

Security & Loss Prevention (SLPS 1391)



Credit: 3 semester hours (3 hours lecture)

Prerequisite/Co-requisite: None

Course Description

Topics address recently identified current events, skills, knowledge, and/or attitudes and behaviors pertinent to the technology or occupation and relevant to the professional development of the student. During this semester we will study the role of Private Security in Homeland Security and National Defense, basic techniques in developing a proactive homeland security and anti-terrorist program. Emphasis on potential security liabilities and current trends in the security industry will be discussed.

Required Text and Materials

1. Introduction to Security: Operations and Management, by Ortmeier, 3rd Edition by [Patrick J. Ortmeier](#)
 - a. ISBN-10: 9780135129272.
2. A package of #882 Scantrons and #2 pencils
3. Notebook
4. 2 GB Flash Drive

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Define the role of Private Security in Homeland Security (SCANS: F1.5, F2.5, F6.5)
2. State the role of Private Security in National Defense (SCANS: F8.5, F12.5, C5.5, C7.5)
3. State the parts of a homeland security plan (SCANS: F2, F7)
4. Demonstrate methods to conduct threat assessment (SCANS: C5, C6, C7, F2, F7)

SCANS Skills and Competencies

Beginning in the late 1980's, the U.S. Department of Labor Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills (SCANS) conducted extensive research and interviews with business owners, union leaders, supervisors, and laborers in a wide variety of work settings to determine what knowledge workers needed in order to perform well on a job. In 1991 the Commission announced its findings in *What Work Requires in Schools*. In its research, the Commission determined that "workplace know-how" consists of two elements: foundation skills and workplace competencies.

Course Outline

- I. Introduction: Security's Role In Society
 - A. History And Overview
 - B. Threats To Safety And Security
 - C. Legal Aspects Of Security

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- II. Security Operations
 - A. Essential Functions
 - B. Texas Bureau Of Private Security
- III. Physical Security
 - A. Structural,
 - B. Electronic, And
 - C. Human Protection Systems
- IV. Personnel Security Through Leadership And Ethics
- V. Information And Computer Security
- VI. Security Management
 - A. Risk Assessment, Security Surveys, And Planning
 - B. Program Implementation And Administration
 - C. Investigations, Intelligence Operations, And Reporting
- VII. Security Applications And Solutions
 - A. Institutional Security, Disaster Recovery, And Executive Protection
 - B. Industrial Security, Retail Loss Prevention, And Workplace Violence
 - C. Homeland Security: Confronting Terrorism And Domestic Threats
- VIII. Trends And Challenges
 - A. Career Opportunities
 - B. The Future

Grade Scale

90 – 100	A
80 – 89	B
70 – 79	C
60 – 69	D
0 – 59	F

Course Requirements

1. Orally present a weekly current event pertaining to the present chapter topic.
2. Complete the chapter quizzes.
3. Participate in students-to-instructor discussions pertaining to the studied chapter assignments.
4. Work in groups of four or five students to research, write a 4 page paper and develop a YouTube presentation on a topic assigned by the course instructor. The research paper requirement will be presented to the instructor. Each of the partners will submit identical papers and will receive the same grade.
5. Participate in student-to-student discussions regarding articles included in selected chapters.
6. Complete a comprehensive final exam.

Course Policies

1. Proper classroom decorum must be maintained at all times.

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2. No DISRUPTIONS will be tolerated and in this classroom, we will respect one another's right to learn.
3. No food, drinks, or use of tobacco products in class.
4. Cell phones, headphones, and any other electronic devices must be turned off while in class.
5. Do not bring children to class.
6. Do not walk out of class early without talking to the instructor before the class begins.
7. **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY WILL BE DEALT WITH MOST STRICTLY!** - An automatic F for the semester, plus a report will be filed.
8. No late assignments will be accepted.
9. Makeup exams will not be given, unless arranged for in advance. If you miss an exam (including the final) for any reason, without making arrangements with the instructor prior to the exam, you will earn a zero on that exam.
10. Exams (including the final) will begin on time. If you are more than 5 minutes late for the exam, you will not be allowed to take it.
11. If you wish to drop a course, the student is responsible for initiating and completing the drop process. If you stop coming to class and fail to drop the course, you will earn an 'F' in the course.
12. Attendance is expected and required.
13. Additional class policies as defined by the individual course instructor.

Disabilities Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are federal anti-discrimination statutes that provide comprehensive civil rights for persons with disabilities. Among other things, these statutes require that all students with documented disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodations for their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Special Populations Coordinator at (409) 880-1737 or visit the office in Student Services, Cecil Beeson Building.

Course Schedule

Week of	Topic	Reference
Week 1	Course Introduction and policies Discussion of Syllabus Chapter 1 Criminal Investigation: An Overview	pp.4-31
Week 2	Chapter 1: continued Chapter 2: Basic Investigative Responsibilities	pp. 4-31 pp. 34-63
Week 3	Chapter 3: Writing Reports	pp. 66-87

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	Discussion Writing a Report	
Week 4	Chapter 4: Searches Discussion Practical Application Exercise Review Chapter Study 1,2,3,4.	pp. 88-110
Week 5	Chapter 5. Forensics/Physical Evidence EXAM I	pp.112-157
Week 6	Practical Application Exercises Fingerprinting, Impressions, Skeletal Remains	pp.112-157
Week 7	Chapter 7: Identifying and Arresting suspects Photo Line-ups Exercise	pp. 158-189
Week 8	Chapter 8: Death Investigations The Medical/Legal Examination Autopsy Series	pp. 190-227
Week 9	Autopsy Series Chapter 9: Assault, Domestic Violence Review Chapters 5,6,7,8	pp.232-267
Week 10	Chapter 9: Continued EXAM 2	pp.270-293
Week 11	Chapter 10: Sex Offenses Chapter 11: Crimes Against Children	pp. 294-315 pp. 316-351
Week 12	Chapter 12: Robbery Chapter 13: Burglary Chapter 14: Theft/Fraud Chapter 15: Motor Vehicle Theft Review Chapters 9,10,11,12	pp. 352-371 pp.374-390 pp. 392-424 pp.426-449
Week 13	Chapter 16: Arson, Bombs , and Explosives Chapter 17: Computer Crime EXAM 3	pp. 450-473 pp. 476-510
Week 14	Chapter 18: Drug Related Crime Chapter 19: Criminal Activities of Gangs Chapter 20: Terrorism	pp. 512-549 pp. 550-581 pp. 582-611
Week 15	Chapter 21: Presenting Cases in Court Final Exam Review: Chapters 13-21)	pp. 612-643
Week 16	Final Exam	