1. Discipline/Course #: AJ-229A4
2. Units: 4
3. Title: Basic Police Academy Modular, Level III
4. Cross Reference: 
5. Part of Program: Law Enforcement
6. Grading: Letter only X
7. Repeat: 0 # Times or units
8. Credit by Exam: Yes _ No X
     (If yes, attach exam)
9. Prerequisites:
   - Academy medical insurance
   - CA drivers license and medical insurance
   - Penal Code section 13511.5 DOJ clearance
     Penal Code section 13511.5 requires DOJ clearance
     for each applicant to a basic course of training certified
     by the Commission that includes carrying and use of
     firearms, and who is not sponsored by a local or other law
     Enforcement agency, or is not a peace officer employed by
     a state or local agency, department or district, shall be
     required to submit written certification.
   - Completion of POST Read/Write Exam
   - Academy’s WSTB Physical Agility Exam
10. Corequisites: 
    - Advisory:
11. Credit Course: X
    (If Credit Course, complete all applicable categories below)
    - Associate Degree Course: (Please complete one)
      XX Associate Degree Applicable Course
    - Non-Associate Degree Applicable Course
12a. Catalog Description:
    This course is certified by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) and meets the content and hour
    requirements established by POST for Level III Reserve Peace Officers. This course with current PC 832 certificates and Level
    II and Level I certificates meet the regular basic academy requirements. Level III must be completed before level II or I may be
    taken.
12b. Class Schedule Description:
    This is a required course of training for Level III Reserve Police Officers. Level III must be taken prior to levels II or I.
13. Course Schedule for Counselors:
    This course, combined with the required PC 832 certificates (Firearms and Laws of Arrest), meet POST requirements for a Level
    III Reserve Police Officer. The Level III certificate is a prerequisite for Levels II and I. When the student has completed all three
    levels, they will be awarded a Basic Academy certificate.
Student Performance Objectives:
Upon completion of this course the student will:

1. Students will examine the importance of leadership, professionalism and ethics and how they relate to the profession, the department, the officer and the community.

2. Identify community policing goals, including; reducing and preventing crime, fear of crime and improving the quality of life in the community.

3. Discuss reasonable force as stated by law and discuss factors that can affect a peace officer’s response when threatened with danger.

4. Demonstrate the elements to accurately shoot a firearm and describe environmental and physical conditions that can impact the effectiveness of a chemical agent.

5. Produce the crime elements required to arrest for providing a false identity to a peace officer, falsely reporting a criminal offense, falsely reporting an emergency, obstructing or resisting an executive officer by use of threats or force, threatening a public officer or disarming an officer, and recognize the crimes classification as a misdemeanor or felony.

6. Analyze the term racial profiling and describe personal, professional, and organizational benefits of valuing diversity within the community and law enforcement organizations.

7. Demonstrate principles of defensive tactics and explain the purpose of using restraint devices on a subject.

8. Evaluate the importance of taking notes in preparation for writing reports and apply appropriate actions for taking notes during a field interview.

9. Assess potential hazards of freeway driving and appropriate actions to prevent collision under stress while driving a patrol car.

10. Analyze circumstances which may cause evidence to be excluded and recognize a peace officer’s role in ensuring the admissibility of evidence.

Methods of Evaluation or Measurement of Student Achievement:
(Degree course requires at least one choice from "A", "B" or "C". If "A" is not checked, indicate the reason why not)

A. Written Assignments: 25% (Approximate % of grade)

   __ Essay Exam(s)                  Writing Assignments are NOT
   __ Term or Other Paper(s)        appropriate because course is:
   __ Lab Report(s)                 __ Primarily Computational
   XWritten Homework                __ Primarily Skill Demo
   XReading Report(s)               or Problem Solving
   __ Other (specify)               __ Other ________________________

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### B. Comp/Non Comp/Prob Solving  
(= approx. 25 %)  
X Exam(s)*  
X Quizzes  
X Homework  
__ Lab Report(s)  
__ Field Work  
__ Other (specify)

### C. Skill Demonstration  
(= approx. 25 %)  
X Class Performance(s)  
__ Field Work  
X Performance Exams  
__ Other (specify)

### D. Objective Exams  
(= approx. 25 %)  
X Multiple Choice  
X True/False  
__ Matching  
__ Completion  
__ Other (specify)

* Learning Domain is prescribed by POST. The student must pass all the different sections of this course and pass the final POST exam to qualify for their certificate.

17. **Course Content:** (If additional space is needed, attach on separate paper. See guidelines for description of outline required.)

**I. History, Professionalism, Career, Ethics**

Students will define why peace officers should exemplify the highest moral and ethical standards both on and off duty.

A. Define leadership  
1. The practice of influencing people, while using ethical values and goals, to produce intended change  
2. Discuss Leadership Competencies

B. Discuss the community, agency, and other peace officers’ expectations of a peace officer’s conduct  
1. Community expectations  
2. Agency and individual officer’s expectations  
3. Commonality and conflicts of expectations

Homework: Written assignment

**II. Criminal Justice System**

Students will study and summarize the constitutional rights of all individuals within the United States, and the role of the criminal justice system has in protecting those rights in class exercises and written assignments.

A. Identify the freedoms and rights afforded to individuals under the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and later amendments.  
1. Right to a speedy trial  
2. Freedom of speech

B. List the primary federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies within the criminal justice system  
2. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)  
3. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)  
4. U. S. Marshal Service  
5. Youth and Adult Correctional Agency
Homework - reading assignment, uniform preparation, penal code quiz preparation

III. Community Relations

Student Performance Objective: Students will study and examine community policing and its effect on the community including department effectiveness, addressing crime and community problems and improving community relations.

A. Define community policing
   1. Community Policing is both an organizational and a personal philosophy that promotes police / community partnerships and proactive problem solving to:
   2. Address causes of crime

B. Identify the components that comprise communities
   1. Families
   2. Individuals
   3. Neighborhoods

Homework - Group project, assessing the community problems and prepare a response

V. Introduction to Criminal Law

Students must determine what type of crime has been committed, who was involved in the commission of the crime, and who cannot be criminally liable during role play exercises.

A. Identify the relationship among:
   1. Constitutional law
   2. Statutory law
   3. Case law

B. Identify the basic elements common to all crimes
   1. Commission of a prohibited act, or an omission of a required act
   2. Presence of a designated state of mind (intent)

C. Identify the basic elements required of an attempt to commit a crime
   1. Intent to commit that crime
   2. A direct, but ineffectual, act done toward its commission

Homework - reading assignment, quiz preparation

V. Laws of Arrest

Students will identify the amendments to the U.S. Constitution, and similar sections of the California Constitution that are related to the authority, liability, and responsibility they have in making arrests during written assignments.

A. Recognize a peace officer’s responsibility in relation to the protections and rights included in the following amendments to the U.S. Constitution and related California Constitution sections:
   1. Fourth Amendment
   2. Fifth Amendment
   3. Sixth Amendment
   4. Fourteenth Amendment

B. Recognize appropriate conduct during a consensual encounter
   1. Requesting information
   2. Interviewing witnesses at the scene of a crime or accident
3. Conversing casually
4. Disseminating information

C. Differentiate between a detention and a consensual encounter
1. Detention requires reasonable suspicion of criminal activity
2. A detention leads the person to believe he or she is not free to leave
3. A consensual encounter requires no legal justification as long as officers are in a place they have a right to be

D. Differentiate between arrest and detention
1. Arrest: taking into custody
2. Detention: a stop, limited in scope, intensity and duration that would cause a reasonable person to believe he or she is not free to leave

Homework - reading assignment, uniform preparation and quiz preparation

VI. Search and Seizure

Students will identify their authority, responsibility, and potential for liability in the areas of search and seizure law, as well as the protections provided by constitutional law, statutory law, and case law against unreasonable searches and seizures during class assignments and role play exercises.

A. Recognize probable cause to search and its link between Fourth Amendment protections and search and seizure law
   1. Probable cause is required by constitution in order to obtain a search warrant
   2. Enough credible information to provide fair probability that the object the police officers seek will be found

B. Recognize how probable cause serves as a basis for obtaining a search warrant
   1. Fourth Amendment states warrants require probable cause
   2. Fair probability the object peace officers seek will be found at place searched
   3. Officer training, experience and collective knowledge

C. Recognize why a plain view seizure does not constitute a search
   1. Officer sees item in plain view
   2. From a place the officer has a lawful right to be
   3. No search has taken place

Homework - written assignments

VII. Presentation of Evidence

Students will describe the rules of evidence as they pertain to relevancy, types of evidence, authentication and chain of custody during class assignments.

A. Recognize relevance as it pertains to the admissibility of evidence
   1. Relevant evidence means evidence, including evidence relevant to the credibility of a witness or hearsay declarant, having any tendency in reason to prove or disprove any disputed fact that is of consequence to the determination of the action. (Evidence Code Section 210)

B. Identify four types of evidence
   1. Testimonial
   2. Real
   3. Demonstrative
   4. Circumstantial
C. Recognize a peace officer’s role and responsibilities in ensuring the admissibility of evidence:
1. California Evidence Code 352
2. Exclusionary Rule
3. Opinion and expert testimony
4. Privilege
5. Credibility of witnesses

Homework - quiz preparation, uniform preparation

VIII. Report Writing

Students will compose written investigative reports that are well organized, and include facts needed to establish that a crime has been committed and all actions taken by officers were appropriate.

A. Explain the legal basis for requiring investigative reports
   1. State and federal statutes mandate law enforcement agencies report certain events and incidents
   2. Report must describe the nature and character of each crime, note all particular circumstances of that crime, and include all supplemental information pertaining to the suspected criminal activity.

B. Apply appropriate actions for taking notes during a field interview
   1. At the scene of an event or incident,
   2. When interviewing persons (e.g., victims, witness, suspects, etc.),
   3. Whenever an officer wishes to record specific facts for inclusion in the report
   4. Any time the officer wishes to remember specific details at a later time

C. Summarize the primary questions that must be answered by an investigative report
   1. What?
   2. When?
   3. Where?
   4. Who?
   5. How?
   6. Why?

Homework - reading assignments, test preparation

IX. Vehicle Operations

Students must demonstrate proficiency in the operation of police vehicles including proper steering control, throttle control, speed judgment, and brake use enhances driving expertise.

A. Determine a safe distance when following another vehicle
   1. Space cushion
   2. A safe minimum following distance is at least three seconds of time between vehicles.

B. Discuss how reaction time lapse affects vehicle stopping distance
   1. Average driver’s perception time
   2. Average driver’s reaction time
   3. Speed of vehicle
C. Identify the objectives of emergency response driving  
   1. Objective of emergency response driving is to get to the scene of an emergency quickly and safely

Homework - reading assignments, test preparation, uniform preparation

X. Use of Force

Students will list and demonstrate the use reasonable force to affect an arrest, to prevent escape, or to overcome resistance as authorized by the California Penal Code in class exercises.

A. Discuss reasonable force as stated by law  
   1. How much and what kind of force a peace officer may use in a given circumstance

B. Explain the legal framework establishing a peace officer’s authority during a legal arrest, including:  
   1. Subject’s requirement to submit to arrest without resistance  
   2. Peace officer’s authority to use reasonable force during a detention or arrest

C. Define the term “force option”  
   1. Force options are choices identified to a peace officer in each agency’s policy documentation.

Homework - written assignment, uniform preparation

XI. Traffic Enforcement/DUI

Students will identify the elements of the laws governing motor vehicles and pedestrians during class assignments.

A. Explain the relevance of traffic enforcement to:  
   1. Public safety and quality of life within a community  
   2. Legally establish probable cause for accomplishing general law enforcement objectives.

B. Explain the organization of information within the Vehicle Code  
   1. Definitive sections  
   2. Procedural sections  
   3. Authoritative sections  
   4. Punitive sections

Homework – reading assignment

XII. Accident Investigation

Students will discuss how to effectively manage traffic collision scenes to ensure their safety, the safety of others and protect the integrity of the collision scene during class assignments.

A. Discuss safety hazards that officers should be aware of when approaching the scene of a traffic collision  
   1. Fleeing vehicles/persons  
   2. Existence of hazardous materials  
   3. Conditions related to the collision
B. Demonstrate appropriate peace officer actions when managing a vehicle collision scene, including:
   1. Caring for injured and involved parties
   2. Protecting the collision scene
   3. Collecting and preserving evidence

C. Distinguish between a skid mark and a tire impression
   1. Skid marks
   2. Tire Impressions

Homework – reading assignment, test preparation

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Homework - quiz preparation, uniform preparation

XIV. Custody

Students will examine their responsibilities and liabilities for the care, custody, and safety of prisoners while ensuring their constitutional and statutory rights during class assignments.

A. The definition of custody
   1. Custody refers to the immediate care or charge of an arrested person.

B. Recognize general responsibilities an officer has for the care and custody of an arrested person
   1. Assuring there is a lawful basis for custody
   2. Protecting constitutional and statutory rights of the arrested person
   3. Maintaining care, custody and safety
   4. Maintaining officer and public safety
5. Facilitate the processing of the arrested person into a detention facility
Homework – reading assignment, test preparation

XV. Arrest and Control Techniques/Defensive Tactics

Students will demonstrate the application of a restraint device (i.e., handcuffs, plastic flex cuffs, leg restraint devices, full body restraints) on a subject during class exercises.

A. Demonstrate principles of defensive tactics, to include:
   1. Awareness
   2. Balance
   3. Control

B. Describe parts of an officer’s body that are most vulnerable to serious injury
   1. Face / throat / head / neck
   2. Heart / kidneys / spine / groin
   3. Joints

C. Describe parts of an officer’s body that may be used as personal weapons for self defense or to overcome resistance by a subject
   1. Head
   2. Hands
   3. Arms
   4. Legs
   5. Feet

D. Discuss a peace officer’s justification to use controlling force on a subject
   1. Subject’s display of aggressive or assaultive behavior
   2. Physical size of subject
   3. Need for immediate control

Homework- reading assignment, uniform preparation

XVI. First Aid and C.P.R.

Students will identify the primary responsibilities of peace officers as EMS First Responders at a medical emergency

A. Identify the primary responsibilities of peace officers as EMS First Responders at a medical emergency
   1. Ensuring officer safety as well as the safety of ill or injured individuals and the public

B. Recognize precautions peace officers should take to ensure their own personal safety when responding to a medical emergency
   1. Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
   2. Universal Precautions
   3. Personal preventive measures

C. Perform procedures for clearing an obstruction from the airway of a conscious and unconscious:
   1. Adult
   2. Child
   3. Infant
4. Pregnant or obese individual

D. Demonstrate Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) for adults, children, and infants, including:
   1. Ventilation duration
   2. Pulse location
   3. Compression depth
   4. Compression rate

Homework - reading assignment, test preparation

XVII. Firearms/Tear Gas

Students will demonstrate competency in basic handgun shooting principles using a handgun, while wearing body armor and duty equipment.

A. State the four fundamental rules of firearms safety
   1. Treat all firearms as if they are loaded
   2. Always keep the firearms pointed in the safest possible direction
   3. Always keep fingers off the trigger until ready to fire the firearm
   4. Be sure of the target and what is beyond it before firing the firearm

B. Explain basic safety guidelines to be followed at a firing range
   1. Entering the firing range
   2. On the firing line
   3. Handguns are unholstered

C. Describe the basic information about a semiautomatic pistol and magazine, including:
   1. Primary components and their functions
   2. Steps for loading/unloading
   3. Steps for rendering the semiautomatic pistol safe

D. Describe the cycle of operation that takes place with each single pull of a semiautomatic pistol trigger
   1. Firing
   2. Unlocking
   3. Extracting
   4. Ejecting
   5. Cocking
   6. Feeding
   7. Chambering
   8. Locking

E. Discuss the physiological and psychological effects of each of the following chemical agents used by peace officers:
   1. OC (oleoresin capsicum)
   2. CN (chloroacetophenone)
   3. CS (otho-chlorobenzylidene-moloonitrile)

Homework - written assignment, gun cleaning

XVIII. Information Systems
Students will discuss the laws regulating access and use of law enforcement information systems to ensure privacy of individuals, and the integrity and security of the information.

A. Recognize the requirements of the Department of Justice regarding the confirmation of information obtained from the CLETS network
   1. Authorized access
   2. Mobile access
   3. Confidentiality
   4. CLETS information
   5. Confirmation of CLETS information
   6. Failure to confirm information

B. Recognize crimes involving unlawful access or use of a law enforcement computer system
   1. Any person who knowingly accesses and without permission

Homework - reading assignment

XIX. Crimes Against the Justice System

Students will study the elements required to arrest for crimes against the judicial process and to correctly categorize these crimes as misdemeanors or felonies.

A. Recognize the crime elements required to arrest for:
   1. Intimidating witnesses or victims
   2. Threats of retaliation
   3. Violating a court order

B. Recognize the crime classification as a misdemeanor or felony.

C. Recognize the crime elements required to arrest for:
   1. Providing a false identity to a peace officer
   2. Falsely reporting a criminal offense
   3. Falsely reporting an emergency
   4. Falsely reporting a destructive device

Homework - reading assignment, quiz preparation

XX. Cultural Diversity

Students will compare and respect the complexities of cultural diversity to develop skills necessary for identifying and responding to California’s changing communities.

A. Define the terms:
   1. Culture
   2. Cultural diversity

B. Describe personal, professional, and organizational benefits of valuing diversity within the community and law enforcement organizations
   1. Enhanced officer safety
   2. Increased personal and ethical satisfaction
   3. Career survival
   4. Improved quality of service provided
   5. Enhanced community support and improved public trust
C. Explain the historical and current cultural composition of California.

D. Define the term stereotype
   1. Preconceived or over-simplified generalization
   2. Involving negative, or positive beliefs
   3. About another group

Homework - reading assignment, test preparation

XXI. Adult Learning Theory

Students will the concepts and principles of adult learning theory to better prepare for the learning environment of the basic police academy.

A. Identify types of learning
   1. Behavioral
   2. Cognitive
   3. Psychomotor

B. Recognize strategies designed to enhance learning success
   1. Motivation
   2. Barriers
   3. Cognitive and physical performance
   4. Personal study habits
   5. Time management

Homework - test preparation

XXII. Professional Orientation

Students will identify their role and responsibility as a student in the Basic Police Academy and how that responsibility relates to the law enforcement profession.

A. Discuss standards, policies and procedures related to the course
   1. POST Instructional Format

B. Orientation to surroundings and academy expectations
   1. Tour of the Academy grounds
   2. Mission of the Basic Course
   3. Physical, intellectual and emotional demands

B. Discuss effective strategies that students may use to create academy and professional success
   1. Study groups
   2. Team support
   3. Family support
   4. RTO and academy staff
   5. College

Homework - reading assignment, test preparation

XXIII. Drill and Inspection
Students will demonstrate how to properly wear the peace officer uniform in a manner that reflects professionalism and pride.

A. Formations  
B. Marching Drill and Inspection

**XXIV. POST Testing**  
A. POST Written Tests  
   1. Learning Domain Testing  
B. POST Skills Test

**XXV. Academy Testing**  
**XXVI. POST Test Review**

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Inst. Manager Approval:  
CAPAC Approval:

CAPAC Curriculum Review:  
CAPAC Revised:

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR CAPAC**

18. **Student Materials-Means of Achieving Objectives:**

Text:
- California Vehicle Code, State of California, 2010 or most current edition
- Law Texts and prepared handouts, current year
- POST Workbooks, Published by POST, Sacramento, CA 2010 or most current edition
- First Aid and CPR Books, American Red Cross / American Heart Association, 2010 or most current edition

Supplemental Text:

Special Materials:
- Students are required to purchase uniform and equipment specified by The Academy
- All other special materials, i.e. chemical agent and radio equipment are supplied by The Academy

Texts are considered college level because:

*Texts being used are specified by the State Certification Program*

19. **Outside of Class Assignments, Required Reading, Writing, and Other:**

Over an 18-week presentation of a course, three hours per week are required for each unit of credit. For each hour of lecture, two hours of independent work done outside of class are required. The students in this class will be doing the following outside of class:

- [X] Study
- [X] Answer Questions
- [X] Skill Practice
__X__ Required Reading
__X__ Problem Solving Activity or Exercise
__X__ Written Work (essays/composition/report/analysis/research)
__ __ Journal (reaction and evaluation of class, done on a continuing basis throughout the semester)
__ __ Observation of, or participation in, an activity related to course content (e.g., play, museum, concert, debate, meeting, etc.)
__ __ Other (specify)