GROSSMONT COLLEGE

Official Course Outline

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE 251A - ADVANCED OFFICER COURSE

1. Course Number Course Title Semester Units Semester Hours

AOJ 251A Advanced Officer 2.5 2.5 hours lecture: 40-45 hours

Course 80-90 outside-of-class hours

120-135 total hours

2. Course Prerequisites

Peace officer status or paraprofessional in a related field, or AOJ students with 18 units in Administration of Justice coursework.

Corequisite

None

Recommended Preparation

None

3. Catalog Description

A basic introductory course designed for peace officers or paraprofessionals in a related field, who have completed their probationary period and are required to update their knowledge of current laws and procedures. Topics will include, but are not limited to: illegal substances, auto theft, gangs, telecommunications update, homeland security, blood spatter interpretation, forensic photography, CAD (computer aided design), leadership and ethics, digital imaging, crime scene investigation, report writing and physical training. This course is offered on a Pass/No Pass basis only.

4. Course Objectives

The student will:

Demonstrate a thorough knowledge of current topics in public safety, including topics in law enforcement, corrections and probation, forensic technology, security management,and other related subjects.

Analyze and interpret legal changes, legaldefinitions, elements of crime, and case law studies.

c**.** Demonstrate proper lab safety protocol and the use of Safety Data Sheets when applicable.

d. Perform routine experiments using proper lab procedures and documentation when applicable.

e. Demonstrate appropriate physical ability in hands-on activities when applicable.

f. Evaluate situations to determine appropriate courses of action relevant to in-class scenarios.

5. Instructional Facilities

Standard classroom.

6. Special Materials Required of Student

Electronic storage media

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7. Course Content

Current investigative processes.

Current legal changes.

Techniques for successful arrest and prosecution.

Methods of interviews and interrogation.

e. Safety Data Sheets.

f. Lab experiments.

8. Method of Instruction

Lecture/discussion.

Role playing.

9. Methods of Evaluating Student Performance

Written assignments, in-class laboratory exercises and scenarios that critically analyze various components of Administration of Justice.

Written exams including a comprehensive written final exam, which measures students’ ability to apply current Administration of Justice topics.

10. Outside Class Assignments

1. Students will be required to read text and supplementary materials.
2. Critical-thinking and problem-solving written assignments and laboratory exercises which apply the analysis of current topics in Administration of Justice.

11. Texts

a. Required text(s):

Abridged California Penal Code, 2020.

California Department of Motor Vehicle Codes, 2020.

Evidence Code. San Clemente, CA: LawTech Publishing, 2020.

b. Supplementary texts and workbooks:

None.

Addendum: Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, our students will be able to do the following:

Examine issues, problems, and topics in Administration of Justice as identified by public safety and department advisory committees.

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