



Course Outline

2026-2027 Catalog

AJLE 130 - Law Enforcement Academy; Basic/State Parks Emphasis

Catalog Description

Transfer Status: NT

Prerequisite:

Must be approved, accepted and employed as a State Park Peace Officer Cadet (Ranger or Lifeguard) for the California Department of Parks and Recreation or as a peace officer trainee by a California law enforcement agency OR must have a high school diploma from an accredited high school, or a GED certificate. Additional requirements: Must pass Peace Officer Standards and Training Entry Level Law Enforcement Test Battery (PELLET-B) exam with a score of 42 or higher; AND must pass Law Enforcement Academy Physical Training Test, a 1.5 mile run which must be completed in 15 minutes or less, and no more than 3 months prior to the first day of the academy; AND Must complete Butte College Law Enforcement Academy orientation; AND must possess a valid unrestricted driver's license with no current or recent suspensions; AND must provide a Department of Justice clearance within 90 days prior to the start of the academy which confirms the applicant has no felony or misdemeanor convictions which would prohibit possession of a firearm; AND must provide proof of completion of a medical suitability examination.

Corequisite: AJLE 100

Unit(s): 45.50

Lecture: 569.50 Contact hours/1139.00 Out of class hours/1708.50 Total hours/33.50 Unit(s)

Lab: 612.00 Contact hours/0.00 Out of class hours/612.00 Total hours/12.00 Unit(s)

Total: 1181.50 Contact hours/1139.00 Out of class hours/2320.50 Total hours/45.50 Unit(s)

Course Description: This course prepares the student for a career as a peace officer with an emphasis on the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), under the authority of the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.). The curriculum covers learning domains (LDs) ranging from academic subjects in criminal law, investigation and patrol procedures to psychomotor skills in defensive tactics, firearms training, driving skills and officer-violator contacts. The successful completion of this course will allow the student to meet a prerequisite for employment as a peace officer in California (valid for three years after graduation) and lead to the issuance of a Basic Law Enforcement Certificate from P.O.S.T. after field training and one year of approved field service at a law enforcement agency. Graded only.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Meet or exceed the requirements as set forth by Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) for California peace officer training, with the exception of Learning Domain 32, Lifetime Fitness (LD-32).
2. Demonstrate through written exams, crime scene scenario testing and manipulative skills testing, core competencies as mandated by P.O.S.T..
3. Demonstrate through written exams, scenario testing and manipulative skills testing, core competencies as mandated by P.O.S.T. and DPR.

Course Content

Topic Titles / Suggested Time Topic	
	<u>Lecture</u>
<u>Topics</u>	<u>Lec Hrs</u>
(LD-1) Leadership, Professionalism and Ethics	8.00
(LD-2) Criminal Justice System	4.00
(LD-3) Principled Policing in the Community	28.00
(LD-4) Victimology/Crisis Intervention	6.00
(LD-5) Introduction to Criminal Law	6.00
(LD-6) Property Crimes	10.00
(LD-7) Crimes Against Persons	14.00
(LD-8) General Criminal Statutes	4.00
(LD-9) Crimes Against Children	6.00
(LD-10) Sex Crimes	8.00
(LD-11) Juvenile Law and Procedure	6.00
(LD-12) Controlled Substances	20.00
(LD-13) ABC Law	4.00
(LD-15) Laws of Arrest	14.00

<u>Topics</u>	<u>Lec Hrs</u>
(LD-16) Search and Seizure	12.00
(LD-17) Presentation of Evidence	16.00
(LD-18) Investigative Report Writing	53.50
(LD-19) Vehicle Operations	8.00
(LD-20) Use of Force/De-Escalation	20.00
(LD-21) Patrol Techniques	8.00
(LD-22) Vehicle Pullovers	2.00
(LD-23) Crimes in Progress	20.00
(LD-24) Handling Disputes/Crowd Control	12.00
(LD-25) Domestic Violence	10.00
(LD-26) Critical Incidents	10.00
(LD-27) Missing Persons	6.00
(LD-28) Traffic Enforcement	32.00
(LD-29) Traffic Accident Investigation	12.00
(LD-30) Crime Scenes, Evidence, Forensics	10.00
(LD-31) Custody	2.00
(LD-33) Arrest and Control	6.00
(LD-35) Firearms/Chemical Agents	7.00
(LD-36) Information Systems	6.00
(LD-37) People With Disabilities	16.00
(LD-38) Gang Awareness	6.00
(LD-39) Crimes Against the Justice System	4.00
(LD-40) Weapons Violations	8.00
(LD-42) Cultural Diversity/Discrimination	16.00
(LD-43) Terrorism Management	8.00
(LD-44) Active Shooter	4.00
Academy Orientation	8.00
Natural and Cultural Resources	24.00
(LD-14) Officer Wellness	16.00
(LD-34) First Aid/CPR/AED	24.00
Comprehensive Tests	11.00
Interpretation and Education	32.00
Crime Scene Scenario Practice	2.00
Total Hours: 569.50	

Lab

<u>Topics</u>	<u>Lab Hrs</u>
(LD-20) Use of Force/De-Escalation	4.00
(LD-19) Vehicle Operations	40.00
(LD-21) Patrol Techniques	8.00
(LD-22) Vehicle Pullovers	14.00
(LD-24) Handling Disputes/Crowd Control	4.00
(LD-29) Traffic Accident Investigation	4.00
(LD-33) Arrest and Control	135.00
(LD-35) Firearms/Chemical Agents	108.50
(LD-44) Active Shooter	12.00
Crime Scene Scenario Practice	32.00
Crime Scene Scenario Testing	40.00
Department of Parks and Recreation Scenarios	16.00
Natural and Cultural Resources	6.00
Boat Operations and Aquatic Safety	8.00
Off-Highway Vehicle Law Enforcement and Certification	8.00
Uniform Inspections	12.00
(LD-34) First Aid/CPR/AED	14.00
Interpretation and Education	8.00

<u>Topics</u>	<u>Lab Hrs</u>
(LD-26) Critical Incidents	4.00
(LD-28) Traffic Enforcement	8.00
(LD-30) Crime Scenes, Evidence, Forensics	4.00
Orientation	19.00
Agency Specific	103.50
Total Hours: 612.00	

Methods of Instruction

- A. Demonstrations
- B. Discussion
- C. Homework: Students are required to complete two hours of outside-of-class homework for each hour of lecture
- D. Lecture
- E. Reading Assignments
- F. Students are expected to participate in manipulative skills training which includes range, driving, physical training, and defensive tactics training.
- G. Online Learning Activities

Methods of Evaluation

- A. Written Examinations
- B. Performance Examinations
- C. Online Quizzes

Examples of Assignments

Reading Assignments

1. Read California Penal Code section 602, and be prepared to discuss the application of trespass statutes to State parks properties.
2. Read the P.O.S.T. Learning Domain Student Workbook for LD-27 Missing Persons, and be prepared to discuss the requirements for missing persons reports in class.

Writing Assignments

1. Complete the written Learning Activities at the end of each chapter in each of the 42 P.O.S.T. Learning Domain Student Workbooks.
2. In LD-18, Investigative Report Writing, prepare written police reports from 125 to 1000 words in length for each of the twelve assignments.

Out-of-Class Assignments

1. In conjunction with LD-26 Critical Incidents, go to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) web page, complete the courses of study for ICS-100, Introduction to the Incident Command System for law Enforcement, and NIMS-700, Introduction to the National Incident Management System, print certificates of completion and turn them in for credit. Be prepared to review in class.
2. In conjunction with LD-21 Patrol Techniques and the requirement for peace officers to be able to make contact with citizens they don't know, approach a stranger in a public place, initiate a conversation, and be prepared to discuss in class what you experienced and what you learned in the conversation.

Recommended Materials of Instruction

Thomson West. (2024). California Penal Code. *Thomson West, 2024*. 9781668764404.

Department of Transportation. (2024). D.O.T. Emergency Guidebook. *Department of Transportation, 2024*. 979-8889212195.

Department of Motor Vehicles. (2024). California Vehicle Code. *Thomson West, 2024*. 9781668718414.

Publishers Group LLC. (2017). Street Drugs. *Publishers Group LLC, 2017*. 978-0984949779.

Other Learning Materials

Department of Parks and Recreation Administrative Manual, Department of Parks and Recreation Operations Manual

Minimum Qualifications

Administration of Justice

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