

## CRIMINOLOGY 108 – DIRECTED POLICING

> > > > Fall 2025 & Spring 2026 Cohort < < < <

### Course Information & Acknowledgment Form

**Name:**

(Type your full name in the box)

**Course Instructor:** Ryan Hushaw, Adjunct Professor

**Course Numbers:** Fall 2025 = 70685 Spring 2026 = TBA

**Cohort:** This new cohort will be known as the “***Class of 2026***,” identified by the year the student graduates the Module II academy at the end of the Spring semester (May 2026).

**Class Location:** Locations vary each semester, based on the type of training being conducted. Most sessions occur off-campus at various Sheriff’s Office facilities.

<b><u>Times:</u></b> Academy Cadets ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> year students</i> ):	Mondays	5:00pm - 10:00pm
	Wednesdays	5:00pm – 10:00pm
	*Most Saturdays	7:00am – 5:00pm
Sworn Reserves ( <i>2<sup>nd</sup> year students</i> ):	Wednesdays	6:00pm - 8:50pm

***This course is an in-person course only. There is no online/virtual learning option.***

**CRIMINOLOGY 108 - Directed Policing:** The University, in partnership with the Fresno County Sheriff’s Office, provides a unique opportunity for students to experience first-hand, real world policing. After completing the State of California Commission on *Peace Officer Standards and Training* (POST) mandated training academies (first 2 semesters), this course affords the student practical law enforcement experience as a reserve deputy sheriff with the Fresno County Sheriff’s Office while concurrently finishing their degree at Fresno State. If qualified, the student will become a sworn reserve deputy sheriff and work in the field as a uniformed patrol first-responder making contacts with the public, arresting criminals, enforcing state and county laws, and performing other peace officer duties under the direct supervision of a full-time deputy sheriff.

**\*Note:** CRIM 108 is a two-year, four semester program. Students must commit to participating in all four semesters.

This new cohort will begin in the Fall semester of 2025 and will complete the academy training at the end of the Spring semester of 2026. Students must be enrolled at Fresno State full-time, during all four semesters. **Exceptions will only be made with permission of the course instructor.**

This course is designed for students who are interested in a career in law enforcement (or closely related field) and have at least two years to devote to the process. The course may be taken up to four (4) times for credit. The first two semesters are devoted to the mandated training – the academy portion. Module III training (Fall semester) will be conducted on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:00pm to 10:00pm at a Sheriff's Office training facility, with most Saturdays also required. Module II training (Spring semester) will follow the same format. This training normally occurs during the student's **junior year**.

The student's SENIOR year is devoted to gaining first-hand law enforcement field experience – the *Directed Policing* portion of the program. Classes for second-year students who are sworn reserve deputy sheriffs are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm - 8:50pm. Class locations vary by semester. In addition to the class sessions, each student (sworn reserve deputy sheriff) must volunteer at least 120 hours per semester participating in patrol shifts. There may be other opportunities for various unpaid and paid details, aside from patrol. All students must be registered as full-time students at Fresno State and be enrolled in the course each semester in order to remain in the program. ***This is a four-semester course. Any deviation from the above is only allowed with the permission of the course instructor.***

**\_\_\_\_\_ : Initials.** I understand that I am required to be a full-time student enrolled at Fresno State for academic year (AY) 25/26 and academic year (AY) 26/27.

**Timeline:** There are two groups/cohorts of students in CRIM 108; first-year students (academy cadets) and second-year or returning students (sworn reserve deputy sheriffs).

***First-year*** students will attend the modular academy during AY 25/26 (Fall 2025 = Module III and Spring 2026 = Module II). At the end of AY 25/26, those first-year students who successfully complete the training and qualify for employment with the Sheriff's Office will be sworn in as reserve deputy sheriffs and transition to second-year students for AY 26/27.

***Second-year*** students will have successfully completed the modular training academies during AY 25/26 (Fall semester of 2025 – Module III and Spring semester of 2026 – Module II). Second-year students will be participating in the *Directed Policing* portion of the program during AY 26/27. As stated above, each semester will require 120 hours of volunteer patrol shifts, for a total of 240 hours.

Training to obtain reserve peace officer status for first-year students will take place over the first two semesters while the student completes POST Module III training during the

Fall 2025 semester and POST Module II training during the Spring 2026 semester. During the academy training, students will participate in a thorough background investigation with the Sheriff's Office which will include Livescan fingerprinting, a polygraph examination, a full background check, a psychological examination, and a medical examination. ***These are required by the State of California for employment as a reserve peace officer and are not optional.***

Training for second-year students during AY 26/27 will take place on a weekly basis (Wednesdays from 6:00pm - 8:50pm) in a classroom setting at Fresno State or at a designated Sheriff's Office training facility. ***Students should not schedule outside employment, other Fresno State classes, or any other activities that will interfere with this course.***

**\_\_\_\_\_ : Initials.** I understand the timeline as described above and what is required of a student to be enrolled and receive credit for this course.

**Qualifications:** The following are requirements for selection as a peace officer in the State of California and as a reserve deputy sheriff with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office. Students MUST:

- Be at least 21 years of age at the time they are hired as a reserve deputy sheriff, no later than August 31, 2024. ***Any exceptions must be approved by the course instructor.***
- Be a United States citizen or be legally allowed to work in the United States by Federal law (i.e., work permit).
- Possess a valid California Driver's License (POST and FSO requirement).
- Pass a Livescan fingerprint check (POST and FSO requirement).
- Pass a polygraph or voice-stress examination (POST and FSO requirement).
- Pass a background investigation (POST and FSO requirement).
- Pass a psychological examination (POST and FSO requirement).
- Pass a medical examination (POST and FSO requirement).

Except for your driver's license, all exams will be at the expense of the Sheriff's Office. Students will not be required to pay for any of these exams.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: *If you have a felony conviction, certain serious misdemeanor convictions, or a history of regular/repeated drug use, you might not qualify to be a sworn peace officer. If you have any questions as to your suitability to be a Reserve Deputy Sheriff, please contact the course instructor directly to discuss.***

- Students will *not* be required to take the physical ability test.
  - **Note:** there is a physical training component to being successful in the Modular academies and becoming a peace officer. Students should be in good/decent physical condition and be free of injury or physical restrictions before entering this course and the Sheriff's Modular Academy. There is no POST Physical Training (PT) requirement for Module III or Module II.

However, the Sheriff's Academy *does* require that students participate in physical training during class sessions, led by certified PT instructors.

**[Redacted]** : **Initials**. I have read and understand the peace officer qualifications and information as written above.

While prior marijuana use may not necessarily disqualify a student from joining the CRIM 108 program, ***students will be prohibited from the use of marijuana once accepted into the program.***

[https://post.ca.gov/Portals/0/post\\_docs/resources/proposition-64/Proposition-64-and-POST-Selection-Standards.pdf](https://post.ca.gov/Portals/0/post_docs/resources/proposition-64/Proposition-64-and-POST-Selection-Standards.pdf)

**[Redacted]** : **Initials**. I have read the material from the above link and understand the possession, sale, or use of marijuana is still illegal under federal law. Furthermore, I understand that as a peace officer candidate, I must obey **all** laws, including federal law, and abstain from the use of marijuana.

**Peace Officer Candidate Selection Standards:** It is required that the student click on the link below and carefully read the information on the Peace Officer Candidate Selection Standards, including all links to other information within the link below.

<https://post.ca.gov/Peace-Officer-Candidate-Selection-Standards>

**[Redacted]** : **Initials**. I have read the material from the above link, including all links within the web page. I understand the Peace Officer Candidate Selection Standards and process to become a peace officer (reserve deputy sheriff) in the State of California.

**Reserve Peace Officer Programs:** It is required that the student click on the below link and carefully read the Reserve Peace Officer Program, including all links to other information within the link below.

<https://post.ca.gov/reserve-peace-officer-program-rpop>

**[Redacted]** : **Initials**. I have read and understand the Reserve Peace Officer Program, and all links to other information within the webpage, including links to Commission Bulletins, FAQs, Glossary, Laws/Regs/Procedures, and Training. Furthermore, I understand the requirements for Level III, Level II, and Level I to become a peace officer in the State of California. (***This program provides the student with a Level II certification***)

**Agency Hiring Information:** It is required that the student click on the below link and carefully read the information on Agency Hiring, including Peace Officer Background Investigation, Peace Officer Medical Evaluation, Peace Officer Psychological Evaluation, and all links to other information within the link below.

<https://post.ca.gov/Agency>

**[Redacted] : Initials.** I have read the material from the above link, including Peace Officer Background Investigation, Peace Officer Medical Evaluation, Peace Officer Psychological Evaluation, and all links to other information within the web page, and understand the Agency Hiring process to become a peace officer in the State of California.

**Psychological Screening:** It is required that the student click on the below link and carefully read all the information on the Peace Officer Psychological Screening Manual, including all links to other information within the link below.

<https://post.ca.gov/peace-officer-psychological-screening-manual>

**[Redacted] : Initials.** I have read the material from the links above, including all links within the web pages. I have reviewed the Psychological Screening Manual and understand the Peace Officer Psychological Screening process.

**Medical Screening Manual:** It is required that the student click on the below link and carefully read all the information on Peace Officer Medical Screening, including all links within this link.

<https://www.post.ca.gov/medical-screening-manual.aspx>

**[Redacted] : Initials.** I have read and understand the Peace Officer Medical Screening Manual. I have reviewed all other information contained in the link above related to medical screening. I understand that ***if I have a question regarding my medical screening, the course instructor, the University, or the Fresno County Sheriff's Office is not qualified to make any determination*** and that I will consult a medical professional, provide them with the above information, and have the medical professional determine if I meet the medical requirements to be a peace officer in the State of California.

**Important Note:** The student is not required to complete a background check, polygraph examination, psychological examination, or medical examination prior to acceptance into the CRIM 108 program. These processes occur after the student has been accepted into the program and prior to being appointed as a reserve deputy sheriff. **DO NOT WORRY – we will explain all this in detail, once you have been accepted into the program.**

**Physical Ability Testing Information:** It is required that the student click on the below link and carefully read all the information on Physical Ability Testing and all links to other information within the web page and understand the Physical Ability Testing Information to become a peace officer in the State of California.

<https://post.ca.gov/Physical-Ability-Testing-FAQs>

**[Redacted] : Initials.** I have read the material from the link above, including Physical Ability Testing Information, and all links to other information within the web page. Furthermore, I understand the Physical Ability Testing process to become a peace officer in the State of California.

**Other Course Materials:** It is required that the student review all the course materials including the Sheriff's Office Physical Activity Waiver, the Academy PT Recommendations, the Timeline, and the Essential Functions of a Reserve Officer. These documents are located on the CRIM 108 Directed Policing web page.

<http://fresnostate.edu/socialsciences/criminology/crim108.html>

**[Redacted] : Initials.** I have read the material from the above link, including Physical Activity Waiver, the Academy PT Recommendations, the Timeline, and the Essential Functions of a Reserve Officer.

**Materials and Uniform Cost:** There is no cost for Student Workbooks. These will be provided to you by the Sheriff's Office training staff, as well as other course materials.

There is a uniform cost to attend CRIM 108, which is approximately \$250-\$300. That cost is spread out over two semesters. Students will be told well in advance when and where to purchase uniforms. More information on uniforms will be provided, if you are selected, and after the course begins. ***DO NOT purchase any uniforms until told to do so by academy staff.***

After the student is sworn in as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff, all safety equipment is provided by the Sheriff's Office, at no expense to the student/reserve. Safety equipment includes a duty belt, firearm, communication radio, handcuffs, ballistic vest, among other things. ***The student is only required to purchase their uniform.***

**[Redacted] : Initials.** I understand that I will be required to purchase uniforms in order to participate in CRIM 108/Sheriff's Office Modular Academy. Furthermore, I understand this cost is the responsibility of the student. I agree to obtain the required uniform materials when directed to do so by Academy staff.

**Class Attendance:** **Attendance by all CRIM 108 students on the first night of class is mandatory.** This first class is known as "Orientation Night." All students, both first-year and second-year, shall meet at a location to be determined prior to the course start date, or first day of instruction. After that first day of instruction, second-year students will continue to meet at a designated Sheriff's Office facility. First-year (academy) students will attend academy training at locations determined by the Sheriff's Office Academy staff.

**Canvas:** Like other Fresno State courses, CRIM 108 uses the Canvas platform to distribute course information, post announcements, etc. You are expected to regularly

check the CRIM 108 course in Canvas throughout each semester for important updates and information.

***If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the course instructor:***

Professor Ryan Hushaw: [RHushaw@mail.fresnostate.edu](mailto:RHushaw@mail.fresnostate.edu)

By signing below, I attest that I have read and understand the above information and agree to abide by all terms and conditions of this course.

Name:  
(Type your name)

Date:  
(Type the date)

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Signature

**Note: This form should be submitted to the course instructor, along with the *New Student Screening Form*.**