

Course discipline/number/title: POFS 2104: Firearms for SKILLS

A. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

1. Credits: 2
2. Hours/Week: 4 lab
3. Prerequisites (Course discipline/number): Program Approval
4. Other requirements: Criminal Justice Major
5. MnTC Goals (if any): NA

B. COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course covers the use of deadly force, firearms safety, care and cleaning of service weapons, and firearms shooting principles. The course focuses on student's decision-making ability and firearms shooting ability. Student's will shoot handguns, shotguns, and rifles with a variety of different types of ammunition. Student's will be involved in simulator training on a variety of situations and be evaluated on their decision making. Students will learn techniques associated with responses to active shooter situations. In order to enroll in this course a student must have approval by a Minnesota Professional Peace Officer Education Program Coordinator and successful completion of psychological and physical exams. Completion Requirements: A minimum of a "C" grade will be required to pass this course.

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

D. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:

1. Firearms nomenclature
2. Proper use of force
3. Range safety
4. Basic marksmanship
5. Proper handgun shooting techniques
6. Proper shotgun shooting techniques
7. Proper rifle shooting techniques
8. Use of force simulation training (Simulator)
9. Active shooter training
10. Hazardous Material Training

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

1. Explain the different components of various firearms.
2. Explain and demonstrate range safety issues.
3. Explain and demonstrate various shooting positions.
4. Demonstrate their handgun shooting proficiency by completing a timed course.
5. Demonstrate their shotgun shooting proficiency.
6. Demonstrate a familiarization with the rifle.
7. Explain the Use-of-Force continuum.
8. Demonstrate their ability to make proper use-of-force decisions in realistic role play situations.
9. Properly identify hazardous materials.

F. LEARNING OUTCOMES (MNTC): NA

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

1. Written exam(s) and practical exam for:
 - a) Use of force
2. Written exams for:
 - a) Firearms nomenclature
 - b) Range safety
3. Practical exam for firearms qualification

H. 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.

I. SPECIAL INFORMATION (if any): None