

POLICE SCIENCE

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One of modern government's most challenging tasks is the enforcement of laws and the protection of lives and property while respecting constitutional individual rights. Carefully selected, highly trained and motivated peace officers are central in this task. The Basic Law Enforcement Academy is presented in both an intensive and extended format for students interested in becoming peace officers.

The state screening requirements for admission into the Basic Law Enforcement Academy are: A person must have a physical examination, Department of Justice/Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint check and clearance, a valid California driver's license with no restrictions (one exception is corrective lenses), and never have been convicted of a felony. Police Science classes are certified by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

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POLICE 001 1.5 Units

Police Academy Preparation

Lecture: 36 contact hours

Lab: 8 contact hours

This course is designed to provide the student with the necessary information and guidance to meet the requirements for entry into and completion of the intensive or extended police academy. The course comprehensively covers personal leadership development skills as well as mental and physical preparation strategies fundamental to a successful police academy experience.

Associate Degree Applicable

POLICE 002 24.5 Units

Basic Law Enforcement Academy

Lecture: 312 contact hours

Lab: 392 contact hours

Corequisite: POLICE 100 and POLICE 101 and POLICE 102 and POLICE 103
Advisory: READ 015 or ENGL 015 or eligibility for ENGL 101 as determined by SBVC assessment process and MATH 952.]

Basic training for new law enforcement officers. This course covers but is not limited to leadership, professionalism and ethics, criminal justice system, juvenile law, patrol procedures, domestic violence, traffic enforcement, lifetime fitness, defensive tactics, first aid and CPR, and firearms. ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO MEET STATE SCREENING REQUIREMENTS AS OUTLINED IN THE GOVERNMENT CODE, CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE AND THE COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL.

Associate Degree Applicable

POLICE 050 0.5 Units

Bicycle Patrol

Lecture: 8 contact hours

Lab: 24 contact hours

Prerequisite: Completion of POLICE 002 and POLICE 100 and POLICE 101 and POLICE 102 and POLICE 103 (POST Regular Basic Course) or CRMJUS 059 and CRMJUS 060 and CRMJUS 061 (Modules I II and III).

This course is designed to give students basic knowledge of the use of the bicycle police patrol and to improve their bicycle riding skills. The course covers physical fitness, nutrition, bicycle-handling skills, range training with bicycle, bicycle maintenance and bicycle rides on and off road.

POLICE 051 1 Unit

Bicycle Patrol - Instructor

Lecture: 16 contact hours

Lab: 24 contact hours

Prerequisite: POLICE 050

Students will learn how to apply the fundamentals of police bicycle patrol for the purpose of training other bicycle patrol officers. The course covers physical fitness, nutrition, bicycle maintenance, instructor development, facilitation skills, and bicycle handling skills.

POLICE 060 1.5 Units

Traffic Collision Investigation - Basic

Lecture: 32 contact hours

Lab: 8 contact hours

Prerequisite: Completion of POLICE 002 and POLICE 100 and POLICE 101 and POLICE 102 and POLICE 103 (POST Regular Basic Course) or CRMJUS 059 and CRMJUS 060 and CRMJUS 061 (Modules I II and III).

This course offers a practical application of how to use report forms and accident investigation terminology together with the study of vehicle code law, court decisions and other traffic related subject matter.

POLICE 061 1.5 Units

Traffic Collision Investigation - Intermediate

Lecture: 32 contact hours

Lab: 8 contact hours

Prerequisite: POLICE 060

This course is designed for experienced traffic collision investigators. Emphasis is on the applications of mathematics and physics to collision analysis, skidmark analysis, scene documentation and evaluation.

POLICE 062 4 Units

Traffic Collision Investigation - Advanced

Lecture: 72 contact hours

Lab: 8 contact hours

Prerequisite: POLICE 060

This course is designed for experienced traffic collision investigators. Emphasis is on the applications of basic mathematics and physics to collision analysis, scene documentation and evaluation.

POLICE 063 4 Units

Traffic Collision Investigation - Reconstruction

Lecture: 72 contact hours

Lab: 8 contact hours

Prerequisite: POLICE 062

This course will investigate and describe various relationships in physics as they relate to traffic collision reconstruction. This course covers auto-pedestrian, bicycle collisions, articulated vehicles, reconstruction methodology, motion analysis, velocity reconstruction and step-by-step reconstruction process.

POLICE 064 1 Unit**Traffic Collision Investigation - Motor Vehicle Inspection****Lecture:** 16 contact hours**Lab:** 24 contact hours**Prerequisite:** POLICE 060

This course is designed to enhance the investigative techniques of a traffic collision investigation. It will show students how to conduct a complete inspection of a motor vehicle from bumper to bumper in order to determine if any of the vehicle systems caused or contributed to the outcome of the collision.

POLICE 065 1 Unit**Driving Under the Influence (DUI)****Lecture:** 24 contact hours**Lab:** 8 contact hours

Prerequisite: Completion of POLICE 002 and POLICE 100 and POLICE 101 and POLICE 102 and POLICE 103 (POST Regular Basic Course) or CRMJUS 059 and CRMJUS 060 and CRMJUS 061 (Modules I II and III).

This course is designed to provide a student with a better understanding of driving under the influence (DUI) laws. The student will receive information on DUI laws, report writing, courtroom testimony, field sobriety tests and alcohol correlation studies.

POLICE 070 0.5 Units**Firearms****Lecture:** 10 contact hours**Lab:** 14 contact hours

This course satisfies the Commission of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) firearms certification for PC 832. Additionally, this course exceeds the State of California firearms safe handling and use certification required from any person purchasing a firearm in California. ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO MEET STATE SCREENING REQUIREMENTS AS OUTLINED IN THE GOVERNMENT CODE, CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE AND THE COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL.

POLICE 071 1.5 Units**Arrest and Control****Lecture:** 30 contact hours**Lab:** 10 contact hours

This course provides the student with the knowledge and skills necessary to qualify for limited peace officer powers as required by Penal Code Section 832. The course will emphasize laws of arrest, search and seizure, evidence, and the investigative process. This course meets the curriculum standards of the California Board of Corrections and the California Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training.

POLICE 072 1 Unit**Crisis Intervention and Negotiation****Lecture:** 24 contact hours

Prerequisite: Completion of POLICE 002 and POLICE 100 and POLICE 101 and POLICE 102 and POLICE 103 (POST Regular Basic Course) or CRMJUS 059 and CRMJUS 060 and CRMJUS 061 (Modules I II and III).

This course is designed to provide the student with a better understanding of crisis intervention and appropriate response. The student will receive information on the mental health systems, psychotic disorders, mood disorders, personality disorders, post-traumatic disorder, Alzheimer, and developmental disorders.

POLICE 073 2 Units**Child Abuse Investigation****Lab:** 40 contact hours

Prerequisite: Completion of POLICE 002 and POLICE 100 and POLICE 101 and POLICE 102 and POLICE 103 (POST Regular Basic Course) or CRMJUS 059 and CRMJUS 060 and CRMJUS 061 (Modules I II and III).

This course is designed to provide the student with an overview of the child abuse investigative process. It will focus on child abuse law, psychological factors of the offender, interviewing techniques and responsibilities of the child abuse investigator.

POLICE 074 1 Unit**Gang Awareness****Lecture:** 24 contact hours

Prerequisite: Completion of POLICE 002 and POLICE 100 and POLICE 101 and POLICE 102 and POLICE 103 (POST Regular Basic Course) or CRMJUS 059 and CRMJUS 060 and CRMJUS 061 (Modules I II and III).

This course is designed to provide the student with a better understanding of various gangs in the community. Topics will include: the history of gangs, gang dynamics, gang prosecution and officer safety considerations.

POLICE 075 5 Units**Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT)****Lecture:** 80 contact hours**Lab:** 40 contact hours

Prerequisite: Completion of POLICE 002 and POLICE 100 and POLICE 101 and POLICE 102 and POLICE 103 (POST Regular Basic Course) or CRMJUS 059 and CRMJUS 060 and CRMJUS 061 (Modules I II and III).LIMITATION ON ENROLLMENT: Students must be selected by their respective law enforcement agency and pass Special Weapons and Tactics Team departmental qualifications prior to registration.

This course is designed for new members of special weapons and tactics teams. It will cover concepts of planning, tactical operations, approach, entry, and search techniques, as well as the use of chemical agents, and weapons. Limitation on Enrollment: Students must be selected by their respective law enforcement agency and pass Special Weapons and Tactics Team departmental qualifications prior to registration.

POLICE 076 3.5 Units**Homicide Investigation****Lecture:** 64 contact hours**Lab:** 16 contact hours

Prerequisite: Completion of POLICE 002 and POLICE 100 and POLICE 101 and POLICE 102 and POLICE 103 (POST Regular Basic Course) or CRMJUS 059 and CRMJUS 060 and CRMJUS 061 (Modules I II and III).

This advanced course will train investigators in the highly specialized field of homicide investigation. It will cover the legal aspects of death investigation, homicide crime scene procedures, autopsy, psychological profiling, criminal psychology, laboratory work, gunshots, asphyxia, drowning, burning, cutting, stabbing, and interviewing techniques.

POLICE 077 3.5 Units**Crime Scene Investigation****Lecture:** 64 contact hours**Lab:** 16 contact hours

This course reviews principles of evidence collection. Course topics will include crime scene examination, recording, gathering trace evidence, collecting and packaging of biological evidence and the use of camera in crime scene investigation. Limitation on Enrollment: Students must be employed in a sworn or civilian position with a law enforcement agency performing duties related to crime scene investigation or be employed as a law enforcement officer.

POLICE 078 1.5 Units**Crime Scene and Forensic Photography****Lecture:** 24 contact hours**Lab:** 16 contact hours

Prerequisite: Completion of POLICE 002 and POLICE 100 and POLICE 101 and POLICE 102 and POLICE 103 (POST Regular Basic Course) or CRMJUS 059 and CRMJUS 060 and CRMJUS 061 (Modules I II and III).LIMITATION ON ENROLLMENT: Students must be employed in a sworn or civilian position with a law enforcement agency performing duties related to crime scene investigation or be employed as a law enforcement officer.

This course provides students with an introduction to forensic photography of crime scene investigation. It examines the methods utilized in crime scene forensic photography including daylight/nighttime photography, impression photography, close-up photography, and video photography.

POLICE 079 1.5 Units**Blood Stain Pattern Analysis****Lecture:** 24 contact hours**Lab:** 16 contact hours

This course provides a basic and fundamental knowledge in the field of bloodstain pattern interpretation and illustrates the scientific principles and practical application of bloods stain patterns. Limitation on Enrollment: Students must be employed in a sworn or civilian position with a law enforcement agency performing duties related to crime scene investigation or be employed as a law enforcement officer.

POLICE 090 1.5 Units**Field Training Officer****Lecture:** 32 contact hours**Lab:** 8 contact hours

Prerequisite: Completion of POLICE 002 and POLICE 100 and POLICE 101 and POLICE 102 and POLICE 103 (POST Regular Basic Course) or CRMJUS 059 and CRMJUS 060 and CRMJUS 061 (Modules I II and III).

This course is designed to provide the student with an understanding of the purpose of the field-training program. This course will focus on the fundamentals of basic training in patrol concepts and procedures.

POLICE 091 1 Unit**Field Training Officer - Update****Lecture:** 18 contact hours**Lab:** 8 contact hours**Prerequisite:** POLICE 090

This course is designed to provide current Field Training Officers with an update on the fundamentals of basic training in patrol concepts and procedures. Students will be updated on the current practices of evaluations, legal aspects, vehicle pursuits, weapons, building searches, prisoner restraints, and the use of force.

POLICE 092 4 Units**Police Supervision****Lecture:** 80 contact hours

Prerequisite: Completion of POLICE 002 and POLICE 100 and POLICE 101 and POLICE 102 and POLICE 103 (POST Regular Basic Course) or CRMJUS 059 and CRMJUS 060 and CRMJUS 061 (Modules I II and III).

This course covers police supervision techniques including problems of leadership and responsibilities, performance evaluation, instructional and disciplinary methods, motivation, and psychological aspects of supervision. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED PROGRAM PREREQUISITES.

POLICE 093 2 Units**Civilian Supervision****Lecture:** 40 contact hours

In this course, students will learn supervisory techniques of non-sworn law enforcement employees including clerical, maintenance, janitorial and auto mechanics. The class includes problems of leadership and responsibilities, performance evaluation, instructional and disciplinary methods, motivation, and psychological aspects of supervision. Limitation on Enrollment: Students must be employed in a civilian position with a law enforcement agency performing duties of a first-line supervisor or be selected by their respective law enforcement agency.

POLICE 094 1.5 Units**Academy Instructor Certificate Program (AICC)****Lecture:** 25 contact hours**Lab:** 15 contact hours

Prerequisite: Completion of POLICE 002 and POLICE 100 and POLICE 101 and POLICE 102 and POLICE 103 (POST Regular Basic Course) or CRMJUS 059 and CRMJUS 060 and CRMJUS 061 (Modules I II and III).

This course is designed to provide instruction for Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) academy instructors in adult learning principles including instructional planning skills, presentation and facilitation techniques.

POLICE 095 1 Unit**Force Option Simulator Instructor****Lecture:** 10 contact hours**Lab:** 30 contact hours

Prerequisite: Completion of POLICE 002 and POLICE 100 and POLICE 101 and POLICE 102 and POLICE 103 (POST Regular Basic Course) or CRMJUS 059 and CRMJUS 060 and CRMJUS 061 (Modules I II and III).

This course is designed as a "train the trainer" class and meets all requirements for Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) force options simulator instructor certification. This class will provide the trainer with an in-depth understanding of scenario-based training, increase their knowledge of federal and state laws governing use of force, and increase their knowledge of case laws and department policies regarding use of force.

POLICE 096 1 Unit**Firearms Instructor Course****Lecture:** 10 contact hours**Lab:** 30 contact hours

Prerequisite: Completion of POLICE 002 and POLICE 100 and POLICE 101 and POLICE 102 and POLICE 103 (POST Regular Basic Course) or CRMJUS 059 and CRMJUS 060 and CRMJUS 061 (Modules I II and III).

This course is designed to prepare the student with the fundamentals of teaching law enforcement firearms techniques to others and to create and administer a safe and quality firearms training program. Part of the training includes various shooting styles, updates, and instruction on the most effective contemporary techniques used in law enforcement today. How to diagnose shooting problems through target analysis, and how to properly correct the problems will be covered as well.

POLICE 100 3 Units

Criminal Law

Lecture: 54 contact hours

Corequisite: POLICE 002 POLICE 101 POLICE 102 and POLICE 103.]

Advisory: READ 015 and ENGL 015 or eligibility for ENGL 101 as determined by SBVC assessment process and MATH 952.

This course analyses property crimes, crimes against persons, crimes against children, child abuse reporting, sex crimes, crimes against the judicial system, weapons violations, relevant laws and court decisions and crimes against the public peace. This course will focus on the relationship between criminal law and the criminal justice system. Classification of crimes and their application to the criminal justice system will also be covered in the course. THIS COURSE IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY MET STATE SCREENING REQUIREMENTS: POSSESSION OF A CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S LICENSE WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS, OTHER THAN REQUIRED EYEGLASSES OR CONTACT LENSES AND POSSESSION OF A CURRENT LETTER OF CLEARANCE ISSUED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE THAT CERTIFIES THE RIGHT TO BE IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM.

Associate Degree Applicable

Transfers to CSU only

POLICE 101 3 Units

Procedure and Evidence

Lecture: 54 contact hours

Corequisite: POLICE 002 and POLICE 100 and POLICE 102 and POLICE 103]

Advisory: READ 015 and ENGL 015 or eligibility for ENGL 101 as determined by SBVC assessment process and MATH 952.

This course will address a peace officer's authority, liability and responsibility to make a lawful arrest, and current search and seizure laws. It includes the origin, development, philosophy, and constitutional basis of evidence; rules and procedures governing admissibility and judicial decisions interpreting individual rights. ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO MEET THE SCREENING REQUIREMENTS AS OUTLINED IN THE GOVERNMENT CODE, CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE AND THE COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL.

Associate Degree Applicable

Transfers to CSU only

POLICE 102 3 Units

Community Policing

Lecture: 54 contact hours

Corequisite: POLICE 002 and POLICE 100 and POLICE 101 and POLICE 103]

Advisory: READ 015 and ENGL 015 or eligibility for ENGL 101 as determined by SBVC assessment process and MATH 952.

This course addresses the origin, concepts and philosophy of community policing, and victim awareness and the development of positive relationships with the public. It includes cultural diversity and discrimination. ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO MEET THE SCREENING REQUIREMENTS AS OUTLINED IN THE GOVERNMENT CODE, CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE AND THE COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL.

Associate Degree Applicable

Transfers to CSU only

POLICE 103 3 Units

Introduction to Criminal Investigation

Lecture: 54 contact hours

Corequisite: POLICE 002 and POLICE 100 and POLICE 101 and POLICE 102.]

Advisory: READ 015 and ENGL 015 or eligibility for ENGL 101 as determined by SBVC assessment process and MATH 952.

This course will address the examination of crime, evidence and police procedures in investigating crime. This includes documenting, recording and preserving evidence found at crime scenes. ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO MEET SCREENING REQUIREMENTS AS OUTLINED IN THE GOVERNMENT CODE, CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE AND THE COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL.

Associate Degree Applicable

Transfers to CSU only