

CJC 121
LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: ENG 090 and RED 090, or satisfactory score on placement test

This course introduces fundamental law enforcement operations. Topics include the contemporary evolution of law enforcement operations and related issues. Upon completion, students should be able to explain theories, practices, and issues related to law enforcement operations. Through an application setting, students utilize current methods and practices of local agencies in order to acquire a more comprehensive understanding of operational needs and logistics. *This course has been approved to satisfy the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement for transferability as a pre-major and/or elective course requirement.* Course Hours Per Week: Class, 3. Semester Hours Credit, 3.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

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

- a. Identify the objectives of police patrol.
- b. Identify patrol staffing needs.
- c. Apply patrol procedures.
- d. Monitor patrol activities.
- e. Preserve and protect evidence at the initial crime scene.
- f. Interview witnesses, victims, and suspects.
- g. Respond appropriately to crimes in progress.
- h. Conduct a preliminary investigation of crimes.
- i. Answer complaints and routine calls.
- j. Perform a correct search of suspects.
- k. Perform a correct search of a vehicle
- l. Interact across jurisdictional boundaries.
- m. Respond appropriately to crowd behavior.
- n. Utilize effective crime reporting mechanisms.
- o. Evaluate patrol effectiveness.
- p. Utilize specific law enforcement terminology in designated foreign language.
- q. Communicate information concisely and accurately, both verbally and in writing.
- r. Listen attentively.
- s. Identify needs of citizens.
- t. Use approved standard law enforcement abbreviations and terminology.
- u. Follow proper chain of command.

OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:

- I. The patrol function
 - A. Objectives of police patrol
 - B. Activities of the patrol division
 - C. Distribution of the patrol force
 - D. Types of police patrol
 - E. Police discretionary prerogatives

- II. Routine patrol procedures
 - A. Preparation for patrol
 - B. Patrolling the district
 - C. District responsibility
 - D. Inspections on patrol
 - E. Patrol hazards

- III. Patrol communications
 - A. Essentials for a police communications system
 - B. Intra- and interdepartmental communications
 - C. Communications media, basic guidelines
 - D. Guidelines for radio operation

- IV. Observation and perception
 - A. Basic requirements of a witness
 - B. Factors in perception
 - C. Descriptions of persons
 - D. Standard formula for describing property
 - E. Detailed descriptions of commonly stolen items

- V. Patrol reporting
 - A. Field notetaking and crime scene recording
 - B. Field notes and notetaking
 - C. Report writing
 - D. Purposes for police reports
 - E. Preparation of reports
 - F. The miscellaneous incident report

- VI. Police records
 - A. Getting the most out of records
 - B. Uses of records
 - C. Basic record files and their uses

- VII. Field interviews
 - A. Objectives of field interviews
 - B. Legality of the field interview
 - C. When to conduct a field interview
 - D. Field interview procedure

- E. Interview of crime suspect
- VIII. Crimes in progress
 - A. In-progress communications procedure
 - B. Field unit response
 - C. Tactics by types of crimes
 - D. General coordination and search
 - E. Methods of cover and search
 - F. Plainclothes assistance
- IX. Preliminary investigations by patrol
 - A. Prelude to the investigation
 - B. The investigation
 - C. Types of evidence
 - D. Marking evidence
 - E. Chain of evidence custody
 - F. Photographs
- X. Tactics and techniques
 - A. Alcoholic beverage control investigation and enforcement
 - B. Bombs and bomb threats
 - C. Civil and domestic disputes
 - D. Dead body calls
 - E. Intoxication cases
 - F. Lost child
 - G. Mentally and emotionally disturbed individuals
 - H. Missing persons
 - I. Nuisances
 - J. Parades and special events
 - K. Routine police services
 - L. Family and marriage counseling
 - M. Money escorts
 - N. Towing vehicles and private property
 - O. Suicides and attempted suicides
- XI. Special patrol problems
 - A. Use of firearms
 - B. Deadly force policy
 - C. Pursuit and emergency driving
 - D. Arrest techniques
 - E. Approach to suspects in vehicle
 - F. Removing the occupants from the car
 - G. Searching techniques
 - H. Search of a woman in custody
 - I. Vehicle searches
 - J. Prisoner control and transportation

- K. Transportation of prisoners

- XII. Crowd control and riot prevention tactics
 - A. Warning signals
 - B. The police purpose and objectives
 - C. Psychological considerations
 - D. Stages in the formation of a mob
 - E. Procedure for handling an unlawful assembly
 - F. Special problems
 - G. Staff concepts in crowd control
 - H. Crowd control formations

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS:

Adams, Thomas F. Police Field Operations. 5th ed. Prentice-Hall.

STATEMENT FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

Students who require academic accommodations due to any physical, psychological, or learning disability are encouraged to request assistance from a disability services counselor within the first two weeks of class. Likewise, students who potentially require emergency medical attention due to any chronic health condition are encouraged to disclose this information to a disability services counselor within the first two weeks of class. Counselors can be contacted by calling 686-3652 or by visiting the Student Development Office in the Phail Wynn Jr. Student Services Center, room 1309.