

# Lassen Community College Course Outline

## GSS-127 Advanced Engraving

2.0 Units

### I. Catalog Description

An advanced course designed to cover advanced metal engraving techniques applicable to major portions of the firearm. The scope of instruction includes advanced design and layout, high relief engraving, compatible background style, straight line or border inlays, and inlayed game scenes.

Does Not Transfer to UC/CSU  
8 Hours Lecture, 92 Hours Lab  
Scheduled:

### II. Coding Information

Repeatability: Not Repeatable, Take 1 Time  
Grading Option: Pass/No Pass  
Credit Type: Credit - Not Degree Applicable  
TOP Code: 100900

### III. Course Objectives

#### A. Course Student Learning Outcomes

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

Apply the advanced skills for pattern design, design transfer, high relief engraving, compatible background style and other engraving techniques.

#### B. Course Objectives

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

1. Demonstrate the knowledge and manual skills to design, transfer and layout an engraving pattern.
2. Demonstrate the metal cutting skills to place an engraving pattern and precious metal inlay into a hard metal medium.

### IV. Course Content

#### A. Safety in the Shop

1. Shop equipment
2. Hand tools

#### B. Layout and Design

1. Application
2. Pattern transfer
3. Scroll-English, American, Germanic
4. Figures- human, animal, birds
5. Trees, leaves, and foliage
6. Borders

#### C. Preparation of Metal Surfaces

1. Dissassembly
2. Annealing
3. Polish

- D. Engraving
  1. Standard depth- Advanced
  2. High relief- Advanced
  3. Scenes and figures
  4. Lettering
  5. Borders- Advanced
  6. Background
  7. Highlighting and shading
- E. Inlays
  1. Gold/Silver line borders
  2. Gold/Silver line and floreal borders
  3. Gold/Silver sheet inlays
  4. Gold/Silver wire inlays
- F. Refinish of Firearm Parts
  1. Reblueing
  2. Plating
  3. French gray
  4. Coin Finish
  5. Color case

## V. Assignments

### A. Appropriate Readings

The student will be assigned readings from various instructor handouts and trade journals.

### B. Writing Assignments

The student will be required to keep a journal of notes.

### C. Expected Outside Assignments

See 'A' and 'B' above.

### D. Specific Assignments that Demonstrate Critical Thinking

Students will be required to demonstrate an understanding of engraving concepts and practices by applying the technical information to a required number of related projects.

## VI. Methods of Evaluation

Student grades will be determined by:

- A. Performance on writing assignments
- B. Performance on written and oral quizzes and exams
- C. Ability demonstrated by student's tranfer of knowledge gained to a new application.

## 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

## VIII. Representative Texts and Supplies

"The Art of Engraving", by James B. Meeks

**IX. Discipline/s Assignment**

Gunsmithing

**X. Course Status**

Current Status: Active

Original Approval Date: 5/3/1990

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