

SPECIAL TOPICS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT (CJLE 1394)



Credit: 3 semester credit hours (2 hours lecture, 1 hour lab)

Prerequisite/Co-requisite: None

Course Description

Topics address recently identified current events, skills, knowledge, and/or attitudes and behaviors pertinent to the technology or occupation and relevant to the professional development of the student. This course was designed to be repeated multiple times to improve student proficiency. .

Required Textbook and Materials

1. *The Texas Peace Officer: The Basic Training Course* by Larry D. Nichols, Ray K. Robbins, and Donald B. Harrelson, 12th edition, McCutchan Publishing 2010
ISBN number is 978-0-8211-1770-5
2. Notebook, pen/pencils and Scan Tron Answer Sheets

Course Objectives

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

1. Identify the concepts associated with the criminal justice application process for both corrections and law enforcement in Texas.
2. Identify the licensing agency in the State of Texas for both County Corrections Officers and Texas Peace Officers.
3. Identify the application process and required course work for a Texas County Corrections Officer.
4. Describe the requirements and the course curriculum for application, attendance and completion of a Texas Peace Officer Academy.
5. Explain the process to apply for, attend and pass a TCOLE test.

Course Outline

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| A. Introduction and Orientation | 2. Police Organizations |
| 1. Syllabus | 3. Traditional Police Service Model |
| 2. Online Components | 4. Improvements in keeping the peace |
| B. Fitness and Wellness and Stress Management | 5. Community Attitudes and Influences |
| 1. Fitness and Wellness | 6. Community Policing |
| 2. Physical Disablers | 7. Citizen evaluation of law enforcement |
| 3. Alcohol and Drug Abuse | 8. Law Enforcement Organization |
| 4. Hazards of Smoking | 9. Career Influences |
| 5. Prevention of Disablers | 10. Crime in the U.S. |
| 6. Weight control | 11. Historical Development of Law in the U.S. |
| 7. Nutrition | |
| 8. Stress Management | |
| 9. Trauma | |
| C. Professional Policing | |
| 1. Police Reform | |

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12. Education and Texas Law Enforcement
13. TCLEOSE
- D. Professionalism and Ethics
 1. Professionalism
 2. Physical and Moral Courage
 3. Legal Consequences of Peace Officer Misconduct
- E. The U.S. and Texas Constitutions and the Criminal Justice System
 1. The U.S. Constitution
 2. The Texas Constitution
 3. The Criminal Justice System
- F. Multiculturalism and Human Relations
 1. Prejudice
 2. The Role of the Peace Officer
- G. The Code of Criminal Procedure
 1. General Provisions
 2. Definitions
 3. Racial profiling
 4. Suppression of Riots and other disturbances
 5. Duties and powers of Police Officers
 6. Arrest of a Police Officer from other jurisdiction
 7. Courts
 8. Preventing offenses
 9. Arrest without a warrant
 10. Search Warrants
 11. Statute of Limitations
 12. Grand Jury
 13. The Capias
 14. Commitment or Discharge of the Abused
 15. Inquests on Dead Bodies
 16. Disposition of Stolen Property
 17. Fugitives from Justice
 18. Contraband
 19. Sex Offenders
- H. Arrest, Search, and Seizure
 1. Law of Arrest
 2. Elements of Arrest
 3. Probable Cause
 4. Notification to Schools
5. Statements by the accused
6. Corpus Delicti Rule
7. Searches with a warrant
8. Informants
9. Stop and Frisk
10. Evidence Law
11. Mechanics of Arrest
- I. The Texas Penal Code
 1. General Provisions
 2. Definitions
 3. Beyond a reasonable doubt
 4. General principles of criminal responsibility
 5. General defenses to criminal responsibility
 6. Punishments
 7. Preparatory Offenses
 8. Elements of Crime – Texas Penal Code
- J. Traffic
 1. Vehicle Law definitions
 2. Obedience to and effects of traffic laws
 3. Traffic enforcement
 4. Driving on Right Side of Roadway and Overtaking or Passing
 5. Turning, Starting, Signals, on Stopping and Turning
 6. Right-of-Way
 7. Pedestrians' Rights and Duties
 8. Vehicle Entering Stop or Yield Intersection
 9. Vehicle entering highway from a private road
 10. Overtaking and passing a school bus
 11. Safety Belt Laws
 12. Equipment Regulations
 13. Mirrors and Windshield Wipers
 14. Equipment on Motorcycles
 15. Compulsory Inspection of Vehicles
 16. Speed Restrictions
 17. Operation of Bicycles and play vehicles

- 18. Helmets for Motorcycle Riders
- 19. Riding in Open Beds
- K. Intoxicated Driver and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing
 - 1. Definitions
 - 2. DWI – Driving While Intoxicated
 - 3. Penalties
 - 4. Phases of observing DWI offenders
- L. Civil Process and Liability
 - 1. Civil Process
 - 2. Community Property
 - 3. Medical Treatment
 - 4. The Civil Case
 - 5. Subpoenas
 - 6. Civil and Criminal Liability
 - 7. Defenses of Civil Process
 - 8. Definitions of Civil process terms
- M. The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code
 - 1. Definitions
 - 2. Permits and Licenses
 - 3. Arrest, Search, and Seizure
 - 4. Firearm Regulations
- N. Health and Safety Code Controlled Substance Act
 - 1. Hallucinogens
 - 2. Stimulants and Depressants
 - 3. Narcotics
 - 4. Intoxicating poisonous substances
 - 5. Drug addiction
- O. The Texas Family Code and Juvenile Issues
 - 1. Youth Gangs
 - 2. Law Enforcement Intervention
 - 3. Texas Family Code
 - 4. Conduct in Need of Supervision
 - 5. Warning Notices
 - 6. Fingerprinting or Photographic Juveniles
 - 7. Dismissal of Charges

- P. Field Notetaking, Interpersonal Communications, and Report Writing
 - 1. Note-taking basics
 - 2. Interpersonal Communication
 - 3. Passive, Assertive, and Aggressive Behavior
- Q. Introductory Spanish
 - 1. Basic words and phrases
 - 2. Reasons for Spanish Training for Law Enforcement
- R. Use of Force Law and Concepts
 - 1. Definitions
 - 2. Protection of Persons
 - 3. Protection of Property
 - 4. Law Enforcement Use of Force
 - 5. Special relationships
 - 6. The effects of force
 - 7. Concept of Control
 - 8. General Law Regarding use of force
 - 9. Liabilities of using force
 - 10. Options and Use-of-Force Continuum
 - 11. Actions after officer-involved shooting
 - 12. Consequences arising from improper or excessive use of force
 - 13. Factors courts use in unreasonable force cases
- S. Mechanics of Arrest
 - 1. Principles of Weaponless defense
 - 2. Strategies of weaponless and weaponed
 - 3. Role of Primary and Cover officer
 - 4. Hostage and Barricade suspects
 - 5. Prisoner Restraint, Search, and Transportation
- T. Firearms
 - 1. Firearms Safety
 - 2. Nomenclature of firearms
 - 3. Identification of weapons and ammunition

4. Care and cleaning of the service handgun
5. Use of chemical agents
- U. Emergency Medical Assistance
 1. First Responder
 2. Law Enforcement Responsibility
 3. Legal Aspects
 4. First Aid
 5. CPR
 6. Heart attack, stroke, and other conditions
 7. Priority emergency aid
 8. Preventing transmission of communicable diseases
- V. Emergency Communications
 1. Radio Communications
 2. Telephone Communications
 3. National Law Enforcement Telecommunication System
 4. Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunication System
 5. NCIC/TCIC
 6. Emergency Management
- W. Professional Police Driving
 1. Preshift Vehicle Inspection
 2. The Defensive Driver
 3. Driving Conditions
 4. Vehicle Operation Factors
 5. Two-vehicle Collision
- X. Problem Solving and Critical Thinking
 1. Problem solving and decision making
 2. Community needs and response
- Y. Patrol and Consular Notification
 1. The patrol function within the police organization
 2. Factors important to patrol
 3. Preparation for patrol
 4. Hazards of patrol
 5. Elements of Beat Characteristics
 6. Patrol concepts and techniques
7. Problem area patrol techniques
8. Perception and observation techniques
9. Beat familiarization and communication techniques
10. Personal and Equipment Safety
11. Officer Safety
12. Procedures for Stopping a Violator
13. Vehicle Search Techniques
14. Crimes in Progress
15. Field Inquiry Contact
16. Public Service
17. Request for Services
18. Missing Persons
19. Law Enforcement and the Hearing Impaired
20. Law Enforcement and the Visually Impaired
21. Police-Community Relations and Police-Police relations
22. Personal interviews and telecommunications devices
23. Crowd and Riot Control
24. Riot Pattern
- Z. Victims of Crime
 1. Crisis Reaction
 2. Crime Victim's rights
 3. The victim's Compensation Act
- AA. Family Violence and Related Assaultive Offenses
 1. What is Family Violence?
 2. Family Violence Situations
 3. Temporary Ex-Parte Protective Order
- BB. Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) and the Mental Health Code
 1. Mental Health Code
 2. Personality Disorders
 3. Questioning Individuals with Mental Disorders
 4. Mental Retardation
 5. Psychopharmacology
 6. Warrantless Apprehension
- CC. Hazardous Materials Awareness

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1. Hazardous Materials Response
2. Bomb Threats, Bombings, or Found Bombs
3. Fire Conditions
4. Mutual Aid
- DD. Criminal Investigation
 1. The Crime Scene
 2. The Search
 3. Photographing the Crime Scene
4. Physical Evidence
5. Interviewing and Interrogating
6. The Police Interview
7. The Investigation
8. Special Offenses
9. Fingerprints
10. Case Preparation

Grade Scale

90 – 100	A
80 – 89	B
70 – 79	C
60 – 69	D
0 – 59	F

Course Evaluation

Final grades will be calculated according to the following criteria:

1. Exam #1 20%
2. Exam #2 20%
3. Exam #3 20%
4. Exam #4 20%
5. Final Exam 20%

Course Requirements

1. Weekly chapter readings
2. Weekly homework assignments.
3. Participation in class activities and discussion
4. Weekly Reading Assignments
5. Weekly Class Assignments by Chapter/Topic

Course Policies

1. A grade of 'C' or better must be earned in this course for credit toward degree requirement.
2. Proper classroom decorum must be maintained at all times.
3. No DISRUPTIONS will be tolerated and in this classroom, we will respect one another's right to learn.
4. No food, drinks, or use of tobacco products in class.

5. Cell phones, headphones, and any other electronic devices must be turned off while in class.
6. Do not bring children to class.
7. Do not walk out of class early without talking to me before the class begins.
8. Academic Dishonesty will be dealt with most strictly - An automatic F for the semester, plus a report will be filed.
9. On exam day, all desks MUST be clear except for exam materials. All purses, backpacks, notebooks, etc. should be stored under the desks - including CELL PHONES.
10. No late assignments will be accepted.
11. Makeup exams will not be given, unless arranged for in advance. If you miss an exam (including the final) for any reason, without making arrangements with me prior to the exam, you will receive a zero on that exam.
12. Exams (including the final) will begin on time. If you are more than 5 minutes late for the exam, you will not be allowed to take it.
13. If you wish to drop a course, the student is responsible for initiating and completing the drop process. If you stop coming to class and fail to drop the course, you will earn an 'F' in the course.
14. Attendance is expected and required.
15. Additional class policies as defined by the individual course instructor.

Disabilities Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are federal anti-discrimination statutes that provide comprehensive civil rights for persons with disabilities. Among other things, these statutes require that all students with documented disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodations for their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Special Populations Coordinator at (409) 880-1737 or visit the office in Student Services, Cecil Beeson Building.

<http://www.lit.edu/depts/stuserv/special/default.aspx>

Course Schedule

Week of	Topic	Reference
Week 1	Course introduction and policies TCLEOSE Licensing Information Chapter 1 Fitness, Wellness and Stress Management, Chapter 2 Professional Policing	pp. 1-70
Week 2	Chapter 3 Professionalism and Ethics Chapter 4 U.S and Texas Constitution Chapter 5 Multiculturalism/Human Relations	pp. 71 - 106

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Week 3	Chapter 6 Code of Criminal Procedure Chapter 7 Arrest, Search and Seizure Chapter 8 Texas Penal Code	pp. 107 - 268
Week 4	Exam #1 Chapter 9 Traffic Chapter 10 Intoxicated Driver	pp. 269-428
Week 5	Chapter 11 Civil Process and Liability Chapter 12 Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code	pp. 429-463
Week 6	Chapter 13 Health and Safety Code Controlled Substance Act Chapter 14 Texas Family Code/JV Issues	pp. 464-514
Week 7	Exam # 2 Chapter 15 Field Note Taking/Report Writing Chapter 16 Introductory Spanish	pp. 515-542
Week 8	Chapter 17 Use of Force- Law and Concepts Chapter 18 Mechanics of Arrest	pp. 543-600
Week 9	Chapter 19 Firearms Chapter 20 Emergency Medical Assistance	pp. 601-672
Week 10	Exam # 3 Chapter 21 Emergency Communications Chapter 22 Professional Police Driving	pp. 673- 696
Week 11	Chapter 23 Problem Solving/Critical Thinking Chapter 24 Patrol Operations	pp. 697-824
Week 12	Chapter 25 Victims of Crime Chapter 26 Family Violence	pp. 825- 852
Week 13	Exam # 4 Chapter 27 Crisis Intervention Training	pp. 853 - 880
Week 14	Chapter 28 Hazardous Materials Awareness Chapter 29 Criminal Investigation	pp. 881- 962
Week 15	Chapter 29 Criminal Investigation - continued	
Week 16	Final Exam	

Contact Information:
Varies by Instructor