Northern Marianas College
CURRICULUM ACTION REQUEST

Effective Semester / Session: Fall 2016

Type of Action:
- New
- Modification
- Move to Inactive (Stop Out)
- Cancellation

Course Alpha and Number: CJ 135

Course Title: Firearms

Reason for initiating, revising, or canceling:
This course guide is being modified to reflect the change in the course outline, instructional goals, student learning outcomes, assessment measures, and textbook edition.

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Course: CJ 135 Firearms

1. **Department**
   Criminal Justice

2. **Purpose**
   The purpose of this course is to teach law enforcement officers the correct procedures firearms, chemical agents, and physical force.

3. **Description**

   A. **Required/Recommended Textbook(s) and Related Materials**
      Training materials will be provided by the agency. There is no required textbook.

   B. **Contact Hours**
      1. **Lecture:** 2 hours per week / 30 hours per semester
      2. **Lab:** N/A
      3. **Other:**

   C. **Credits**
      1. **Number:** 2
      2. **Type:** Regular Degree Credits

   D. **Catalogue Course Description**
      This course is designed to teach law enforcement/corrections officers the correct procedures in using firearms, chemical agents, and physical force. (Offered Fall, Spring, and Summer)

   E. **Degree or Certificate Requirements Met by Course**
      This is a required course for the Department of Public Safety cadets/students enrolled in the Basic Law Enforcement Certificate Program.

   F. **Course Activities and Design**
      Lecture and discussion sessions form the basis from which the knowledge and skills are developed during this course.

4. **Course Prerequisite(s); Concurrent Course Enrollment; Required English/Mathematics Placement Level(s)**
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Prerequisite(s): Currently employed or a cadet with the Department of Public Safety.
English Placement Level: EN 101
Math Placement Level: None

5. Estimated Cost of Course; Instructional Resources Needed
Cost to the Student: Tuition for a 2-credit course and the cost of the textbook.

Cost to the College: Instructor's salary

Instructional resources needed for this course: N/A

6. Method of Evaluation
Student grades will be based on the regular letter grade system as described below:

A: Excellent – grade points: 4.0;
B: Above average – grade points: 3.0;
C: Average – grade points: 2.0;
D: Below average – grade points: 1.0;
F: Failure – grade points: 0.0.

NMC's grading and attendance policies will be followed.

7. Course Outline
This is a topical outline and does not necessarily indicate the sequence in which the material will be presented.

1.0 Firearm Safety;
2.0 Basic Firearm Operation and Nomenclature of Weapon;
3.0 Firearm Ammunitions;
4.0 Firearm Cleaning and Maintenance;
5.0 Basic Shooting; and
6.0 Use of Force Policy and General Order;
8. **Instructional Goals**
   This course will introduce students to:

   1.0 The safety rules, weapon conditions, home safety, and rage safety operation and commands;
   2.0 The safe handling on hand guns/pistols, rifles, and shotguns;
   3.0 The different types of ammunitions and shells authorized to be used on issued firearms;
   4.0 The technique of firearm cleaning and maintenance;
   5.0 The practical application on the range to meet a passing score of marksmanship or expert shooter; and
   6.0 The Department of Public Safety General Order and the use of force policy.

9. **Student Learning Outcomes**
   Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

   1.0 Carryout safe weapon handling within the community, shooting range and at home;
   2.0 Carryout proper safe weapon handling techniques in regards to pistols, rifles, and shotguns;
   3.0 Carryout proper handling and safe storing of ammunitions and shells;
   4.0 Recognize appropriate firearm cleaning and maintenance techniques;
   5.0 Provide practical application on the range with marksmanship or expert score and be able to operate the firearm under stressful situations; and
   6.0 Carryout good judgment with the use of a firearm based on the department's safety use of force policy.
10. **Assessment Measures**
Assessment of student learning may include, but not be limited to, the following:

1.0 Group discussions;

2.0 Writing assignments and exercises;

3.0 Demonstration;

4.0 Assignments; and

5.0 Tests.