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# **Course Outline**

COURSE: JLE 236 DIVISION: 50 ALSO LISTED AS: JLE 136

TERM EFFECTIVE: Fall 2023 CURRICULUM APPROVAL DATE: 10/10/2023

SHORT TITLE: FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR

LONG TITLE: Firearms Instructor Training

 Units
 Number of Weeks
 Type
 Contact Hours/Week
 Total Contact Hours

 1 TO 2
 18
 Lecture:
 .88 TO 1.45
 15.84 TO 26.1

 Lab:
 1.35 TO 3
 24.3 TO 54

 Other:
 0
 0

 Total:
 2.23 TO 4.45
 40.14 TO 80.1

Total Learning Hrs: 71.82 TO 132.3

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

The purpose of this course is to teach students how to teach firearms at both the basic academy level, as well as in-service personnel. Students will learn to teach students to be able to develop the necessary firearms tactical knowledge and skills to survive and win a lethal force encounter. Units earned in this course do not count toward the associate degree and/or certain certificate requirements. ADVISORY: JLE 100.

PREREQUISITES:

**COREQUISITES:** 

CREDIT STATUS: D - Credit - Degree Applicable

**GRADING MODES** 

P - Pass/No Pass

REPEATABILITY: N - Course may not be repeated

**SCHEDULE TYPES:** 

02 - Lecture and/or discussion

03 - Lecture/Laboratory

04 - Laboratory/Studio/Activity

10/10/2023

#### STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

By the end of this course, a student should:

- 1. Identify the responsibilities of the Range Master and range safety.
- 2. Demonstrate basic handgun skills, and apply all firearms principles learned in class to the range activities.
- 3. Recognize and apply various adult learning strategies and utilize effective ways of training, teaching, and communicating.

#### **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

By the end of this course, a student should:

1. develop a training plan concerning an aspect of firearms instruction using a common instructional design method. Prepare an outline of a pertinent ?firearms instruction? topic for final presentation at the conclusion of course. Target analysis, practical exercises and range qualification course.

## CONTENT, STUDENT PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES, OUT-OF-CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

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LECTURE CONTENT:

- I. REGISTRATION/INTRODUCTIONS (1-2 hrs)
  - A. Registration and Materials Distribution
  - B. Instructors
    - 1. Instructor Introductions
    - Background and Qualifications
  - C. Students Introduction Activity
    - 1. Student Introductions
    - 2. Class Photo
  - D. Course Goals and Objectives
    - 1. Not a "how to shoot" school
    - 2. Instructor and evaluator development emphasis to train shooting
- II. RANGE SAFETY AND RANGE RULES LECTURE (2-4 hours)
  - A. Range Rules and Regulations
    - 1. Range Rules sheet
    - 2. General rules and range specific information
  - B. Responsibilities of the Range Master
    - 1. Physical safety inspection of range
    - 2. Unauthorized persons
    - 3. Physical hazards
    - 4. Physical presence required
    - 5. Weapons and ammunitions checked
    - 6. Eye and ear protection equipment

# C. Classroom Handling of Weapons

- 1. No loaded weapons in the classroom
- 2. Instructor entry inspections
- 3. Weapons handling limited to instruction
- 4. Weapons displayed or used in instruction

### D. Range House Handling of Weapons

- 1. Under direction of the Range Master
- 2. Weapons will be holstered, uncased, cleaned, loaded and unloaded as directed

## E. Home Firearms Safety

- 1. Laws Regarding Firearms Security
- 2. Security vs. Accessibility
- 3. Home Security Devices and Techniques

#### F. Health Issues

- 1. Lead poisoning
- 2. Common precautions at home and on the Range
- 3.Indoor Ranges

#### III. BASIC HANDGUN SKILLS ON THE RANGE (4-8 hours)

- A. Fundamentals
  - 1. Stance
  - 2. Grip
  - 3. Sight alignment
  - 4. Sight picture
  - 5. Trigger control
  - 6. Breathing
  - 7. Follow-through

#### B. Draw Stroke Practice

- 1. 5-point draw stroke
- C. Malfunction Clearance w/"dummy rounds"
  - 1. Click no-bang
  - 2. Double feed
  - 3. Failure to extract
  - 4. Stove pipe
- D. Reloading
  - 1. Speed reloads
  - 2. Tactical reloads

IV. HANDGUN NOMENCLATURE, CARE, CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE (4 - 8 hours)

A. Revolver
1. Nomenclature
2. Breakdown

B. Semi-automatic Pistol

3. Cleaning

- 1. Nomenclature
- 2. Breakdown
- 3. Cleaning
- C. Maintenance and Care of Weaponry

# V. RANGE FIRST AID FOR RANGE INSTRUCTORS (4 hours)

- A. Instructor First Aid kits
- B. Gunshot wounds
- C. Other common range injuries
- D. Appropriate notifications/forms
  - 1. POST
  - 2. Presenter
  - 3. Agency

#### LAB CONTENT:

- VI. SHOOTING FUNDAMENTALS (.30-1 hours)
  - A. Foundation of Good Shooting
    - 1. Consistent weapon performance
    - 2. Consistent ammunition performance
    - 3. Consistent shooter performance
  - B. Target Shooting vs. Combat Shooting (Tactical Considerations)
    - 1. Balance between speed and accuracy
    - 2. Shot accountability
  - 3. Close quarters combat. Shooting at high tuck with HG
  - C. Types of Paper Targets
    - 1. Purpose and Uses
    - 2. Economic Considerations
    - 3. Backings

# D. Steel Reactive Targets

- 1. Background
- 2. Setback Distance
- 3. Target Slicking
- 4. Target Placement
- 5. Target Inspection
- 6. Firing Line Safety/Shooter Protection
- 7. Ammunition Considerations

#### E. Fundamentals

- 1. Stance
- 2. Grip
- 3. Sight Alignment
- 4. Sight Picture
- 5. Trigger Control
- 6. Breathing
- 7. Follow-through
- F. Bull's Eye Shooting
- G. Bull's-eye target for score
- H. Practice Exercise on Bull's-eye Targets
  - 1. Working on Score Improvement
  - 2. Shot evaluation
- I. Challenge Commands / Communication (Tactical Communications)
  - 1. Communication with fellow officers
  - 2. Communication with dispatch
  - 3. Communication with suspects
  - 4. Communication with bystanders and witnesses

# VII. RANGE, TOWER AND LINE OPERATIONS (1-2 hours)

- A. How to run a Firing Line
  - 1. Range Master duties
  - 2. Equipment preparation
  - 3. Safety hazards/violations
- B. Range Commands
  - 1. Target range
  - 2. Combat range
- C. Range Operation Required Practical Exercises
  - 1. Give verbal commands running the range with dry fire
  - 2. Give verbal commands running the range with live fire

- A. Introduction
  - 1. Developing and maintaining interpersonal communication skills with students
  - 2. Recognizing and applying adult learning strategies to utilize training, teaching, and communicating techniques
- B. Reasons for Developing Positive Communication Skills
  - 1. Better interpersonal and professional relationships
  - 2. Job satisfaction/success and reputation
  - 3. Professional and personal safety/liability
- C. Identify the Basic Components of the Communication Process
  - 1. Sender of the message
  - 2. Receiver of the message
  - 3. The message itself
  - 4. Context of the message
  - 5. The channel used to convey the message
  - 6. Noise and filters (both the sender's and receiver's)
  - 7. Feedback on the message
- D. Recognize the Communication Skills Needed to Deliver Effective Training
  - 1. Verbal and non-verbal
  - 2. Effective active listening
  - 3. Recognizing and overcoming barriers to communication
- E. Identify and Explain Components of Effective Training
  - 1. Instructor qualities
  - 2. Presentation skills
  - 3. Teaching/Training styles
  - 4. Teaching/Training aids
  - 5. Training plans
- F. Compare and Contrast the Elements of Student-Centered vs. Instructor-Centered
  - 1. Student-centered
  - 2. Instructor-centered
  - 3. RIDEM Theory review of "RIDEM Article and RIDEM" checklist
- G. Analyze Adult Learning Styles
  - 1. Visual
  - 2. Auditory
  - 3. Kinesthetic

- H. Learning Domains
  - 1. Affective
  - 2. Cognitive
  - 3. Psychomotor
  - 4. How they impact the learning process
  - 5. Learning Styles as introduced by the required viewing of POST "Trainee Learning Styles" Video
  - 6. Learning Domains with "Perceptual Learning Styles"
  - 7. Adult Learning Concepts
  - 8. Rates of Learning
  - J. Factors That May Impact the Learning Process
    - 1. Learning environment
    - 2. Student factors
    - 3. Other outside factors
  - K. Identify and Explain Qualities of Successful Teachers, Which May Include:
    - 1. Caring/Passion
    - 2. Knowledge (Subject Matter Expert/resource)
    - 3. Skill as discussed in "Good Teaching"
    - 4. Motivation
    - 5. Focused on values
  - L. Analyze Personal Strengths and Weaknesses as A Trainer
    - 1. Assess performance in the Instruction Game exercise
- X. HANDGUN SHOOTING LECTURE AND PRATICALS FOR THE RANGE (2-4 hours)
  - A. Position Shooting
    - 1. Prone
    - 2. Kneeling
    - 3. Standing
    - 4. Long range handgun
  - B. Loading Techniques
  - C. Pistol Exercises
    - 1. Positions and Commands
    - 2. Loading Commands
    - 3. Firing Line Practice
  - D. Use of "Red Handle" weapons and dry firing techniques
  - 1. Deactivated or "Red Handle" Weapons
    - 2. Proper Use

- E. Dry Firing Safety
  - 1. Never with live rounds loaded
  - 2. Use of Deactivated or Red Handle Weapons is highly recommended
  - 3. Use of a live weapon should be supervised and always double cleared
  - 4. Basic Safety Review
  - 5. Slow, repetitive consistent, form-centered practice
  - 6. Dry Firing on Range only
- F. Dry Fire Weapons Handling
  - 1. Holstering and Un-holstering practice
  - 2. Safety Check Drill
  - 3. Loading Drill
  - 4. Sight Acquisition Drills
  - 5. Trigger Control Drills
- G. Stress Courses
  - 1. Purpose of the Stress Shooting Course
  - 2. Shooting Courses
- XI. COMMON SHOOTING ERRORS

(1-2 hours)

- A. Instructor Requirements and the Performance Challenged Student
  - 1. Observe
  - 2. Detect
  - 3. Explain
  - 4. Correct
- B. Most Common Marksmanship Errors
  - 1. Anticipation
  - 2. Trigger control
  - 3. Framing the shot
  - 4. Sight focus
  - 5. Follow through
  - 6. Grip
  - 7. Sight alignment
  - 8. Sight picture
  - 9. Breaking the wrist
- XII. TARGET ANALYSIS AND STUDENT SHOOTING ISSUES

(1-2 hours)

- A. Using clues from the target
  - 1. Observe, detect, explain, correct
  - 2. Potential Causes
  - 3. Multiple Issues

- B. Right and Left-Handed Shooters
  - 1. Differences in shot placement
  - 2. Evaluation
- C. Exercises and Examples Target Analysis Practical Exercise (Two relays of 30 round bullseye course, with alternate relay conducting target analysis)
  - 1. Physical Problems
  - 2. Mental Problems
- D. Evidence of Issues
  - 1. Shots high on target
  - 2. Shots left on target
  - 3. Shots right on target
  - 4. Shots low on target
  - 5. Shots scattered on target

# XIII. FIREARMS LEGAL ISSUES AND USE OF FORCE

(1-2 hours)

- A. Deadly Force
  - 1.835aPC
  - 2. Graham v. Conner
  - 3. Scott v. Henrich
  - 4. Tennessee v. Garner
  - 5. Forrett v. Richardson
  - 6. LEOKA Study
- B. Moral Aspects Facilitated Discussion
- C. Department Policy
  - 1. Officers must know and follow their department policy
  - 2. Failure to follow department policy can lead to civil and administrative liability
  - 3. Warning shots
  - 4. Moving vehicles
  - 5. Juveniles
  - 6. Non-violent fleeing felons
  - 7. Shooting from a moving vehicle
- D. Civil Liability
  - 1. State
  - 2. Federal
  - 3. Vicarious Liability

# XIV. SHOTGUN FUNDAMENTALS AND ADVANCED SHOTGUN

(1-2 hours)

- A. Fundamentals of Shotgun
  - 1. Nomenclature
  - 2. Position of weapon
  - 3. Grip
  - 4. Loading and cycling drills position of weapon
  - 5. Sight alignment and point shooting
  - 6. Trigger control
- B. Shotgun Maintenance/Cleaning
- C. Shotgun Ballistics
  - 1. Long Range
  - 2. Short Range
- D. Slings
  - 1. Instructions for use
  - 2. Transitioning to handguns
  - 3. Combat shotgun
- E. Shooting Positions
  - 1. Standing
  - 2. Kneeling
  - 3. Prone
- F. FBI Shotgun Qualification Course
  - 1. 50-yard 30 seconds 2 Rounds Slug
  - 2. 25-yard 45 seconds, 5 Rounds Slug
  - 3. 15-yard 4 rounds Slug
  - 4. 7-yard Line Stage 5 Rounds .00 Buck
  - 5. Successful completion is 80 out of 100

#### XV. INTRODUCTION TO THE PATROL RIFLE

(1-2 hours)

- A. Introduction to M-16/AR-15
  - 1. Nomenclature
  - 2. Loading
  - 3. Clearing jams
  - 4. M-16/AR-15 disassembly
  - 5. M-16/AR-15 cleaning and care
- B. Demonstration and Practice
  - 1. Standing
  - 2. Prone
  - 3. High kneeling
  - 4. Low kneeling
- C. Movement Techniques Demonstration and Practice
  - 1. Single-person deployment
  - 2. Two-Person or team deployments
  - 3. Getting off the "X" movement on draw stroke (Tactical Considerations)
- D. Weapon Transition Training
  - 1. Slinging techniques
  - 2. Handgun to M-16/AR-15 and Back
  - 3. Impact weapons
- XVI. LIVE FIRE WITH THE PATROL RIFLE (2 8 hours)
  - A. Review of all techniques introduced
    - 1. Deployment
    - 2. Positions
    - 3. Reloads
    - 4. Malfunctions
    - 5. Transitions
  - B. Range Safety & Evaluations
    - 1. Firing the weapons
    - 2. Courses of Fire
    - 3. Practical Exercises
    - 4. Correcting errors
- XVII. LIVE FIRE OF PATROL RIFLE CONTINUED (1 2 hours)

A. Qual Course vs. Combat Courses w/Patrol Rifle

# XVIII. COMMON SHOOTING ERRORS W/THE PATROL RIFLE (1 hour)

- A. Instructor Requirements and the Performance Challenged Student
  - 1. Observe
  - 2. Detect
  - 3. Explain
  - 4. Correct
- B. Most Common Marksmanship Errors
  - 1. Anticipation
  - 2. Trigger control
  - 3. Framing the shot
  - 4. Sight focus
  - 5. Follow through
  - 6. Grip
  - 7. Sight alignment
  - 8. Sight picture
  - 9. Breaking the wrist

### XIX. TARGET ANALYSIS AND SHOOTING ISSUES WITH RIFLE

- A. Using clues from the target
  - 1. Observe, detect, explain, correct
  - 2. Potential causes
  - 3. Multiple issues
- B. Right and Left-Handed Shooters
  - 1. Differences in shot placement
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- C. Exercises and Examples Target Analysis Practical Exercise (Two relays of 30 round bullseye course, with alternate relay conducting target analysis)

(1-2 hours)

- 1. Physical issues
- 2. Mental issues
- D. Evidence of Issues
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  - 3. Shots right on target
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# XX. RANGE QUALIFICATION COURSES (4 - 8 hours)

- A. Handgun Qualification and Range Firing Line Management Practice
- B. Shotgun Qualification and Range Firing Line Management Practice
- C. Tactical Rifle Qualification and Range Firing Line Management Practice

### XXI. LOW LIGHT (2 hours)

- A. Human vision in Daylight vs low light
- B. Equipment Shooting Aids
  - 1. Lasers
  - 2. Luminous Sights
  - 3. Handheld Flashlights
  - 4. Weapon Mounted Flashlights
- C. Use of Cover and concealment while deploying a flashlight (Tactical Considerations)
- D. Additional Range Safety Rules during low light
  - 1. All daytime safety rules still apply
  - 2. Stay in position
  - 3. Do NOT bend down or search for dropped articles until directed
  - 4. Keep flashlights "OFF" until directed

#### XXII. LOW LIGHT PRACTICAL (2-4 hours)

- A. Handgun low light course
  - 1. Handheld flashlight techniques
  - 2. Weapon mounted flashlight techniques
- B. Shotgun low light course
  - 1. Handheld flashlight techniques
  - 2. Weapon mounted flashlight techniques
- C. Patrol Rifle low light course
  - 1. Handheld flashlight techniques
  - 2. Weapon mounted flashlight techniques

# XXIII. OFF DUTY AND CONCEALED CARRY (1-4 hours)

- A. Off Duty Firearms Safety
- B. Off Duty / Concealed Carry Policies and Procedures
- C. Safety at Home
- D. Concealed Carry Considerations
  - 1. Holsters
  - 2. Layering your defenses
  - 3. Presenting identification
  - 4. Preventing blue on blue shootings

XXIV. DISABLED OFFICER DRILLS (Tactical Considerations) (1-4 hours)

- A. One-handed manipulation of pistol, right and left hand
- B. One-handled manipulation of rifle, right and left shoulder

#### **METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:**

Written exam, teaching exercise, oral teaching presentation, homework, practical application at range.

#### **OUT OF CLASS ASSIGNMENTS:**

Required Outside Hours: 8
Assignment Description:

Weapons will be holstered, uncased, cleaned, loaded and unloaded

#### **METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:**

Written exam, teaching exercise, oral teaching presentation, homework, practical application at range.

#### **OUT OF CLASS ASSIGNMENTS:**

Required Outside Hours 25

Assignment Description

Develop a Training Plan concerning an aspect of firearms instruction using a common instructional design method

- 1. Introduction (Performance objectives are explained)
- 2. Presentation (Impart the new knowledge or skill)
- 3. Application (Opportunity to put new knowledge or skill to use)
- 4. Test (Evaluation of progress (holds the learner accountable)
- 5. Discuss/utilize Selecting a Delivery Strategy

Required Outside Hours 10

**Assignment Description** 

Prepare an outline of a pertinent firearms instruction topic for final presentation

Required Outside Hours 17

**Assignment Description** 

Reading from the Firearms Instructor Manual

#### **METHODS OF EVALUATION:**

**Evaluation Percent 50** 

**Evaluation Description** 

Oral presentation of course outline.

- 1. Presentation to be at least 15 minutes in length
- 2. Presentation to include safety considerations
- 3. Goals and objectives of lesson to be clearly stated
- 4. Written evaluations from other students will be utilized

To be graded by a POST Range Master Instructor for accuracy.

**Evaluation Percent 50** 

**Evaluation Description** 

Skills Exam: To be graded by a Range Mater POST Instructor for accuracy.

#### **REPRESENTATIVE TEXTBOOKS:**

Firearms Instructor Course, South Bay Regional Public Safety Training, San Jose CA, Firearms Instructors 2023

Reading Level: Grade 12

Firearms Instructor Course Manual, 2023

#### **ARTICULATION and CERTIFICATE INFORMATION**

Associate Degree:

CSU GE:

IGETC:

**CSU TRANSFER:** 

Not Transferable

UC TRANSFER:

Not Transferable

## **SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:**

Basic Skills: N Classification: Y

Noncredit Category: Y Cooperative Education:

Program Status: 1 Program Applicable

Special Class Status: N

CAN:

CAN Sequence:

CSU Crosswalk Course Department: CSU Crosswalk Course Number:

Prior to College Level: Y

Non Credit Enhanced Funding: N

Funding Agency Code: Y

In-Service: N

Occupational Course: B

Maximum Hours: Minimum Hours:

Course Control Number: CCC000587523 Sports/Physical Education Course: N

Taxonomy of Program: 210500