

**Northern Marianas College**  
**CURRICULUM ACTION REQUEST**

**Effective Semester / Session:** Fall 2016

**Type of Action:**

- New
- Modification
- Move to Inactive (Stop Out)
- Cancellation

**Course Alpha and Number:** CJ 135

**Course Title:** Firearms

**Reason for initiating, revising, or canceling:**

This course guide is being modified to reflect the change in the course outline, instructional goals, student learning outcomes, assessment measures, and textbook edition.

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Course: CJ 135 Firearms

1. **Department**  
Criminal Justice
2. **Purpose**  
The purpose of this course is to teach law enforcement officers the correct procedures firearms, chemical agents, and physical force.
3. **Description**
  - A. **Required/Recommended Textbook(s) and Related Materials**  
Training materials will be provided by the agency. There is no required textbook.
  - B. **Contact Hours**
    1. **Lecture:** 2 hours per week / 30 hours per semester
    2. **Lab:** N/A
    3. **Other:**
  - C. **Credits**
    1. **Number:** 2
    2. **Type:** Regular Degree Credits
  - D. **Catalogue Course Description**  
This course is designed to teach law enforcement/corrections officers the correct procedures in using firearms, chemical agents, and physical force. ( Offered Fall, Spring, and Summer)
  - E. **Degree or Certificate Requirements Met by Course**  
This is a required course for the Department of Public Safety cadets/students enrolled in the Basic Law Enforcement Certificate Program.
  - F. **Course Activities and Design**  
Lecture and discussion sessions form the basis from which the knowledge and skills are developed during this course.
4. **Course Prerequisite(s); Concurrent Course Enrollment; Required English/Mathematics Placement Level(s)**

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Prerequisite(s): Currently employed or a cadet with the Department of Public Safety.

English Placement Level: EN 101

Math Placement Level: None

## 5. Estimated Cost of Course; Instructional Resources Needed

Cost to the Student: Tuition for a 2-credit course and the cost of the textbook.

Cost to the College: Instructor's salary

Instructional resources needed for this course: N/A

## 6. Method of Evaluation

Student grades will be based on the regular letter grade system as described below:

A: Excellent – grade points: 4.0;  
B: Above average – grade points: 3.0;  
C: Average – grade points: 2.0;  
D: Below average – grade points: 1.0;  
F: Failure – grade points: 0.0.

NMC's grading and attendance policies will be followed.

## 7. Course Outline

This is a topical outline and does not necessarily indicate the sequence in which the material will be presented.

- 1.0 Firearm Safety;
- 2.0 Basic Firearm Operation and Nomenclature of Weapon;
- 3.0 Firearm Ammunitions;
- 4.0 Firearm Cleaning and Maintenance;
- 5.0 Basic Shooting; and
- 6.0 Use of Force Policy and General Order;

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## 8. Instructional Goals

This course will introduce students to:

- 1.0 The safety rules, weapon conditions, home safety, and range safety operation and commands;
- 2.0 The safe handling on hand guns/pistols, rifles, and shotguns;
- 3.0 The different types of ammunitions and shells authorized to be used on issued firearms;
- 4.0 The technique of firearm cleaning and maintenance;
- 5.0 The practical application on the range to meet a passing score of marksmanship or expert shooter; and
- 6.0 The Department of Public Safety General Order and the use of force policy.

## 9. Student Learning Outcomes

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

- 1.0 Carryout safe weapon handling within the community, shooting range and at home;
- 2.0 Carryout proper safe weapon handling techniques in regards to pistols, rifles, and shotguns;
- 3.0 Carryout proper handling and safe storing of ammunitions and shells;
- 4.0 Recognize appropriate firearm cleaning and maintenance techniques;
- 5.0 Provide practical application on the range with marksmanship or expert score and be able to operate the firearm under stressful situations; and
- 6.0 Carryout good judgment with the use of a firearm based on the department's safety use of force policy.

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## 10. Assessment Measures

Assessment of student learning may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 1.0 Group discussions;
- 2.0 Writing assignments and exercises;
- 3.0 Demonstration;
- 4.0 Assignments; and
- 5.0 Tests.

