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Course Time: Thur – 5:00-7:30p.m.  
Course Location: Military Science Bldg.  
Office Hours: M, T, W 9-12a.m.  
Credits: 1.0

Prerequisites: None

I. Course Description: ***KIN205 is a MANDATORY prerequisite for KIN206***

The KIN 205 course is designed to introduce the fundamentals of Firearms Safety Training and its applications at home, for sport, self-defense, and at firing ranges. This course is NOT designed to be a concealed carry or self-defense course. This course begins with an introduction to Federal and Texas state gun laws, then continues with the safe handling of select firearms, firearms functions and maintenance, safe storage, and concludes with an overview of firearms range operations. Upon successful completion of this course, students will know how to handle firearms safely, and if the student desires, will have successfully met all prerequisites to take KIN 206, Firearms Marksmanship Training.

II. Learning Outcomes/Goals/Objectives:

This is a two-hour course to teach safe gun handling and is conducted in the classroom only. Students will:

- Know the responsibilities of a legal gun owner.
- Be familiar with common Texas state and federal firearms laws
- Know the rules for safe gun handling.
- Know the primary causes of firearm accidents
- Know basic operations and parts of select firearms
- Be familiar with typical Range Standards and Operations

Students will demonstrate how:

- To load and unload the assigned firearms of this course.
- To identify the different operating component of select firearms
- To properly clean select firearms
- To safely store firearms.

III. Course Assignments, Activities, Instructional Strategies, use of Technology:

Classroom attendance, preparation, and participation are essential for learning and are thus worth a portion of the course grade. The class meets from 5:00-7:30p.m. on Thursdays the first half of the semester. The first class will be January 18th.

Many of the class discussions and tasks are based on required and optional reading. All reading materials will be provided on the first day class.
IV. Evaluation and Assessments (Grading):
Attendance, participation, and tests are all considered in your final grade. There will be three tests administered during this class:

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Grading Scale

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V. Tentative Course Outline/Calendar:
KIN 205 will meet Thursday evenings in the Military Science building during the first half of the semester. Exceptions will be briefed at the session prior to the change in schedule. For example, the class may meet at an alternate location, such as Meadow Ridge Firing range. All students are required to attend the class each week, as this is a two-credit hour course.

VI. Readings (Required and recommended—including texts, websites, articles, etc.):
Texas License to Carry a Handgun Laws and Selected Statutes 2015-2016 found at https://www.dps.texas.gov/RSD/LTC/Legal/newlegislation.htm

VII. Course Evaluations:
At the end of each term you will be required to complete an online evaluation. This is typically done via your mySFA account. Your feedback is very important. Evaluation data is used for a variety of important purposes including: 1. Course and program improvement, planning, and accreditation; 2. Instruction evaluation purposes; and 3. Making decisions on faculty tenure, promotion, pay, and retention. Please know that the faculty are committed to excellence in teaching and continued improvement. Therefore, your response is critical. Although the instructor will be able to view the names of students who complete the survey, all ratings and comments are confidential and anonymous, and will not be available to the instructor until after final grades are posted.

VIII. Student Ethics and Other Policy Information:

Class Attendance, Participation, and Absences: Policy 6.7
Overview. Regular, punctual attendance and documented participation are expected at all classes for which the student is registered. Based on university policy, failure of students to adhere to these requirements shall influence the course grade, financial assistance, and/or enrollment status. The instructor shall maintain an accurate record of each student’s
attendance and participation as well as note this information in required reports and in determining final grades.

Class times for KIN 205 begin promptly at 5:00 p.m. Students will be present and ready to begin. Students who are punctual and prepared for every class, and put forth an honest effort for the duration of each class, will receive full attendance and participation points.

Excused Absences. Excused absences, as governed by university policy, will not adversely affect the student's grade. At the discretion of the instructor, students may be excused from attendance for reasons such as health, family emergencies, or student participation in approved university-sponsored events. Students are expected to coordinate with the instructor 12 or more hours prior to the class meeting. Further advance notice is desired. When an absence is impossible to predict, notify the instructor immediately following the absence. The instructor may reclassify any unexcused absence to an excused absence, but only when the student provides information or documentation to the satisfaction of the instructor.

Unexcused Absences. An absence from class without an approved excuse from the instructor is considered an unexcused absence. Unexcused absences will affect the student's grade as follows:

1. \( \frac{\text{# of Class Sessions Attended}}{\text{# of Class Sessions Required}} = \text{Attendance and Participation Percentage} \)
2. Attendance Percentage \( \times 90 \) points = Attendance and Participation Points

At the discretion of the instructor, the instructor can additionally modify a student's attendance and participation points as follows:

1. Students who arrive late, even if only by a minute or two or not at the precise location where class is held, can lose up to one full point from their overall attendance and participation points for each occurrence.
2. Students who do not put forth an honest effort to complete the activities for the day, can lose up to one full point from their overall attendance and participation points for each occurrence.
3. The instructor may reward bonus participation points for an exceptional effort put forth by a student of up to one full point to that student's overall attendance and participation points for each occurrence. However, overall attendance and participation points will not exceed 90 total points for the semester.

**Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities: Policy 6.1 and 6.6**

To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/.

**Student Academic Dishonesty: Policy 4.1**
Abiding by university policy on academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students.

**Definition of Academic Dishonesty**
Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes, but is not limited to:
- using or attempting to use unauthorized materials on any class assignment or exam;
- falsifying or inventing of any information, including citations, on an assignment; and/or;
- helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism.

Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were one’s own. Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:
- submitting an assignment as one's own work when it is at least partly the work of another person;
- submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from the Internet or another source; and/or,
- incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper or presentation without giving the author credit.

**Penalties for Academic Dishonesty**
Penalties may include, but are not limited to reprimand, no credit for the assignment or exam, re-submission of the work, make-up exam, failure of the course, or expulsion from the university.

**Student Appeals**
A student who wishes to appeal decisions related to academic dishonesty should follow procedures outlined in Academic Appeals by Students (6.3).

Please read the complete policy at [http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp](http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp)

**Withheld Grades: Policy 5.5**

At the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic unit head, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F, except as allowed through policy [i.e., Active Military Service (6.14)]. If students register for the same course in future semesters, the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

**Student Code of Conduct: Policy 10.4**

Classroom behavior should not interfere with the instructor's ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to learn from the instructional program (see the Student Conduct Code, policy D-34.1). Unacceptable or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Students who disrupt the learning environment may be asked to leave class, may receive an unexcused absence for that day, and may be subject to further judicial, academic or other penalties. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including electronic, classroom,
labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The instructor shall have full discretion over what behavior is appropriate/inappropriate in the classroom. Students who do not attend class regularly or who perform poorly on class projects/exams may be referred to the iCare: Early Alert Program at SFA.

IX. Other Relevant Course Information:

Safety: Students will be handling firearms in this course. Students will thus conduct themselves with the utmost care and respect at all times. The course instructor has the responsibility to ensure the safety of all. Given this, the instructor has the right to dismiss any student from this class who is deemed a safety risk or commits a negligent or unsafe act for the purposes of overall safety. Depending on the severity of the incident, the instructor may also be required to report to the University Police Department.

Attire: Students will at times be handling cleaning products and lubricants for firearms. Because of this, it is strongly recommended that students wear clothing that they do not mind getting stained with these oil based products. Neither the Military Science Department nor the University is responsible for any soiled or damaged clothing.

Medical: The University, the Military Science Department, or the Kinesiology and Health Science Department do not provide medical coverage for injuries or illnesses which occur from participating in this course. It is the individual's responsibility to provide their own medical coverage. Students who are injured or sick and cannot conduct the training must alert their instructor and if necessary, arrange for alternate training.

LIVETEXT: This course collects assessments for students who are Perkins College of Education majors (undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral) or majors in other colleges seeking educator certification through the Perkins College of Education, using the Live Text data management system. Students who do not have an existing Live Text account will receive an access code via your SFA Titan email within the first week of class. You will be required to register your Live Text account, and you will be notified how to register your account. If you forward your SFA e-mail to another account and do not receive an e-mail concerning Live Text registration, please be sure to check your junk mail folder and your spam filter for these e-mails. If you have questions about Live Text, call ext. 1267 or e-mail SFALiveText@sfasu.edu.

Other: Any questions regarding this syllabus should be directed to SSG McKinley D. McBride, Department of Military Science at 936-468-4069/4505 or mcbridemd1@sfasu.edu.