract or to engage in behavior that compromises any test material is considered cheating. Cheating is grounds for disciplinary action and may result in dismissal/termination from the course and civil prosecution that could prevent the student from becoming a peace officer in California.

DISABILITY

El Camino College adheres to all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students with temporary and permanent disabilities. If you have a disability that may adversely affect your work in this class, I encourage you to register with the Special Resource Center (SRC) and talk to Mr. Richard Gonzales or the instructor about how we can best help you. All disclosures or disabilities will be kept strictly confidential.

OTHER CONCERNS

Please feel free to contact the instructor or Mr. Richard Gonzalez at (310) 660-3593, Ext. 6498.

INSTRUCTORS

All instructors are POST certified law enforcement officers and are part of the El Camino College staff.

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

Roberto Causey (310) 660-3600
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