



## Legal Aspects of Security Syllabus

SMGT415

Southwestern College Professional Studies

### COURSE SYLLABUS

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#### I. Course Catalog Description

This course provides a thorough overview of the legal issues and concepts that security professionals must be familiar with while operating in public or private organizations. A review of legal rights available to security officers, corporations, partnerships, and individually owned businesses for the protection of their property from theft by employees, customers and others is covered. The laws of arrest, search and seizure, detention, surveillance, and legal consequences are also examined.

#### II. Required and Supplementary Instructional Materials

Nemeth, C. (2012). *Private security and the law* (4th ed.). Waltham, 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:

- Identify and discuss the concepts of self-help and self-protection; historical foundations of private security; private security coming of age; and contemporary private security. Explain and describe the impetus for increased regulation; federal regulation; state regulation; and ethical considerations.
- Relate the constitutional framework of American criminal justice; arrest and private sector justice; the law of search and seizure: public police; the law of search and seizure: private police; challenges to the safe harbor of private security; and the constitutional prognosis for private security.
- Express the nature of civil liability; classification of civil wrongs/torts; strict liability torts; vicarious liability; and remedies under the Civil Rights Act: 42 U.S.C. 1983.
- Describe the problem of criminal liability; defenses to criminal acts: self-help; and procedural questions.
- Discuss criminal liability; the classification of offenses and related penalties; specific types of crimes and offenses; and evidence and proof.
- Recognize and recall the relationship between the public and private sectors; positive programs on interaction and cooperation; recommendations for improvement; and various cases.

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	75
Midterm	1	100	12.5
Final	1	100	12.5
<b>Total Points</b>		<b>800</b>	<b>100</b>

VI. Course at a Glance:

Unit	Reading & Preparation Activities	Graded Work Due
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read <i>Nemeth</i> Chapters 1-2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit 1 Discussion Assignment Parts 1-3</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read <i>Nemeth</i> Chapter 3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit 2 Discussion Assignment Parts 1-3</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read <i>Nemeth</i> Chapter 4</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit 3 Discussion Assignment Parts 1-3</li> <li>• Unit 3 Midterm</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read <i>Nemeth</i> Chapter 5</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit 4 Discussion Assignment Parts 1-3</li> </ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read <i>Nemeth</i> Chapter 6</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit 5 Discussion Assignment Parts 1-3</li> </ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read <i>Nemeth</i> Chapters 7-8</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit 6 Discussion Assignment Parts 1-3</li> <li>• Unit 6 Final</li> </ul>

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.