POLICE FUNCTION AND FUNDAMENTALS
Course Syllabus

Course Number: LAW-A0512  
OHLAP Credit: No
OCAS Code: None
Course Length: 60 Hours
Career Cluster: Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
Career Pathway: Law Enforcement Services
Career Major(s): Criminal Justice Practical Law Enforcement

Pre-requisite(s): None
Course Description: Theory and basic knowledge required to perform as an entry-level peace officer. Areas of study include authority, ethics, arrest powers, collection of evidence, U.S. Constitutional law, public relations, patrolling, and criminal procedure.

Textbooks: Introduction to Criminal Justice, Larry J. Siegel - Wadsworth (2009)

On-line Resources:
http://www.cleet.state.ok.us/Professional_Certification_Levels.htm

Curriculum Resources:
Private Security Series – CIMC
Medical Learning Activities II CD-ROM
http://www.okcimc.com/

Course Objectives:
The student will be able to describe the key concept and principles for the effective use and application of police patrol and the patrol officer’s responsibilities, duties and tactics exercised within constraints of the U.S. Constitution and U.S. Supreme Court decisions. In addition, the student will be able to describe the organizational structure, mission, legal authority and responsibilities of a law enforcement agency. This will be evidenced through the successful completion of all assignments and demonstration through practicum exercises.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES
1. Describe the elements of a lawful arrest
2. Identify various patrol functions and challenges
3. Identify critical behaviors inappropriate in law enforcement
5. Demonstrate the proper collection and preservation of various types of evidence.
6. Explain the organizational structure of law enforcement agencies including the functions of various operational, staff and auxiliary units.
7. Describe officer discretion.
8. Describe the principles for the use of force to effect an arrest.
9. Describe the significance of United States Supreme Court Decision of Tenn. v. Garner and Terry v.
Ohio.
10. Identify the requirements for a Terry Stop to be lawful.
11. Demonstrate tactical techniques involved in making a lawful arrest.

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Teaching Methods: The class will primarily be taught by the lecture and demonstration method and supported by various media materials to address various learning styles. There will be question and answer sessions over material covered in lecture and media presentations. Supervised lab time is provided for students to complete required projects.

Grading Procedures:

1. Students are graded on theory and lab practice and performance.
2. Each course must be passed with seventy (70%) percent or better.
3. Grading scale: A=90-100%, B=80-89%, C=70-79%, D=60-69%, F=50-59%.
4. Score a minimum of 70% on the LETN course tests.
5. Career Major grades established during coursework are a major criteria in successfully obtaining certification.

Description of Classroom, Laboratories, and Equipment: Tulsa Technology Center campuses are owned and operated by Tulsa Technology Center School District No. 18. All programs provide students the opportunity to work with professionally certified instructors in modern, well-equipped facilities.

Available Certifications/College Credit: The student may be eligible to take state, national or industry exam after completion of the program. College credit may be issued from Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee or Tulsa Community College. See program counselor for additional information.

College Credit Eligibility: The student must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or better.