

GROSSMONT COLLEGE

Official Course Outline

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE 201 - LEGAL ASPECTS OF SECURITY MANAGEMENT

1. <u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Semester Units</u>	<u>Hours</u>
AOJ 201	Legal Aspects of Security Management	3	3 hours lecture

2. Prerequisites

None.

Corequisite

None.

Recommended Preparation

None.

3. Catalog Description

A study of criminal, tort, contract, and property law relative to security management. Emphasis is placed on laws of arrest, search and seizure, detention, interrogation, and use of force as well as civil liability, property and privacy rights, procurement of information, government regulations and legal consequences of impermissible investigative conduct.

4. Course Objectives

The student will:

- a. List and describe the elements of a crime.
- b. Identify the most often confronted penal code violations.
- c. Demonstrate knowledge of the elements of the criminal offenses identified in "b" above.
- d. Identify the elements of the law and describe policy with respect to a police officer's and private person's authority to arrest.
- e. List and describe rules of evidence as they pertain to search and seizure, interrogation, and custody in the private as well as the public sectors.
- f. Describe the conditions under which civil and criminal liability may attach to a security person's actions.
- g. Distinguish public police authority from the authority of private security.
- h. Articulate laws which regulate private security.
- i. Analyze security management-related case situations and determine legal courses of action.
- j. Evaluate personal conduct to ensure behavior conforms to standards and requirements of law.
- k. Identify, critically analyze, and develop solutions to problems in security management.
- l. Demonstrate ability to work collaboratively in a group setting.
- m. Utilize computer technology and access information via the Internet as appropriate.
- n. Conduct research appropriate to the discipline.
- o. Evaluate personal and professional ethical standards.

5. Instructional Facilities

- a. Access to the Internet.
- b. Standard classroom.

6. Special Materials Required of Student

Electronic storage media.

7. Course Content

- a. Introduction to legal aspects of security management.
- b. Legal aspects of arrest, search, and seizure in public law enforcement and private security.
- c. Interviewing and interrogation in the private sector.
- d. Surveillance of customers and employees.
- e. Personal rights to privacy.
- f. Laws and government regulations regarding:
 - (1) Background investigations.
 - (2) Psychological testing.
 - (3) Polygraph examinations.
- g. Civil (tort) liability.
- h. Personal and real property.
- i. Contract law.
- j. Crimes and their elements.
- k. Criminal procedures in security management.
- l. Rules of evidence in security management.

8. Method of Instruction

- a. Lecture, discussion, group projects and audio visual materials as appropriate.
- b. Qualified guest speakers may be invited to lecture on their respective fields of specialization.
- c. Field trips to local public safety agencies and security organizations may be arranged.

9. Methods of Evaluating Student Performance

- a. Participation.
- b. Written assignments.
- c. Periodic examinations.
- d. Research assignments.
- e. Group projects.
- f. Oral presentations.
- g. Written final examinations.

10. Outside Class Assignments

- a. Reading in required text.
- b. Critical-thinking and problem-solving exercises.
- c. Research paper.
- d. Preparation for oral presentations.

11. Texts

- a. Required Text(s):
Nemeth, Charles. Private Security and the Law. 3rd ed. Burlington, MA: Elsevier Butterworth-Heinemann, 2005.
- b. Supplementary texts and workbooks:
None.