



Course Outline

2026-2027 Catalog

AJLE 140 - Law Enforcement Academy

Catalog Description

Transfer Status: NT

Prerequisite:

Students are admitted by special application only. Admission to the program is based on scores on the POST Entry-Level Exam, and other special requirements.

Corequisite: AJLE 100

Unit(s): 35.00

Lecture: 467.50 Contact hours/935.00 Out of class hours/1402.50 Total hours/27.50 Unit(s)

Lab: 382.50 Contact hours/0.00 Out of class hours/382.50 Total hours/7.50 Unit(s)

Total: 850.00 Contact hours/935.00 Out of class hours/1785.00 Total hours/35.00 Unit(s)

Course Description: This 23-week course prepares the student for a career as a peace officer under the authority of the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.). The curriculum covers learning domains ranging from academic subjects on criminal law, investigation and patrol procedures to psychomotor skills on defensive tactics, firearms training, driving skills and officer-violator contacts. The successful completion of this course will allow the student to be employed 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 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 LD-32 Lifetime Fitness.
2. Demonstrate core competencies as mandated by P.O.S.T. through written exams, crime scene scenario testing, and manipulative skills.

Course Content

Topic Titles / Suggested Time Topic

Lecture

<u>Topics</u>	<u>Lec Hrs</u>
(LD-1) Leadership, Professionalism and Ethics	10.00
(LD-2) Criminal Justice System	4.00
(LD-3) Principled Policing in the Community	17.00
(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	8.00
(LD-10) Sex Crimes	8.00
(LD-11) Juvenile Law and Procedures	6.00
(LD-12) Controlled Substances	14.00
(LD-13) ABC Law	4.00
(LD-15) Laws of Arrest	12.00
(LD-16) Search and Seizure	17.00
(LD-17) Presentation of Evidence	8.00
(LD-18) Investigative Report Writing	35.50
(LD-19) Vehicle Operations	8.00
(LD-20) Use of Force/Deescalation	25.00
(LD-21) Patrol Techniques	10.00
(LD-22) Vehicle Pullovers	4.00
(LD-23) Crimes In Progress	20.00
(LD-24) Handling Disputes/Crowd Control	12.00
(LD-25) Domestic Violence	14.00

<u>Topics</u>	<u>Lec Hrs</u>
(LD-26) Unusual Occurrences	16.00
(LD-27) Missing Persons	4.00
(LD-28) Traffic Enforcement	21.00
(LD-29) Traffic Accident Investigation	12.00
(LD-30) Crime Scenes, Evidence, Forensics	10.00
(LD-31) Custody	4.00
(LD-33) Arrest Methods/Defensive Tactics	8.00
(LD-34) First Aid and CPR	16.00
(LD-35) Firearms/Chemical Agents	8.00
(LD-36) Information Systems	6.00
(LD-37) People with Disabilities	16.00
(LD-38) Gang Awareness	8.00
(LD-39) Crimes Against the Justice System	4.00
(LD-40) Weapons Violations	8.00
(LD-42) Cultural Diversity/Discrimination	16.00
(LD-43) Emergency Management	8.00
Academy Orientation	10.00
(LD-14) Officer Wellness	8.00
Officer Survival	8.00
Total Hours: 467.50	

Lab

<u>Topics</u>	<u>Lab Hrs</u>
(LD-18) Investigative Report Writing	15.00
(LD-19) Vehicle Operations	40.00
(LD-21) Patrol Techniques	10.00
(LD-22) Vehicle Pullovers	12.00
(LD-23) Crimes in Progress	8.00
(LD-24) Handling Disputes/Crowd Control	4.00
(LD-29) Traffic Accident Investigation	4.00
(LD-33) Arrest Methods/Defensive Tactics	72.00
(LD-34) First Aid and CPR	6.00
(LD-35) Firearms/Chemical Agents	86.50
Crime Scene Scenario Testing	40.00
Crime Scene Scenario Demonstration	30.00
Learning Domain Tests	10.00
Registration	2.00
Equipment Issuance	2.00
Program Culmination Ceremony	2.00
Culmination Ceremony Rehearsal	1.00
(LD-17) Courtroom Testimony	8.00
Computer Orientation	2.00
Patrol Readiness	16.00
(LD-3) Principled Policing in the Community	8.00
(LD-30) Crime Scenes, Evidence, Forensics	4.00
Total Hours: 382.50	

Methods of Instruction

- A. Demonstrations
- B. Group Discussions
- 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. Manipulative skills training which includes range, driving, and defensive tactics training

Methods of Evaluation

- A. Written Examinations
- B. Performance Examinations

Examples of Assignments

Reading Assignments

1. Read each of the 42 P.O.S.T Learning Domain Student Workbooks, and be prepared to discuss in class.
2. Read assigned sections of the California Penal Code that correspond to specific Learning Domains, and be prepared to discuss in class.

Writing Assignments

1. Complete the written Learning Activities at the end of each chapter in each of the 42 POST 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 and LD-40, 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 ICS-700, Introduction to the National Incident Management System, print certificates of completion and turn them in for credit.
2. In conjunction with LD-21, approach a stranger in a public place, initiate conversation with them, and be prepared to discuss in class what you experienced and what you learned in the conversation.

Recommended Materials of Instruction

Thomson West. (2023). California Penal Code. *Thomson West, 2023*. N/A.

Department of Transportation. (2020). D.O.T. Emergency Response Guidebook. *Department of Transportation, 2020*. N/A.

Other Learning Materials

42 POST Learning Domain workbooks, on DVD (current editions as mandated by POST)

Visual Aid Equipment

Traffic Cones

Vehicles

Weapons

Fingerprint Supplies

Hand Held Radios

Targets

Riot Baton

Handcuffs

Minimum Qualifications

Administration of Justice

Emergency Medical Technologies

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