



## Graduate Course Syllabus

### JUS 609: Private Sector Justice

Center: Online

#### Course Prerequisites

None

#### Course Description

This course provides a focus on the legal and ethical dilemmas faced by security professionals. Students will examine the 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. The law of arrest, search and seizure, detention, surveillance and legal consequences are some of the areas explored.

#### Course Outcomes

- Review the role of private justice in the American justice system
- Delve into the operational aspects of private security
- Analyze a variety of legal principles applicable to private security operations including civil and criminal penalties and sanctions, constitutional applicability, regulatory and administrative rules and the relevance of the Bill of Rights
- Review cooperative arrangements between public and private justice operations
- Analyze and interpret statutory and case law materials pertinent to security law
- Review the security industry from a philosophical and functional approach
- Analyze the trends of private security
- Seek specific suggestions on how the private security industry can intervene and save communities in distress
- Conduct threat assessments and other analysis for the communities in need
- Weigh and assess the critical role private sector justice plays in community protection and stability

#### Required Materials

Using your learning resources is critical to your success in this course. Please purchase directly through SNHU's online bookstore, [MBS Direct](#), rather than any other vendor. Purchasing directly from the bookstore ensures that you will obtain the correct materials and that the Help Desk, your advisor, and the instructor can provide you with support if you have problems.

*Private Security and the Law*

Nemeth

Elsevier

4<sup>th</sup> Edition

2012

9780123869227

*Private Security and Public Safety: A Community-Based Approach*

Poulin & Nemeth

Prentice Hall

2005

9780131123748

### **Instructor Availability and Response Time**

Your class interaction with your instructor and your classmates will take place in Blackboard on a regular, ongoing basis. Your instructor will be active in Blackboard at least five days a week, and you will normally communicate with your instructor in the open Blackboard discussion forum so that your questions and the instructor's answers benefit the entire class. You should send emails directly to your instructor only when you need to discuss something of a personal or sensitive nature, and in those cases your instructor will generally provide a response within 24 hours.

### **Grade Distribution**

Assignment Category	Number of Graded Items	Point Value per Item	Total Points
Discussions	14	20	280
Wiki	2	65	130
Short Papers	10	20	200
Midterm	1	100	100
Final Paper	1	250	250
		<b>Total Course Points:</b>	960

This course may also contain practice activities. The purpose of these non-graded activities is to assist you in mastering the learning outcomes in the graded activity items listed above.

## University Grading System: Graduate

Total Points: 960				
Grade	Numerical Equivalent	Points	Points Equivalent	
			Lower	Upper
A	93-100	4.00	893	960
A-	90-92	3.67	864	892
B+	87-89	3.33	835	863
B	83-86	3.00	797	834
B-	80-82	2.67	768	796
C+	77-79	2.33	739	767
C	73-76	2.00	701	738
F	0-72	0.00	0	700
I	Incomplete			
IF	Incomplete/Failure*			
W	Withdrawn			

\*Please refer to the [policy page](#) for information on the incomplete grade process.

### Grading Guides

Specific activity directions, grading guides, posting requirements, and additional deadlines can be found in the Course Information area in the Assignment Guidelines and Rubrics folder.

### Weekly Assignment Schedule

The Learning Modules area in Blackboard contains one module folder for each week of the course. All reading and assignment information can be found in the folders. All assignments are due by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the last day of the module week.

In addition to the textbook readings that are listed, there may be additional required resources within each module in Blackboard.

Module	Topics and Assignments
1	Preliminary Considerations in Private Security Reading: <i>Private Security and Public Safety</i> , Chapter 1 and 2 1-1 Discussion: History of Private Security 1-2 Discussion: Privatization 1-3 Wiki: Private Security Officers 1-4 Short Paper: Private Sector Justice

2	<p>Private Security and Community Policing</p> <p>Reading: <i>Private Security and Public Safety</i>, Chapter 3</p> <p>2-1 Discussion: Community Policing</p> <p>2-2 Final Paper: Trends and Practices in Private Security Industries</p> <p>2-3 Wiki: Community Policing Model</p> <p>2-4 Short Paper: Article</p>
3	<p>Community Profile and Threat Assessment</p> <p>Reading: <i>Private Security and Public Safety</i>, Chapter 4 sections I-V</p> <p>3-1 Discussion: Community Profile</p> <p>3-2 Discussion: Threat Assessment</p> <p>3-3 Short Paper: Community Profiles Part I</p> <p>3-4 Short Paper: Community Profiles - Part II</p>
4	<p>Private Sector Community Tactics – Part I</p> <p>Reading: <i>Private Security and Public Safety</i>, Chapter 5 and 6</p> <p>4-1 Discussion: Community Integration</p> <p>4-2 Short Paper: Press Release</p>
5	<p>Private Sector Community Tactics – Part II</p> <p>Reading: <i>Private Security and Public Safety</i>, Chapter 7 and 8</p> <p>5-1 Discussion: Shock Tactics</p> <p>5-2 Discussion: CPTED</p> <p>5-3 Midterm Exam: Modules One - Five</p>
6	<p>Private Security Law Preliminary Information</p> <p>Reading: <i>Private Security and the Law</i>, Chapters 1 and 2</p> <p>6-1 Discussion: Training</p> <p>6-2 Short Paper: Regulation and Licensing Requirements</p>
7	<p>Liability of Security Personnel</p> <p>Reading: <i>Private Security and the Law</i>, Chapter 3</p> <p>7-1 Discussion: State Policy</p> <p>7-2 Self-Check: Private Security and the Law</p> <p>7-3 Short Paper: State Specific Liabilities-Public and Private</p>
8	<p>Civil Liability of Security Personnel</p> <p>Reading: <i>Private Security and the Law</i>, Chapter 4</p> <p>8-1 Discussion: Civil Wrongs and Remedies</p> <p>8-2 Short Paper: Assault</p>
9	<p>Criminal Liability of Security Personnel</p> <p>Reading: <i>Private Security and the Law</i>, Chapter 5</p> <p>9-1 Discussion: Criminal Liability and Defenses</p> <p>9-2 Self-Check: Private Security and the Law</p> <p>9-3 Short Paper: Cumberland Farms Case</p>

10	<p>The Enforcement of Laws and Interpretation of Evidence</p> <p>Reading: <i>Private Security and the Law</i>, Chapter 6</p> <p>10-1 Discussion: Criminal Liability</p> <p>10-2 Discussion: Evidence</p> <p>10-3 Self-Check: Case Study Review</p> <p>10-4 Short Paper: Appeals</p> <p>10-5 Final Paper: Trends and Practices in Private Security Industries</p>
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### **Attendance Policy**

Online students are required to post to the Blackboard discussion board during the first week of class. If a student does not submit a posting to the discussion board during the first week of class, the student is automatically withdrawn from the course for non-participation. Review the [full attendance policy](#).

### **Late Assignments Policy**

Meeting assigned due dates is critical for demonstrating progress and ensuring appropriate time for instructor feedback on assignments. Students are expected to submit their assignments on or before the due date. Review the [full late assignment policy](#).

### **SNHU College of Online and Continuing Education Guide to Student Success**

Review the [guide to student success](#).

### **Diversity and Disability Statement**

The College of Online and Continuing Education (COCE) at SNHU values diversity and inclusion. SNHU strives to create inclusive and welcoming academic environments. If there are aspects of the instruction or design of this course that present barriers to your inclusion, please notify the Disability Resource Center (DRC) as soon as possible. We will work with you and your instructor to address needs and concerns.

We encourage all students with known or suspected physical, medical, sensory, psychiatric, and/or learning disabilities to register with the Disability Resource Center (DRC) in order to assess learning needs and take advantage of available academic accommodations and support services. We look forward to hearing from you. Our contact information is below.

Disability Resource Center (DRC)

(877) 591-4723 (select option 4)

(877) 520-8916 (fax)

[drc@snhu.edu](mailto:drc@snhu.edu)

We welcome COCE students, faculty, and staff to consult with the Disability Resource Center (DRC) on disability-related questions or concerns.

**Academic Honesty Policy**

Southern New Hampshire University requires all students to adhere to high standards of integrity in their academic work. Activities such as plagiarism and cheating are not condoned by the university. Review the [full academic honesty policy](#).

**Copyright Policy**

Southern New Hampshire University abides by the provisions of United States Copyright Act (Title 17 of the United States Code). Any person who infringes the copyright law is liable. Review the [full copyright policy](#).

**SNHU College of Online and Continuing Education Withdrawal Policy**

Review the [full withdrawal policy](#).

**Southern New Hampshire University Policies**

More information about SNHU policies can be found on the [policy page](#).