

Requalification Academy

Here are the answers to the most commonly asked questions for students interested in attending our academy:

1. Requal is a (17) day (6) day a week course. Most days are a 0800-1700 schedule. There are however (2) night range classes that do not end until 2100 hours.

2. Lodging: If you need to stay in a motel, you need to stay nearby to avoid morning traffic. I would recommend Comfort Suites in Marysville. (530) 742-9200. When you call make sure you identify yourself as a student at Yuba College and ask for the "Yuba Rate," and you will get the best rate possible. You will get a nice room with a refrigerator, a microwave, internet access and a full breakfast. There is also an exercise room and an indoor pool.

If you wish to save a little money, you can stay at the Amerihost Inn, (530) 742-9200. Also ask for the "Yuba Rate." They have most of the same amenities as Comfort Suites but only serve a continental breakfast.

3. Firearms: Do not bring a firearm of any kind into the classroom on your first day of class. A rangemaster will be there to answer all of your firearm questions. If you need a loaner weapon, we have Glock 9MM's. We also have loaner holsters, belts, body armor, and ear and eye protectors. If you are a good shooter, you will only need (500) rounds of ammunition, otherwise you will need up to (750) rounds. Buy only top quality ammunition or factory reloads. You may purchase your rounds after your arrival at our local Wal-Mart store which is close to the academy. We also furnish shotguns but you can bring your own if your wish. Do not show up for class having not fired a firearm in (5) years. Practice at a local range before coming to the course if you have not fired in a long time. You also must have your fingerprints "Live Scanned" as part of the course and we must have the results before you can use a firearm at the range. If you are a police agency student then YOU will need a letter from your agency on LETTERHEAD, advising that you have already been LIVE SCANNED by them.

4. Defensive Tactics: Pass/Fail. If you are reasonably in shape and coordinated then you will do well. There is a portion involving "The Red Man." This is a combative situation requiring the use of a baton for as long as (1-2) minutes so get in shape accordingly. We provide batons. You will be POST certified with an ASP as part of the training.

5. Academic Test: Pass/Fail. Bring a (3) ring binder, an abridged penal code and a good attitude and you will do well. There is no need for you to buy POST student workbooks. Instructors will furnish you the handouts you will need for the course and cover the material needed to pass the test. Students stress themselves out worrying about the test and it is unneeded. Only (1) person has failed the test in over (5) years and later remediated it.

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6. Dressing attire: Please check out our website and dress accordingly. It's polo shirts for everyone, any color you wish and slacks, Docker's or better, also any color you wish. BDU's or jeans may be worn at the RANGE. Plain colored T-shirts or sweatshirts may also be worn BUT except for police or fire logos, these shirts are to be free of any other logos, ads, caricatures etc. Defensive Tactics requires the wearing of a white T-shirt or blue or black sweatshirt. Gym shorts or sweatpants are to be worn and may be blue or black.

7. Registration: Register online then either mail or fax in the required documents. Our academy is VERY popular. DO NOT WAIT until the last minute to try and attend. We cap our classes at (32) students. You are guaranteed attendance ONLY when you have paid registration. Many of you call and have your name placed on a list for attendance **BUT UNTIL YOU PAY REGISTRATION** your spot is not guaranteed. I recommend that you pay your fees immediately. If later you have to cancel, you will get all of your money back except for duplication fees.

8. Anything else? Prepare to learn but enjoy yourself in a relaxing surrounding. Class ages run from 21-75 with at least (3-4) females in every class. Many students have had their POST certificate expire without ever getting employed in law enforcement but most are ex-police officers. There are opportunities for full and part time employment in the area and recruiters will be in the classroom sometime during the course.

Should you have any more questions please e-mail me at: denpatti@sbcglobal.net or call me at (530) 478-1433. I look forward to working with you at our next academy.

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