

**Hagerstown Community College**  
**MASTER SYLLABUS**

**COURSE:** ADJ 110: Policing Theory, Practice and Skills, 9 credits      **DATE:** SP18  
**INSTRUCTOR:** David Simonetti, Thomas Burge, Meredith Dominick

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course provides a historical look at the development of modern policing both internationally and within the United States, including the Maryland Criminal Justice System; professional discipline; issues of racism and excessive force, and other pressing issues. Recruits learn the practical and physical skills necessary to perform all the generalist law enforcement functions required of a line police officer or deputy sheriff, including safe and proficient use of firearms in law enforcement and the operation of an emergency vehicle under very demanding police patrol conditions per the standards set forth by The Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions. *This course is taught through the Police Academy only.* Total of 135 contact hours.

**TEXTBOOKS:**      NHTSA Standardized Field Sobriety Test Manual  
                            LASER/ALERT Active Shooter Manual

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

**This course is designed to meet certain objectives of the Maryland Police and Training Commission's Police Entry Level Training Course. A synopsis of these objectives follows.**

- 1.) Identify the requirements of physical education necessary for performance as a law enforcement officer. This includes demonstrating the development of multiple physical skills such as jumping, running, etc.
- 2.) Identify the elements of a healthy lifestyle, including nutrition, disease prevention and healthy eating.
- 3.) Demonstrate and employ defensive tactics (both empty hand and utilizing intermediate weapons) along a use of force continuum against both passive and aggressive attackers.
- 4.) Identify violations of the Maryland Transportation Article and other traffic laws.
- 5.) Identify the characteristics of an effective vehicle collision investigation and report.
- 6.) Understand the tactics and methods utilized in police patrol. This includes demonstrating an acceptable skill level in report writing methodology, charging documents, radio communications, vehicle stops/searches, and building searches.
- 7.) Demonstrate safe handling of emergency vehicles in sub-optimal conditions. (EVOC)
- 8.) Demonstrate safe weapon handling, maintenance, and accurate marksmanship with pistol and shotgun. This includes demonstration of effective movement in formations in defense of an active shooter suspect. (Firearms)
- 9.) Identify principles and techniques of crowd control and the use of chemical agents.
- 10.) Identify techniques to assist persons in need of rescuing and emergency medical care. (First Aid/CPR)
- 11.) Identify current practices in prisoner processing and security.
- 12.) Identify the elements used to determine if a person is in need of an Emergency Evaluation.

**MINIMUM CLOCK HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE**

	DIRECT Faculty Instruction In-class  <b>112.5 h required</b>	Student Work Out of Classroom <b>225 h required</b> (Requirement met by additional in-class instruction hours)
In-class "lecture"	142 h	
Physical Skills Training	128 h	
Objective tests	Included in lecture time	10 h prep
Field Practicum	228	
Cumulative practical exams	Included in practicum time	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>498 h</b>	<b>10 h</b>

**Services for Students with Disabilities:** Students may receive reasonable accommodations if they have a diagnosed disability and present appropriate documentation. Students seeking accommodations are required to contact the Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Students may contact a DSS staff member for an appointment at [dss@hagerstowncc.edu](mailto:dss@hagerstowncc.edu) or at 240-500-2530.