

Introduction to Gunsmithing for Veterans

Class is free – limited to 10 students

This class is being offered to honorably-discharged military veterans or retirees and active-duty military personnel. Applicants will need to provide a copy of their active military or retiree ID card or DD 214. Current Gunsmithing students or Gunsmithing alumni are not eligible for this class – class is open only to first-time Gunsmithing students.

Because the class is not offered for college credit, the GI Bill will not cover tools. Students will be responsible for providing their own tools/supplies as listed below.

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This course will cover operational theory, disassembly and assembly, proper use of hand tools and precision measuring instruments, and an introduction to basic bench work of the Gunsmithing trade. Consideration will be given to minor gun repair and the installation of firearm accessories. A brief study of Federal Firearm Law and record keeping will be included. Students should bring some type of project(s) to work on during lab times under the supervision of the instructor. Students may bring projects related to the scheduled topic outlines. For other projects, please contact the instructor.

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Introduction to Gunsmithing Tool List

(Please keep in mind that the tools suggested for each class are the minimum tools you should bring. Please feel free to bring any additional tools you feel you may need)

Safety Glasses - OSHA Approved

Screwdrivers - miscellaneous assortment designed to fit gun screws

Small Hammer - 4oz brass or metal

Small pin punches

Metal files - assortment of small and medium metal cutting

File Handles - one to fit each file

Hand Grinder - (suggested but not mandatory)

Cutters for hand grinders - misc. assortment of metal and stones

Dial Caliper - 6"

Steel 6" Rule

3" wide Vise Jaws to protect work - (1/4" plywood lined with cork will do)

File Card

Needle Files

Dental Pick

Pliers w/side Cutters

Small tap handle

Hacksaw with medium blade –

Note: any of the above tools can be substituted with a like tool from home. The thing about most gun work is you don't know you will need it until you need it, so you may choose bring extra tools you find handy. All tools listed can be purchased on campus at the TSC Bookstore or through Brownells, Inc. 200 South Front St., Montezuma, Iowa 50171 Ordering/Tech Support: 800-741-0015