



MASTER COURSE OUTLINE

A. CRJU 2504 Skills Firearms for Peace Officers

B. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course introduces legal aspects regarding use of force in criminal justice and firearms usage. Students study state and federal laws governing use of force and authorized use of deadly force by peace officers. A thorough understanding of the use of force continuum is necessary. Students examine proper use and operation of the handgun and instruction in different methods of shooting positions. Students prepare for the Minnesota P.O.S.T. certified shooting course according to the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training Learning Objectives for Professional Peace Officer Education. Successful completion of this course prepares students for the Minnesota P.O.S.T. licensing exam. This course includes criteria required by the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training and Learning Objectives for Professional Peace Officer Education.

Prerequisite: Entry into this class complies with *Minnesota Rules* 6700.0300, subp.3 (A-E) and 6700.0700, and will be determined on an application basis. Current Riverland students must have a declared major of Peace Officer Transfer Pathways to be considered for this class. Students from another institution must have at a minimum, a degree of Associate of Arts, or Associate of Science or higher.

(2 Cr – 0 lect, 2 lab)

C. *Core Theme: Critical Thinking

D. RIVERLAND INSTITUTIONAL LEARNING OUTCOMES:

This course addresses the following Riverland Institutional Learning Outcome(s):

- ILO 1: critical thinking (*Core Theme Goal 2*)
- ILO 2: awareness of the larger global community (*Core Theme Goal 7 or 8*)
- ILO 3: ethical, engaged citizenship (*Core Theme Goal 9 or Goal 10*)
- ILO 4: communication and collaboration (*Discipline Goal 1 and by any learning outcome(s) involving communication or collaboration*)

E. MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:

- Minnesota statutes and federal case law related to use of force
- Authorized use of force
- Firearms nomenclature
- Basic principles of handgun shooting
- Firearm malfunction

- Use of cover
- Shooting on the move
- Low light and night shooting techniques
- Reloading of firearms
- Firearms and ammunition maintenance
- Range safety
- Judgment scenarios

F. GOAL TYPE, OBJECTIVES, AND OUTCOMES:

| <u>GOAL TYPE</u> | <u>OBJECTIVES</u> Students will be able to | <u>OUTCOMES</u> The student will successfully |
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| <u>*Critical Thinking</u> | gather factual information and apply it to a given problem in a manner that is relevant, clear, comprehensive, and conscious of possible bias in the information selected. | 1. articulate the appropriate use of deadly force. |
| <u>CS</u> | understand the use of force continuum used by peace officer agencies. | 1. participate in simulated shooting exercises. 2. communicate the appropriate and legal use of force by peace officers. |
| <u>CS</u> | understand and demonstrate knowledge of firearms nomenclature. | 1. assemble and disassemble a handgun. 2. identify parts of a firearm. |
| <u>CS</u> | describe the proper care and use of a firearm. | 1. participate in scenario training in simulated practical exercises. 2. demonstrate the cleaning process of a firearm. |
| <u>CS</u> | communicate the professional standards dealing with firearm qualifications. | 1. apply safe and professional handling of firearms. |
| <u>CS</u> | understand proficient handgun shooting according to MN P.O.S.T. requirements. | 1. participate in scenario-based training. 2. demonstrate skill in range shooting. |

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION:

This course may require use of the Internet, the submission of electronically prepared documents and the use of a course management software program. Students who have a disability and need accommodations should contact Accessibility Services at the beginning of the semester. This information will be made available in alternative format, such as Braille, large print, or current media, upon request.

Enrollment into this class requires an application process be completed. The criminal justice coordinator will review the application, and students must complete all requirements as listed in *Minnesota Rules* 6700.0300, subp.3 (A-E). This includes students must pass a criminal history background check, fingerprinting, providing a driver's license records check, as well as a psychological evaluation and medical evaluation. This will be done at the student's expense. *Minnesota Rules*, Chapter 6700.0700, requires all students be advised in writing of minimum selections standards that must be met to become a licensed peace officer in Minnesota. Please consult the Program Coordinator or the rules cited above for further information.

Students must pass a criminal background checks, fingerprinting, as well as a psychological evaluation and medical evaluation. This will be done at the student's expense.

All students participating in this class are required to wear the prescribed Riverland Criminal Justice program uniform purchased at the students' expense. All students are required to participate in the skills orientation and abide by policies and procedures set forth by the Riverland Criminal Justice program.

H. COURSE CODING INFORMATION:

Course Code P/Class Maximum 16; Pass/No Credit

Revision date:

AASC Approval date: 10/21/25

*These five MnTC Goals have been identified as Riverland Community College Core Themes. Every course in the Riverland Community College curriculum shall meet outcomes from one of these themes.

**These five MnTC Goals have been identified as Riverland Community College Disciplines. Riverland's MnTC courses also shall meet outcomes from a Discipline Area.

NOTE: The Minnesota Transfer Curriculum "10 Goal Areas of Emphasis" are reflected in the five required discipline areas and five core themes noted in the Riverland Community College program of study guide and/or college catalog.

| *Riverland Community College Core Themes | MnTC Goal Number |
|---|-------------------------|
| Critical Thinking (CT) | 2 |
| Human Diversity (HD) | 7A, 7B, 7A/B |
| Global Perspective (GP) | 8 |
| Ethical and Civic Responsibility (EC) | 9 |
| People and the Environment (PE) | 10 |

| **Riverland Community College Discipline Areas | MnTC Goal Number |
|---|-------------------------|
| Communication (CM) | 1 |
| Natural Sciences (NS) | 3 |
| Mathematics/Logical Reasoning (MA) | 4 |
| History and the Social & Behavioral Sciences (SS) | 5 |
| Humanities and Fine Arts (HU) | 6 |