



Contemporary Security Administration

MSA 500

Southwestern College Professional Studies

COURSE SYLLABUS

I. Course Catalog Description

This course provides leading-edge concepts for Chief Security Officers (CSO) as well as middle to upper-level security management professionals. The principal focus is emerging criminal and terrorist threats that pose serious challenges to professionals throughout the security industry. Core areas of security are also comprehensively covered as well as business management and leadership competencies.

II. Required and Supplementary Instructional Materials

Fay, J. J. (2011). *Contemporary security management* (3rd ed.). Burlington, MA: Elsevier.

Kovacich, G. L., & Halibozek, E. (2006). *Security metrics management: How to manage the costs of an assets protection program*. Burlington, MA: Elsevier.

III. Learning Outcomes

Learning outcomes describe the knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes that learners gain as the result of a particular learning experience. Southwestern College Professional Studies has learning outcomes specific to each course and each [undergraduate](#) and [graduate](#) program of study, as well as [institution-wide outcomes](#) related to the mission and vision of the college. Outcomes can help learners and instructors focus on the big picture of the learning experience and can help inform potential employers about a graduate's knowledge and skills.

Upon successfully completing this course, the learner will be able to:

1. Discuss the historical roots of security, security strategy, leading, organizing, and managing people, and the role of security professionals and security metrics management.
2. Describe budget management, managing change, making decisions, managing risk, and managing guard operations.
3. Apply security metrics management as they relate to personnel security, security education and awareness training, surveys and risk management, and the guard force; security compliance audits, technical security systems, locks and keys, and investigations and noncompliance audits; information security, contingency planning, and information systems security; fire protection, government security, mergers, acquisitions or divestitures security, outsourcing, and security metrics management technology.
4. Evaluate ways to manage physical security, access control, investigations and pre-employment screening programs.
5. Evaluate the critical security management domains of emergency management, incident management, and information security.
6. Describe and discuss substance abuse prevention, executive protection, workplace violence, security awareness, vulnerability assessment, and security system design.
7. Describe and compose security metrics management as they relate to a corporate assets protection program, executive protection, and event security.
8. Examine and discuss the nature of terrorism, counterterrorism, weapons of mass destruction, assessment of the terrorist threat, and critical national infrastructure.

At the end of the course, learners may vary in their ability to achieve these outcomes. You are more likely to achieve these outcomes only if you attend class and/or online activities as required by the syllabus, complete the requirements for all assignments to the best of your ability, participate actively in class activities and group work as directed, and study diligently for exams.

IV. Course Policies

Students are expected to read and abide by the course policies located in the instructor-specific syllabus in the blackboard course.

V. Course Requirements:

Requirements	Number of Assignments	Points Possible	Percent of Grade
Discussion Assignments	6	600	60
Final Paper Assignment	1	400	40
Total Points		1,000	100

VI. Course at a Glance:

Unit	Reading & Preparation Activities	Graded Work Due
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participate in the Introductions Discussion• Read <i>Fay</i> Ch. 1-5• Read <i>Kovacich & Halibozek</i> Intro & Ch. 1-4• Read and Begin Final Paper Assignment¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit 1 discussion
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read <i>Fay</i> Ch. 6-10• Read <i>Kovacich & Halibozek</i> Ch. 5-6, 11 & 14• Continue Final Paper Assignment¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit 2 discussion
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read <i>Fay</i> Ch. 11-14• Read <i>Kovacich & Halibozek</i> Ch. 8-10, 15-16 & 20• Continue Final Paper Assignment¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit 3 discussion
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read <i>Fay</i> Ch. 15-17• Read <i>Kovacich & Halibozek</i> Ch. 7, 13 & 22• Continue Final Paper Assignment¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit 4 discussion
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read <i>Fay</i> Ch. 18 - 23• Read <i>Kovacich & Halibozek</i> Chapters 12, 18-19• Continue Final Paper Assignment¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit 5 discussion
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read <i>Fay</i> Ch. 24-25• Read <i>Kovacich & Halibozek</i> Ch. 17, 21, 23-25• Review & Finalize Final Paper Assignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit 6 discussion• Final Paper Assignment

VII. Other Policies and Requirements

Follow this link to the Southwestern College Professional Studies [Standard Syllabus](#) in Blackboard. You may be required to log in.

¹ Final Paper Assignment due Unit 6