



Introduction to Security
SMGT311
Southwestern College Professional Studies

COURSE SYLLABUS

I. Course Catalog Description

This course includes a detailed review of the representative duties of the professionals engaged in private and public security. It focuses on the latest trends, concerns, and issues in the security industry today. This includes specific threat analysis, countermeasures, the security function, and fundamentals of defense. The course will also provide an overview of the historical development of security.

II. Required and Supplementary Instructional Materials

Fischer, R. J., Halibozek, E., & Walters, D. (2013). *Introduction to security*. (9th ed.). Burlington, MA: Elsevier Butterworth-Heinemann.

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. Describe the historical development of security and explain how it relates to security's current function and to homeland security.
2. Identify critical infrastructure sectors and protection trends, as well as other concerns and issues in the security industry today.
3. Prepare a risk assessment of physical protection system and justify recommendations.
4. Examine the security function and issues from a loss prevention and crime prevention perspective and present countermeasures and strategies to prevent organizational losses.
5. Evaluate data and information exposure within an organization.
6. Discuss legal issues that affect security professionals and organizations.

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 Board Assignments	7	245	24.5
Case Studies	6	300	30
Exams	2	300	30
Mastery Assignment - Final Project	1	155	15.5
Total Points		1000	100%

VI. Course at a Glance:

Unit	Reading & Preparation Activities	Graded Work Due
1	○ Read <i>Introduction to Security</i> , Chapters 1, 2, & 5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unit 1 Case Study: Defining Security's Role 2. Introductions 3. The Impact of 9/11 Discussion Assignment
2	○ Read <i>Introduction to Security</i> , Chapter 15, 18, & 19	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unit 2 Case Study: Retail Security 2. Protection Trends Discussion Assignment
3	○ Read <i>Introduction to Security</i> , Chapters 7-9	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unit 3 Case Study: Risk Analysis, Security Surveys and Insurance 2. Mid-Term Exam 3. Safety and Security Programs Discussion Assignment
4	○ Read <i>Introduction to Security</i> , Chapters 11, 12 & 14	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unit 4 Case Study: Contingency Planning, Fire Protection, Emergency Response, and Safety 2. Employee Problems Discussion Assignment
5	○ Read <i>Introduction to Security</i> , Chapters 10 & 17	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unit 5 Case Study: Computer Technology and Information Security Issues 2. Data and Information Exposure Discussion Assignment 3. Mastery Assignment – Final Project
6	○ Read <i>Introduction to Security</i> , Chapter 6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unit 6 Case Study: Security and the Law 2. Final Exam 3. Web Search for Legal Issue Discussion Assignment 4. Leadership Perspective Discussion Assignment

VII. Other Policies and Requirements

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