Purpose:

The online version of Hate Crimes Investigation is intended to prepare line level peace officers with the information and skills required to investigate a hate crime or bias incident. The course includes all of the same components as the traditional classroom version. It is presented in an extended format to allow students flexibility in completing all course work. This class is considered the equivalent of 24 hour of classroom instruction. This course is certified by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, but is not eligible for reimbursement under any P.O.S.T. plan.

Course Requirements:

1. Each learning module of the course must be completed entirely by the date it is due. All learning modules must be completed within the 6 week period the course is scheduled.
2. Students must pass each exam with a score of at least 80%. If a student fails an exam, the student will be given time to study and a chance to re-take the test until a score of at least 80% is achieved.
3. All written assignments and the course project must be completed by the date it is due and earn a passing score of at least 80%.
4. Students must participate fully in all course activities and online discussions.

Grading:

Students may earn 1 unit of credit for completing all course work and achieving an overall average score of at least 80%. Students will receive “credit” or “no credit.” No letter grade will be assigned.

Required Text Book:

Hate Crimes: Causes, Controls, and Controversies. By Phyllis Gerstenfeld

Course Content:

The course includes 8 learning modules that contain reading assignments, activities, and short tests. In addition, there is a final course project that allows students to apply what they have learned and to create a tool that can be used on the job. The learning modules include:
1. Introduction and Course Overview
2. Hate Crime Terminology, Definitions, and Statistics
3. Hate Group Trends
4. Victimology and Interviewing Techniques
5. Suspect Identification and Interrogation
6. Case Management and Prosecution
7. Community and Media Relations
8. Course Project

Schedule:

This online course is presented over a 6 week period. Learning modules are assigned as follows:

- Week 1 Learning Modules 1 and 2
- Week 2 Learning Module 3
- Week 3 Learning Modules 4 and 5
- Week 4 Learning Module 6
- Week 5 Learning Module 7
- Week 6 Learning Module 8