

Stephen F. Austin State University

Department of Public Safety

Education and Training for Campus Carry

During the 84th Texas Legislative Session, Senate Bill 11 (SB11) was passed allowing persons with a License to Carry (LTC) a handgun, under Texas Government Code Section 411.2031 and other applicable laws, to carry their handgun in a concealed manner on public university campuses, effective August 1st 2016. The law allows universities to establish policy restricting certain areas/events of the campus where concealed carry will not be allowed as well as establish storage requirements in residence halls.

The Stephen F. Austin State University Department of Public Safety offers several educational and training courses developed to assist the community in complying with the Campus Carry Law. These courses are offered free of charge; and will focus on topics such as the campus carry law, proper concealment, safety protocols, and safe storage. Currently offered courses are listed below:

Campus Carry 101:

This 2-hour course is designed to provide participants with knowledge to assist them in properly carrying a licensed handgun on the SFA campus. Topics will include Texas handgun laws, SFA handgun policies, basic handgun safety, proper handgun concealment techniques, and interaction with police officers.

Handgun Safety:

This 1-hour course is designed to teach participants more in-depth how to safely carry, handle, and store a handgun, with an emphasis on concealed handgun skills. Topics will include general handgun safety, handgun operation and maintenance, proper handgun carrying techniques, and safe handgun storage methods.

How to Carry a Handgun:

This 1-hour course is designed to provide participants with more in-depth tips and options that will help them when choosing a method of carrying a handgun. Topics will include open carry vs concealed carry, weapon selection, holster selection, and concealment techniques.

Texas Gun Laws:

This 1-hour course is designed to provide a more in-depth practical, easy-to-understand overview to raise participants' awareness of current Texas gun laws. Topics will include unlawful carrying of weapons, places weapons are prohibited, weapons on campus, weapons in vehicles, and authority of police officers.

The Defensive Mentality:

This 1-hour course is designed to teach participants more in-depth methods to avoid dangerous situations and prevent violence. Topics will include situational awareness, conflict avoidance and resolution, and consequences of deadly force.

Surviving Violence:

This 1-hour course is designed to teach participants more in-depth what actions to take when faced with a violent situation in the workplace or classroom environment. Topics will include recognizing potential violence indicators, emergency and non-emergency reporting methods, active shooter survival tactics, and interacting with first responders.

* Handgun Safety, How to Carry a Handgun, Texas Gun Laws, The Defensive Mentality, and Surviving Violence can be taught as individual 1-hour classes or can be combined to be taught as a 5-hour class.