

# POLICE SCIENCE



Police Science is an academic discipline concerned with the study of practical law enforcement practices. The skills developed within this discipline include Programs that prepares individuals to perform the duties of police and related occupations, including patrol and investigative activities, traffic control, crowd control, and public relations, witness interviewing, evidence collection and management, basic crime prevention methods, weapon and equipment operation and maintenance, report preparation, and other routine law enforcement responsibilities. Career opportunities include, but are not limited to, police officer, deputy sheriff, and other law enforcement-related occupations.

## Videos

- Video 1 (<https://vimeo.com/183574221/>)
- Video 2 (<https://vimeo.com/322823340/>)
- Video 3 (<https://vimeo.com/183696974/>)

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## Certificate

- Certificate of Achievement in POST Certified Basic Police Academy (<https://catalog.cos.edu/areas-study/police-science/certificate-achievement-post-certified-basic-police-academy/>)

For a complete list of courses and descriptions visit: COURSES (<https://catalog.cos.edu/course-descriptions/>)

### PS 200M1 Basic Police Academy, Module 1

13.5 - 17unit(s)

Hours: 8.5 - 10.5 Lecture/Discussion Hours:

16 - 20.5 Lab

PS 200M1 is the third module of a three-module series leading to completion of the Basic Police Academy. Students who complete this module may be appointed as a Peace Officer or Level 1 Reserve Peace Officer. This module will provide advanced training in such skill areas as firearms, arrest and control techniques, preliminary investigation, investigative report writing, emergency vehicle operations, and traffic enforcement. Exercise and scenario testing are prominent in this module. Because this course requires strenuous running, lifting, reaching, falling and range of motion activities, students should be free of any medical or physical conditions which could be aggravated by participating in the course. Students must participate fully in order to successfully complete the course.

**Prerequisites:** PS 200M2 or equivalent college course with a minimum grade of C.

**Limitation on Enrollment:** Entry into this program requires the following:

- Successful completion of Modules III and II Current (within the last 3 years) in PC 832 Arrest and Firearms training requirements; Training must be current in conformance with the requirements of Regulation 1080 Passage of the POST-constructed Comprehensive Module II End-of-Course Proficiency Test within the preceding 12 months - High school diploma, GED, or Proficiency Examination (CA Government Code 1031) - No felony conviction (CA Government Code 1029) - Fingerprint Clearance from the California Department of Justice (Government Code Section 1030) - Current certification in First Aid and CPR training requirements for public safety personnel as prescribed by the State of California Emergency Medical Services Authority and set forth in the (California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 1-5, Sections 10005-100028) - Valid California Driver's License - Recent medical clearance by a licensed physician - Possession of all required equipment, uniforms, supplies, and materials

**PS 200M2 Basic Police Academy, Module 2****8.5 - 11.5unit(s)**Hours: 6 - 8 Lecture/Discussion Hours:  
8 - 11 Lab

PS 200M2 is the second module of a three-module series leading to completion of the Basic Police Academy. Students who complete this module may be appointed as Level II Reserve Peace Officers. This module will provide advanced training in California criminal law, search and seizure, presentation of evidence; and intermediate-level training in firearms, arrest and control techniques, and investigative report writing. Because this course requires strenuous running, lifting, reaching, falling and range of motion activities, students should be free of any medical or physical conditions which could be aggravated by participating in the course. Students must participate fully in order to successfully complete the course.

**Prerequisites:** PS 200M3 or equivalent college course with a minimum grade of C.

**Limitation on Enrollment:** Entry into this program requires the following:

- Successful completion of Module III\* Current (within the last 3 years) in PC 832 Arrest and Firearms training requirements; Training must be current in conformance with the requirements of Regulation 1080
- Passage of the POST-constructed Comprehensive Module III End-of-Course Proficiency Test within the preceding 12 months;
- High school diploma, GED, or Proficiency Examination (CA Government Code 1031)
- No felony conviction (CA Government Code 1029)
- Fingerprint Clearance from the California Department of Justice (Government Code Section 1030)
- Current certification in First Aid and CPR training requirements for public safety personnel as prescribed by the State of California Emergency Medical Services Authority and set forth in the (California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 1-5, Sections 10005-100028)
- Valid California Driver's License
- Recent medical clearance by a licensed physician
- Possession of all required equipment, uniforms, supplies, and materials

**PS 200M3 Basic Police Academy, Module 3****6 - 7.5unit(s)**Hours: 4.5 - 5.5 Lecture/Discussion Hours:  
5 - 7 Lab

PS 200M3 is the first module of a three-module series leading to completion of the Basic Police Academy. This module will provide basic training in such skill areas as firearms, arrest & control techniques, preliminary investigation, investigative report writing, CPR / First Aid, emergency vehicle operation, and traffic enforcement. Students must participate fully in order to successfully complete the course.

**Prerequisites:** PS 310 or equivalent college course with a minimum grade of C.

**Limitation on Enrollment:** Entry into the course requires the following:

- Passing score on POST Entry-Level Reading and Writing Test (CA-POST Commission Regulation 1951) or approval of an academy enrollment waiver
- High school diploma, GED, or Proficiency Examination (CA Government Code 1031)
- No felony convictions (CA Government Code 1029)
- Fingerprint Clearance from the California Department of Justice (Government Code Section 1030)
- Valid California Driver's License
- Recent medical clearance by a licensed physician
- Possession of all required equipment, uniforms, supplies, and materials
- Physical agility test

**PS 208 PC 832 (Non Firearms)****2unit(s)**Hours: 2 Lecture/Discussion Hours:  
0.5 Lab

Designed to satisfy the curriculum standards of the Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (POST) as required by Penal Code Section 832. It is the minimum training standard for California Peace Officers. Topics include: Professional Orientation, California Criminal Law, Rules of Evidence, Laws of Arrest, Use of Force and Community Relations. This course is mandated by state law for persons in diverse peace officer classifications not requiring the carrying of firearms.

**PS 209 PC 832 / Firearms****0.5unit(s)**

Hours: 1.5 Lab

Designed to satisfy the curriculum requirements of the California Commission on Peace Officers' Standards as required by Penal Code section 832. This course is required for probation officers, correctional officers and diverse other peace officer classifications whose jobs require the carrying of a sidearm. It is open to those interested in entering the peace officer career field. Topics include: firearms safety, care and cleaning of sidearms, and sidearm shooting and combat principles. The final session involves qualifying with a sidearm at the firearms range. Students must provide sidearms, ammunition carrier and holster.

**PS 310 Police Academy Orientation****2unit(s)**Hours: 2 Lecture/Discussion Hours:  
0.5 Lab

PS 310 is a prerequisite to PS200M3, the first module of the Basic Police Academy. It allows students to understand various components of academy training, structure, policy and format. It will introduce students to the mental, physical and academic requirements needed for successful academy completion.

**PS 313 Basic Academy Preparation****3unit(s)**

Hours: 3 Lecture/Discussion

This course stresses the integration of reading, writing, and study skills with concepts of cultural awareness and law enforcement professional values and ethics. The intent of this course is to assist students with developing the requisite skills for entering and completing the Basic Training Academy (PS 200).