

# Lassen Community College Course Outline

## AJ-52B PC832 Firearms

1.0 Units

### I. Catalog Description

A course certified by the California Peace Officer Standards and Training to qualify students to meet the requirement of PC 832. Enrollment limited to those with Department of Justice criminal history clearance (non-sponsored trainees), or law enforcement agency sponsored with DOJ clearance attestation from agency. Student must be at least 18 years of age. Course instructor signature required for enrollment. Material fees of \$15.00 per student collected at time of registration. Repeatable as necessary to maintain certification.

**Recommended Preparation:** Successful completion of ENGL105 or equivalent multiple measures placement.

Does not transfer

16 Hours Lecture, 8 Hours Lab, 32 Expected Outside Class Hours, 56 Total Student Learning Hours  
Scheduled: As Needed

### II. Coding Information

Repeatability: None

Grading Option: Pass/No Pass

Credit Type: Credit - Degree Applicable

TOP Code: 210500

### III. Course Objectives

#### A. Course Student Learning Outcomes

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

1. Demonstrate the safe and effective use of a firearm while demonstrating safe loading/unloading procedures.
2. Demonstrate safe, accurate, and effective use of a firearm from varying distances and positions.
3. Demonstrate the knowledge of the nomenclature of the weapon.
4. Demonstrate the proper take down, cleaning, and reassembly of firearms.
5. State and define the Four Basic Safety Rules for handling firearms.

#### B. Course Objectives

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

1. Demonstrate the knowledge of firearms and their safe handling and use. This will include, but is not limited to, loading, unloading and the correct handling during misfires.
2. Participate in the takedown, cleaning, and reassembly of firearms.
3. Demonstrate proper and safe shooting principles and techniques.
4. Demonstrate shooting skills with live ammunition at the shooting range.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of firearms and the skills of combat shooting.

### IV. Course Content

- A. Firearms Safety
  - 1. General Information
  - 2. General Safety Guidelines
    - a. Entering range
    - b. On the line
    - c. Weapon location
  - 3. General Safety Precautions
    - a. Children/unauthorized persons
    - b. Ammunition
    - c. Lockable containers/safes
  - 4. Procedures for unloading firearms
  - 5. Drawing and holstering a handgun
  - 6. Four fundamental rules of firearms safety
    - a. Treat all firearms as if loaded.
    - b. Point in safe direction
    - c. Fingers off trigger until firing
    - d. Be sure of target and area beyond
  
- B. The Workings, The Capabilities, and Limitations of Firearms
  - 1. Semiautomatic pistol and magazine
    - a. Primary components and their functions
    - b. Basic steps for loading/unloading.
    - c. Steps for rendering the semiautomatic pistol safe
    - d. Cycle of operation with semiautomatic pistol trigger
  - 2. Revolver
    - a. Primary components and their functions
    - b. Steps for loading/unloading
    - c. Steps for rendering the revolver safe
  
- C. Capabilities and Limitation of Ammunition
  - 1. Guidelines for the safe handling of ammunition
  - 2. Primary components of firearm cartridges
  - 3. Chain of events when striking ammunition
  
- D. Care and Cleaning of Service Handguns
  - 1. Reasons
  - 2. Materials, Equipment and Environment needed
  - 3. Cleaning a revolver
  - 4. Cleaning a semi-automatic pistol
  - 5. Disassembly and cleaning demonstration
    - a. Remove cylinder and crane from frame
    - b. Cleaning of cylinder
    - c. Cleaning of frame
    - d. Cleaning of crane
    - e. Cleaning of barrel
    - f. Lubrication of internal parts.
  - 6. Checking after cleaning
  
- E. Fundamental Skills in Firing Firearms
  - 1. Drawing and Holstering

2. Shooting techniques
  - a. Stance
  - b. Grip
  - c. Breath control
  - d. Sight alignment/Sight Picture
  - e. Trigger control
  - f. Follow through
3. Malfunctions with Demonstrations
  - a. Semiautomatic pistols
  - b. Revolvers

#### F. Firearms Range

1. Firearms Safety
2. Mechanical Functions
3. Manipulations
4. Basic Shooting Principles
5. Accuracy

#### G. Firearms Range Activities

1. Semiautomatic Pistol Students
  - a. Render the weapon safe
  - b. Release slide
  - c. Lock slide open
  - d. Rack slide
  - e. Holster weapon
  - f. Unholster weapon
  - g. Load Weapon
  - h. Unload weapon from the holster
  - i. Clear any malfunction(s)
  - j. In battery reload
  - k. Out of battery speed reload
2. Revolver Students
  - a. Render the weapon safe
  - b. Open cylinder
  - c. Close cylinder
  - d. Holster weapon
  - e. Unholster weapon
  - f. Load/reload revolver with authorized loading device
  - g. Clear any malfunctions

#### H. Firearms Exercise and Test

1. The PC 832 Handgun Course of Fire:
  - a. 12 rounds must be fired from a distance of 3 yards in 30 seconds
  - b. 12 rounds must be fired from a distance of 7 yards in 30 seconds
  - c. 12 rounds must be fired from a distance of 15 yards in 45 seconds

## V. Assignments

### A. Appropriate Readings

Students are required to complete appropriate reading assignments as determined by the instructor. Student will receive hands-on instruction on the takedown and cleaning of firearms, both semi-automatics pistols and revolvers. Student will accomplish same under the supervision of their instructor.

**B. Writing Assignments**

Student will receive instruction on safe shooting principles and techniques practiced in class, under the control and supervision of the instructor. Firearm grip, sight picture, controlled breathing, and proper stance will be emphasized.

**C. Expected Outside Assignments**

At the shooting range, student will apply learned knowledge of firearms and safety to the proper firing of their firearms. Upon completing the course of fire, and while still under the instructor's supervision, student will safely clear and clean their firearm.

**D. Specific Assignments that Demonstrate Critical Thinking**

At the shooting range, student will apply learned knowledge of firearms and safety to the proper firing of their firearms. Upon completing the course of fire, and while still under the instructor's supervision, student will safely clear and clean their firearm.

**VI. Methods of Evaluation**

A firearms exercise test developed by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) through a course of fire, which requires the student to demonstrate basic handgun shooting principles under daylight conditions will be conducted. Student will shoot 36 rounds of service ammunition and achieve a minimum score of 29 hits in the 7-ring on a B27 target to pass the class and receive POST certification.

**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

Online Delivery

**VIII. Representative Texts and Supplies**

College supplied binder including the latest POST edition of:

PC 832 Student Workbook Volume Five: Firearms

College Supplied B27 Targets

Student Supplied firearm, 3 magazines and ammunition, note taking material, duty belt, holster, magazine pouch, eye and ear protection

**IX. Discipline/s Assignment**

Administration of Justice

**X. Course Status**

Current Status: Active

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