Administration of Information Security

MSA 520

Southwestern College Professional Studies

COURSE SYLLABUS

I.   Course Catalog Description

This course provides a management review of information security issues and a thorough treatment of the administration of information security. Topics such as planning for contingencies, policy and programs, models and practices, risk management, threats, protection mechanisms, personnel security, law and ethics, and project management are studied.

II.   Required and Supplementary Instructional Materials

Whitman, M. E., & Mattord, H. J. (2014). Management of information security (4th ed.). Boston, MA: Course Technology, Cengage Learning.

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 program of study that are in line with the institutional outcomes of critical thinking, ethical reasoning, leadership, communication, and career preparation. Course outcomes support program outcomes and are listed below.

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

1.   Use law enforcement terminology and classifications.
2.   Explain law enforcement methods and trends.
3.   Apply fundamental policing principles, generalizations or theories.
4.   Apply course materials to improve rational thinking, problem solving and decision-making.
5.   Evaluate police violence and police misconduct.

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	450	45%
Midterm Exam	1	150	15%
Final Exam	1	150	15%
Final Paper	1	250	25%
Total Points		**1000**	**100**

VI.   Course at a Glance:

Unit	Reading & Preparation Activities	Graded Work Due
1	• Participate in the Introductions Discussion • Read Whitman & Mattord, Chapters 1-2 • Review Chapters 1-2 PowerPoints	• Unit 1 Discussion
2	• Read Whitman & Mattord, Chapters 3-4 • Review Chapters 3-4 PowerPoints	• Unit 2 Discussion
3	• Read Whitman & Mattord, Chapters 5-6 • Review Chapters 5-6 PowerPoints	• Midterm Exam • Unit 3 Discussion
4	• Read Whitman & Mattord, Chapters 7-8 • Review Chapters 7-8 PowerPoints	• Unit 4 Discussion
5	• Read Whitman & Mattord, Chapters 9-11 • Review Chapters 9-11 PowerPoints	• Unit 5 Discussion
6	• Read Whitman & Mattord, Chapter 12 • Review Chapter 12 PowerPoint	• Final Paper • Final Exam • Unit 6 Discussion

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.