

COURSE OUTLINE
CRIM 132
Police Arsenal and Procedures
5 Semester Hours

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

This course focuses on law enforcement weaponry and, specifically, the handgun, ASP baton, OC spray and other lethal and non-lethal weapons. The proper care, maintenance and use of the various weapons is highlighted. Each student will be required to demonstrate their proficiency with the various issued weapons. Only students authorized by the Howard County Police Department Academy are eligible to enroll in this course. (5 hours weekly)

Overall Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course the students will be able to:

1. Identify mental, emotion and physical preparation needed for eventuality of a possible shooting situation.
2. Demonstrate proper cleaning of the officer's handgun and shotgun, if applicable.
3. Demonstrate safely loading and unloading of a handgun and shotgun, if applicable.
4. Demonstrate safely drawing and holstering a weapon.
5. Demonstrate safely placing and removing a shotgun from a vehicle storage mechanism, if applicable.
6. Demonstrate safe and proper handling of handgun during weapons instruction.
7. Demonstrate safe and proper techniques for holding and carrying a shotgun, if applicable.
8. Identify the methods of making a handgun safe when not being carried on the person, such as unloading and storing ammo in separate locations and securing the handgun out of reach.
9. Identify the principles of good marksmanship such as stance, grip, breathe control, trigger control and follow through.
10. Demonstrate proper stance for handgun shooting positions including point shoulder, crouch, prone and kneeling.
11. Demonstrate proper techniques for shooting the shotgun, if applicable, from the standing, kneeling and hip positions.
12. Identify the danger areas of the body that are most vulnerable to physical attack.
13. Identify the vital points and bone edges that constitute "target" areas for an approved impact weapon.
14. Identify the vital points of the body that are susceptible to lethal approved impact weapons.
15. Demonstrate the departmental approved impact weapons techniques to be used in subduing an aggressive subject, using proper footwork, coordination, and without losing body balance.
16. Identify the danger areas of the body that are most vulnerable to potentially fatal attacks.
17. Identify the legal considerations in using a chemical agent.
18. Demonstrate proper use of chemical agents available to the police officer, i.e., smoke, CN, mace and/or O.C. spray.
19. Identify the proper first-aid treatment for chemical agent exposures to the eyes, skin and clothing.
20. Identify the moral considerations in using chemical agents.
21. Identify the practical considerations in using chemical agents.

Major Topics

1. Firearms
 - A. Use
 - B. Care and Maintenance
2. OC Spray

- A. Use
- B. Care and Maintenance
- 3. ASP Baton
 - A. Use
 - B. Care and Maintenance
- 4. Use of Force
 - A. Using Force
 - 1. Lethal
 - 2. Non-Lethal
 - B. Reporting Force

Course Requirements

Grading/Exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member.
All students are required to practice safe practices when utilizing any of the weapons used in this course.