

Criminology 108 – Directed Policing

>>>> **Class Of 2027 Cohort** <<<<<

Course Information & Acknowledgment Form

Full Name:

Course Instructor: Ryan Hushaw, Adjunct Professor

Course Numbers: Fall 2026 = TBD Spring 2027 = TBD

Cohort: Your new cohort will be known as the “*Class of 2027*,” identified by the year the student graduates from the Module II academy at the end of the Spring semester (May 2027).

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.

Classes

Times

Academy Cadets (*1st year students*):

Mondays 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Wednesdays 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
*Most Saturdays (TBA)

Sworn Reserves (*2nd year students*):

Wednesdays only 6:00 pm - 8:50 pm

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 contact 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 2026 and will complete the academy training at the end of the Spring semester of 2027. 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 and have at least two years to devote to the process. The course may be taken up to four (4) times for credit (12 units total). 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 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm 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 become sworn reserve deputy sheriffs are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 pm - 8:50 pm. 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**, riding with a deputy sheriff on patrol shifts. Other opportunities for various unpaid and paid details may exist aside from patrol. All students must be registered as full-time students at Fresno State and be enrolled in the course each semester to remain in the program.

This is a two-year, four-semester program (12 units total). Any deviation from the above will only be approved with the permission of the course instructor.

I understand that I am required to be a full-time student enrolled at Fresno State for the academic year (AY) 26/27 and academic year (AY) 27/28.

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

First-year students will attend the modular academy during the Fall and Spring semesters. 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 their Senior year.

Second-year students have successfully completed the modular training academies. Second-year students will be participating in the *Directed Policing* portion of the program during their final Fall and Spring semesters at Fresno State. As stated above, each semester will require 120 hours of patrol shifts, for a total of 240 hours.

Training to obtain reserve peace officer status for first-year students will occur over the first two semesters while the student completes POST Module III (Fall) and POST Module II (Spring) training.

During the academy training, students will participate in a thorough background investigation with the Sheriff's Office, including Livescan fingerprinting, a polygraph or voice-stress analysis examination, a full background check, a psychological examination, and a medical examination.

The State of California requires these steps for employment as a reserve peace officer. They are not optional.

Training for second-year students will occur weekly (Wednesdays from 6:00 pm - 8:50 pm) in a classroom setting at Fresno State or 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.

I understand the timeline described above and what a student requires to be enrolled and receive credit for this course.

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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:

- Must be at least 21 years of age when hired as a reserve deputy sheriff. (FSO requirement)
- Be a United States citizen (FSO requirement).
- Possess a valid California Driver's License (POST and FSO requirement).
- Pass a Livescan fingerprint check (POST and FSO requirement).
- Pass a polygraph/voice-stress examination (POST and FSO requirement).
- Pass a full 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 illicit drug use, you might not qualify to be a sworn peace officer. If you have questions about your suitability to be a Reserve Deputy Sheriff, please contact the course instructor directly.

There is a physical training component in the Modular Academies and to becoming a peace officer. Students should be in good 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 ***requires that students participate in physical training during class sessions*** led by certified PT instructors.

I have read and understand the peace officer qualifications and information as written above.

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Peace Officer Candidate Selection Standards:

Students are required to carefully read everything on the [Peace Officer Candidates Selection Standards Website](#), including the linked content and additional resources on that webpage.

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 the process to become a peace officer (reserve deputy sheriff) in the State of California.

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Reserve Peace Officer Programs:

Students are required to carefully read everything on the [Reserve Peace Officer Program Website](#), including the linked content and additional resources on that webpage.

I have read and understand the Reserve Peace Officer Program and all links to other information within the webpage, including 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.

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Note: This program provides the student with a Level II certification.

Agency Hiring Information:

Students are required to carefully read everything on the [Agency Hiring Website](#), including the Peace Officer Background Investigation, Peace Officer Medical Evaluation, and Peace Officer Psychological Evaluation, as well as all the linked content and additional resources on that webpage.

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.

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Psychological Screening:

Students are required to carefully read everything on the [Peace Officer Psychological Screening Manual Website](#), including the linked content and additional resources on that webpage.

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.

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Medical Screening Manual:

Students are required to carefully read everything on the [Peace Officer Medical Screening Website](#), including the linked content and additional resources on that webpage.

I have read and understood the Peace Officer Medical Screening Manual and reviewed all other information related to medical screening in the link above.

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.

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Important Note:

The student does NOT 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 and begun the program and prior to being appointed as a reserve deputy sheriff. You will receive more detailed information about these processes once you have begun the program.

Physical Ability Testing Information:

Students are required to carefully read everything on the [Physical Ability Testing Website](#), including the linked content and additional resources on that webpage, and understand the Physical Ability Testing Information to become a peace officer in the State of California.

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

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Other Course Materials:

The student is required to 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 webpage](#).

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

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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.

The uniform cost to attend CRIM 108 is approximately \$250-\$300, spread out over two semesters. Students will be told well in advance when and where to purchase uniforms. If selected, more information on uniforms will be provided after the course begins.

Do Not purchase any uniforms until the academy staff tells you to do so.

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

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

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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 first-year and second-year students shall meet at a location 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 check the CRIM 108 course in Canvas regularly 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

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

Name:

Date:

Signature:

Note: This and the New Student Screening Form should be submitted to the course instructor.
