

Course discipline/number/title: POFC 1115: Basic Firearms for Peace Officer

A. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

1. Credits: 2
2. Hours/Week: 4
3. Prerequisites (Course discipline/number): None
4. Other requirements: None
5. MnTC Goals (if any): NA

B. COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course will familiarize students with and examine the legal aspects of Use of Force in Law Enforcement and Firearms Usage. Topics of lecture will include the laws governing Use of Force, including authorized Use of Deadly Force by peace officers. Students should develop a fluid understanding of the Use of Force Continuum. Students will then be given instruction on the use and operations of the handgun and then be taken to the range and instructed in the different methods of shooting positions until the students can complete a certified shooting course.

B. DATE LAST REVISED (Month, year): February, 2023

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:

1. Use of Force
2. Civil and Criminal Liabilities
3. Firearms Nomenclature
4. Care of weapons and ammunition
5. Range Safety
6. Shooting positions
7. Actual live fire of handguns-daytime
8. Actual live fire of handguns-low light and no light

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (GENERAL): The student will be able to:

1. Explain the use of force continuum used by law enforcement agencies.
2. Identify firearms nomenclature.
3. Explain the proper care and use of a firearm.
4. Explain the professional standards dealing with firearms qualifications.
5. Demonstrate proficiency with the shooting of a handgun.

E. LEARNING OUTCOMES (MNTC): NA

F. METHODS FOR EVALUATION OF STUDENT LEARNING: Methods may include but are not limited to:

1. Written Tests
2. Firearms qualification shoot
3. Attendance on the range.

G. RCTC CORE OUTCOME(S). This course contributes to meeting the following RCTC Core Outcome(s): Critical Thinking. Students will think systematically and explore information thoroughly before accepting or formulating a position or conclusion.

H. SPECIAL INFORMATION (if any): None