



Title: FIG: Use of Force: None to Deadly **Catalog #:** FIGS 100 T3

Credit hours: 1

Total Contact Hours: 15

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Course Description

Freshman Interest Groups (FIGs) are theme based one-credit courses that combine college success skills, goal exploration and setting, and financial literacy with the investigation of a topic.

This FIG will explore the use of force as it applies to people in our contemporary society. Force may be used through a variety of methods, subtle and overt, legal and illegal, by all members of society. Demonstrations will include the various tools, weapons, and techniques used in typical criminal justice use of force situations and methods used to de-escalate potential use of force situations. Emphasis will be placed on the safe, legal, and ethical use of force. Freshman Interest Groups (FIGs) are theme based one-credit courses that combine college success skills, goal exploration and setting, and investigation of a topic. Prerequisite(s): None

Course Schedules

Dates: 08/31/2015- 10/23/2015

Location: Jewett Hall, AUD

Time: Tuesdays- 4:30 PM to 6:20 PM

Course Objectives

After successfully completing the course, the student will be able to

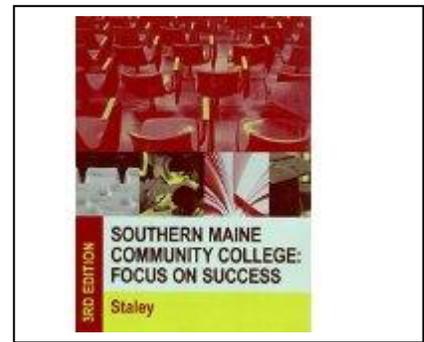
1. Describe and apply effective study skills, test taking, and time management strategies
2. Explore career and academic opportunities using a variety of tools
3. Develop and articulate achievable academic goals
4. Demonstrate proper note taking techniques
5. Apply the concept of SQ3R to reading a textbook
6. Describe differences between Maine laws in the use of force for persons and law enforcement officers
7. Describe the continuum of force concept
8. Differentiate criminal prosecution from civil litigation
9. Illustrate the requirement for criminal justice officials to develop note taking and incident reporting skills
10. Describe techniques for the use of force as used by criminal justice officials to deescalate potential use of force situations

Required Textbook: SMCC: Focus on Success

Author: Constance Staley **Publisher:** Cengage Learning

ISBN # 9781305306004

Published: 2014 3rd Edition



Other readings

To supplement the required textbook readings other relevant scholarly articles as well as current news articles will be presented from time to time. This is done to enhance and emphasize the material presented in the main textbook as well connecting it to local criminal justice issues. The additional readings will be posted on our SMCC course site.

Grading Assessment and Description of work

Exams:

There will be 2 exams given during our eight week class. Each exam will be multiple choice or true/false questions. The exams are of equal weight and are a total of 20% of your final grade.

Your final grade for this course will be based on the following:

- 1 Pre-test (5%)
- Attendance and Participation (10%)
- 2 Exams (20%)
- 2 Brief Writing Assignments (20%)
- 1 Current Event Article Presentation (20%)
- Homework Assignments (20%)
- 1 Post-test (5%)

Course Grades

A: 93%+	A-: 90%+	B+: 87%+	B:83%+	C+:77%+	C:73%+
C-:70%+	D+: 67%+	D:63%+	D-:60%+	F:0-59.9%	

“I” Grade: A temporary grade of “I” may be given when a student has, due to extraordinary circumstances, failed to complete all required course work by the end of the semester. A student has to have made an effort and be up to date in their coursework at the point the circumstances occurred. The remaining work must be completed within a month after the end of the semester following receipt of the “I” grade. An “I” grade that is not changed during this period automatically becomes an “F”.

Brief Writing Assignments

A Brief Writing Assignment is a one/two page paper encouraging you to think about the subject matter of this course by applying them to your own life experiences and observations. By reflecting and making connections to the material presented in our course it will enhance learning in a meaningful way. It will also enable me and as well as your classmates to learn more about you, your interests, and thought process as I will ask you to share these with a classmate as well as opening up the opportunity to share them with the whole class. It is not a research paper but an answer to a simple question, in which you demonstrate your understanding of the material by applying it appropriately to your own life. Below are the two BWA assignments.

Brief Writing Assignment 1(BWA # 1): How do you want to be different when you're done college?

Some of our Brief Writing Assignments can be personal as you can imagine as you contemplate BWA # 1. If you feel comfortable with sharing your writings with others please share in class so others may comment, inquire, learn more about you, and support you. I understand if you do not wish to share and will in no way effect your grade.

BWA # 2: What changes in equipment, laws, and policies do you see happening in the criminal justice system and the next ten years?

Current Event Article, Presentation and Paper

Students will locate and send electronically (via the SMCC email system) to the instructor a current article on the use of force or other event/topic in the criminal justice system. The student will do further research and present their work to the class. A good place to start after presenting the article is to provide your thoughts, answering: How did this affected the community where it happen? How was the agency affected? How did this effect you? How will change happen because of this?

End of Course Evaluation

Students complete evaluations for each course attended at SMCC. Evaluations are submitted online and can be accessed through the student portal site. Students can access the course evaluation report beginning one week before the end of classes. The deadline for submission of evaluations occurs 24 hours after the last day of classes each semester. Instructors will announce when the online course evaluation is available.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Syllabus Statement

Located on the 3rd floor of Howe Hall on the South Portland Campus. For the Office of Disability Services, contact Sandra Lynham at 207-741-5923 or slynham@smccME.edu.

College can be a challenging time for all students, as many are away from home for the first time and facing increased academic expectations and new levels of personal responsibility. Disability Services seeks to level the playing field for our students who have disability-related needs.

The disability coordinator will:

- Arrange to meet with and give you individual attention.

- Review disability documentation and discuss with you the nature of your disability and your area of study so that the challenges you face are fully understood.
- Work out a plan to reasonably accommodate your identified challenges, attempting to put you on the same footing as your peers. This may mean having extra time for testing, help with note taking, a quiet area for testing, ASL interpreter services or more depending on the nature of your disability and how it affects your learning.
- Work with you in an open, friendly and respectful way. You will still have to meet academic expectations, but we will ensure that you will have reasonable access to the programs and services at the College.
- Provide reasonable accommodations for taking the Accuplacer test and maintain confidentiality throughout the process.

Learn More About ADA Policies and Procedures:

To view the complete text of SMCC's Policies and Procedures for ADA compliance, visit our website at www.smccME.edu/disabilityservices. The information there includes SMCC's grievance procedure for disability discrimination claims. Complaints regarding claims of disability and requests for accommodation must be directed to the ADA Compliance Officer, who can be reached at 207-741-5610.

SMCC Pay-for Print Policy

In an effort to control the escalating cost of supplies and to encourage students to conserve resources, SMCC charges for printing. Students receive a \$20 credit every semester. This credit resets for each semester and extra credit is not rolled over to the next semester. Page per costs are as follows:

- 8.5" x 11" black & white: \$0.10 per page
 - 8.5" x 11" color: \$0.50 per page
 - 8.5" x 14" and 11" x 17" black & white: \$0.20 per page
 - 8.5" x 14" and 11" x 17" color: \$1.00 per page
- Duplex (two-sided pages are discounted 50% from the listed page costs)

Students can monitor their remaining credit and number of pages printed by visiting the IT Help tab on MySMCC or by checking the Printing Information icon in the lower right hand corner of the screen while logged in to an SMCC computer. More information about the Pay-for-Print Policy is available on the IT Help tab on MySMCC

Add-Drop Policy

Students who drop a course during the one-week "add/drop" period in the fall and spring semesters and the first three days of summer sessions receive a 100% refund of the tuition and associated fees for that course. Please note any course that meets for less than the traditional semester length, i.e., 15 weeks, has a pro-rated add/drop period. There is no refund for non-attendance.

Withdrawal Policy

A student may withdraw from a course only during the semester in which s/he is registered for that course. The withdrawal period is the second through twelfth week of the fall and spring semesters and the second through ninth week of twelve-week summer courses. This period is pro-rated for shorter-length courses. To withdraw from a course, a student must complete and submit the appropriate course withdrawal form, available at the Enrollment Service Center (no phone calls, please). The designation "W" will appear on the transcript after a student has officially withdrawn. A course withdrawal is an uncompleted course and may adversely affect financial aid eligibility. Failure to attend or ceasing to attend class does not constitute withdrawal from the course. There is no refund associated with a withdrawal.

Plagiarism Statement

Adherence to ethical academic standards is obligatory. Cheating is a serious offense, whether it consists of taking credit for work done by another person or doing work for which another person will receive credit. Taking and using the ideas or writings of another person without clearly and fully crediting the source is plagiarism and violates the academic code as well as the Student Code of Conduct. If it is suspected that a student in any course in which s/he is enrolled has knowingly committed such a violation, the faculty member should refer to the Maine Community College System Policy on Student Grade Appeals and Academic Misconduct. The instructor has the authority to review the alleged misconduct and determine the grade that the student should receive for the assignment and the course.

The instructor may also refer the matter to the College's disciplinary officer for additional sanctions under the Student Code of Conduct. Sanctions from an instructor may include suspension from the course and a failing grade in the course. Sanctions from a disciplinary officer may include all available sanctions noted in the Student Code of Conduct. Students have the right to appeal the decision of an instructor via the grade appeal process and the sanction of a disciplinary officer via the Disciplinary Committee under the terms outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. These processes are parallel and may result in different findings.

Nondiscrimination Statement

Southern Maine Community College (College) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age or marital, parental or veteran's status in its programs and activities. Inquiries about the College's compliance with, and policies that prohibit discrimination on, these bases may be directed to:

Affirmative Action Officer, 2 Fort Rd. South Portland, ME 04106 Tel# 207-741-5610
Maine Relay Services: 800-457-1220 Fax: 207-741-5965
E-mail: deanofstudents@smccME.edu
Internet: www.smccME.edu

For further information and inquiries please refer to page 106 of the SMCC Compass.

Date	Activity	Assigned Reading
09-01-15 Week 1	Introductions and syllabus review Discussion and review of Chapter 1: Getting the Right Start Use of Force Continuum Pre-Test- Complete on-line at MySMCC by 09-04-15	Chapter 1
09-08-15 Week 2	Introductions and syllabus review Discussion and review of Chapter 2: Building Dreams, Setting Goals Brief Writing Assignment #1 due BWA Discussion	Chapter 2

09-15-15 Week 3	Discussion and review of Chapter 4: Managing your Time, Energy and Money The Legal Use of Force; The Maine Criminal Code Homework Assignment: 168 Hour Assignment	Chapter 4
09-22-15 Week 4	Discussion and review of chapter 5: Thinking Critically and Creatively Non-deadly and Deadly Use of Force Exam 1	Chapter 5
09-29-15 Week 5	Discussion and review of chapter 7: Engaging, Listening and Note Taking in Class Research on Use of Force, managing and reducing use of force	Chapter 7
10-06-15 Week 6	Discussion and review of chapter 8: Developing Your Memory Use of Force Report writing Current Event Article Presentation	Chapter 8
10-13-15 Week 7	Discussion and review of chapter 10: Taking Tests The future of use of force in the criminal justice system Brief Writing Assignment #2 due by 02-24-14 Current Event Article Presentations	Chapter 10
10-20-15 Week 8	Discussion and review of chapter 11: Building Relationships, Valuing Diversity Post-Test - Complete on-line at MySMCC by 10-24-15 Current Event Article Presentations Exam 2 Thank you!	Chapter 11

2015-2016 Academic Calendar

FALL SEMESTER 2015

August 21, Fri...	.....Cancellation of Under-Enrolled Courses
August 27-28, Thurs.-Fri...	..... Faculty Professional Days
August 31, Mon. ....	..... Classes Begin
August 31-September 8, Mon.-Tues., 5:00pm.....	..... Drop/Add Week**
September 7, Mon. ....	..... Labor Day – No Classes
*September 8, Tues. ....	..... Scholarship Application Deadline
September 29, Tues., 5:00pm .....	..... Early Alert Reporting Due
October 12, Mon. ....	..... Columbus Day - No Classes
*October 24, Sat. 9am-12pm. ....	..... SMCC Open House (South Portland)
October 26, Mon... ..	..... Final Day: Submit Spr/Sum '15 Incomplete Grade Changes
November 1-November 30 .....	..... Advising Month
November 3, Tues., 5:00 pm .....	..... Academic Alert Reporting Due
*November 5, Thurs. 4-6pm .....	..... SMCC Open House (Midcoast Campus)
November 9-13, Mon.-Fri. ....	..... Spring 2016 Schedule Preview
November 11, Wed. ....	..... Veterans' Day - No Classes
November 16, Mon, 8:00am .....	..... Registration Begins (Spring 2016)
November 23, Mon., 5:00pm .....	..... Last Day to Withdraw From Classes**
November 26-27-28, Thurs.-Fri.-Sat., (begins 3:00pm Wed.) .....	..... Thanksgiving Recess- No Classes
November 30, Mon... ..	..... New Student Registration (Spring 2016)
*December 3, Thurs... ..	..... College Forum
December 14, Mon .....	..... Open Registration (Spring 2016)
December 19, Sat. ....	.....Fall Classes End