



AJ 219: POLICE PATROL PROCEDURES

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Effective Term:

Fall 2026

Does this course use a CA Common Course Number

No

Credit Status:

Credit - Degree Applicable

Subject:

AJ - Administration of Justice

Course Number:

219

Discipline:

And/Or	(Discipline)
	(Administration of Justice (Police science, corrections, law enforcement))

Catalog Title

Police Patrol Procedures

COS Course Description

This course is the study of basic patrol techniques including stopping, arresting and handcuffing criminal suspects; methods of police patrol and observations; handling disputes and crisis intervention, community policing, and crimes in progress.

Method of Instruction:

Distance Education
Lecture and/or Discussion

Course Units/Hours:**Course Units Minimum:**

3

Lecture Hours Minimum (week)

3

Total Contact Hours Minimum (semester)

52.5

Total Outside Hours Minimum (semester)

105

Total Student Learning Minimum Hours (semester)

157.5

Repeatability:

No

**Open Entry/Exit:**

No

Field Trips:

Not Required

Grade Mode:

Standard Letter

TOP Code:

210500 - * Administration of Justice

SAM Code:

C - Clearly Occupational

Course Content**COS Methods of Evaluation:**

Essay quizzes or exams
Oral presentations
Problem solving quizzes or exams
Skill demonstrations
Written essays or extended papers

COS Course Topics:

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1	Law Enforcement Code of Ethics
2	Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving
3	Frequent Patrol Assignments
4	Interviewing Techniques
5	Reporting and Records
6	Observation and Perception
7	Introduction to Patrol
8	S.A.R.A. (Scan, Analyze, Respond, Assess) Problem Solving Model
9	How to Prepare for Law Enforcement Employment
10	Community Policing and Problem Solving
11	Stress, Survival and the Use of Force
12	Traffic Enforcement
13	Unusual Occurrences
14	Preliminary Investigations
15	Police Communications
16	Arrest, Search and Custody
17	Crimes in Progress
18	Basic Field Procedures

COS Course Objectives:

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1	Identify and describe police field operations strategies and techniques associated with crime prevention, criminal apprehension and officer safety.
2	Choose the appropriate administrative form to be used when enforcing the law or codifying a crime or suspicious incident.
3	Describe and contrast professional ethical behavior related to law enforcement and the private sector.

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| 4 | Interview a victim/witness to a crime, synthesize the information and write a police report that correctly reflects the facts of the crime/incident under investigation. |
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Course Outcomes:

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1	Ethics: Students will define criminal justice ethics, and identify four Predominate areas where a law enforcement officer are often challenged related to ethical behavior.
2	Proactive and reactive patrol: Students will define proactive and reactive patrol, explain the difference, and provide an example for each.
3	Arrest and apprehension: Students will identify the proper procedures for detention, arrest and apprehension related to criminal behavior, and traffic enforcement.
4	Crime scene security: Students will describe crime scene security, and identify those responsibilities related to the first responder.
5	Police report writing: Students will collect data, and write a crime report utilizing a prescribed form for a specified crime, in compliance with contemporary crime reporting standards.

Assignments:

Assignment Type:	Details
Reading	Students will assigned chapter readings from the text book. For example, students will be asked to read, discuss and understand the importance of ethics in police work.
Writing	Students will assigned a written assignment where they discuss the importance of Robert Peel's Principles on modern day law enforcement.
Homework	Students complete a study guide for each chapter in preparation for tests.
Homework	Creation of thoughtful homework and written assignments that allow for both student self-expression and expression of patrol procedures in their specific city/town/community.

Representative Texts, Manuals, and/or OER that is equivalent, Other Support Materials:

Texts used by individual institutions and even individual sections will vary. The list of representative texts must include at least one text with a publication date within five (5) years of the course outline approval date.

COS Textbooks or other support materials

Resource Type:	Details
Books	Law Enforcement Patrol Operations: Police Systems and Practices Nichols, Larry D. McCutchan Publishing Corporation 5th 2005
Books	Police Field Operations: Theory Meets Practice Michael Birzer, Cliff Roberson: 3rd edition 2020 Pearson Publishing
Books	Policing: Worrnan & Schmallegger: 4th Edition, 2022 Pearson

Other Degree Attributes

Not Transferable
Not a Basic Skills Course

Distance Learning Addendum

DLA - Senate Approved - Updated 10-25.pdf

Banner Title:

Police Patrol Procedures

Curriculum Committee Approval Date:

02/04/2026

Academic Senate Approval Date:

02/11/2026



District Governing Board Approval Date:

03/09/2026

Course Control Number:

CCC000074378

Equity Review

Select elements of the COR that were reviewed for equity. Must select at least one:

Advisory

Assignments