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School of Security and Global Studies Security Management Program

SCMT 390 Security Administration

3 Credit Hours 8 Weeks

Prerequisite(s): All lower level general education and career planning coursework necessary to develop research, writing, and critical thinking skills.

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Instructor Information

Instructor:

Bio:

Email: Please use the internal classroom messaging system (Messages). Click on <u>my name</u> ("not" Instructor Role). Use your mycampus email (or "Instructor Role" in Messages) for "<u>post</u>" class communication <u>only</u>. Do "<u>not</u>" choose the "instructor role" in Messages – <u>choose</u> my name "only").

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Course Description (Catalog)

This course focuses on principles and practices that security managers can put to immediate use. The bedrock requirements of effective organization, staff selection, and daily operating procedures are emphasized over abstract concepts. Topics include guard operations, plans, policies, and procedures, workplace violence, managing change, bomb threat management, security awareness training, physical security, securing information systems, investigations, and employee screening.

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Course Scope

This course examines the principles and practices security management professionals must utilize to be successful leaders. The fundamental requirements of administering an effective security organization or function – planning and decision making, employee motivation, discipline and discharge, budgeting and scheduling are studied.

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Course Objectives

After completing this course the student will be able to:

- Present the scope, goals, and history of private security and define management; express knowledge of leadership theories and practices.
- List the principles and practices of effective supervision.
- Apply the tenets of planning and decision-making.
- Restate the theories of superior recruitment and selection; and the fundamental concepts and practices of successful training.
- Indicate the tenets of motivation; and the essentials of performance appraisals.
- State appropriate and justifiable disciplinary actions; and the principles of labor relations.
- Outline budget fundamentals and the budget process; and scheduling methods, models, and practices.
- Identify the future of the private sector and private security.

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Course Delivery Method

This B.A. in Security Management course delivered via distance learning will enable students to complete academic work in a flexible manner, completely online. Course materials and access to an online learning management system will be made available to each student. **Responses to**

Discussion prompts (submitted for review by the Faculty Member) are posted in Forums and are due every Friday of discussion weeks (weeks 1-3 and 5-7). Classmate (or instructor, if a follow-up question is asked) **Discussion "Responses"** (2) are due the last day (Sunday) of each discussion week (weeks 1-3 and 5-7). **Midterm and final examinations**, respectively, are due by the last day (Sunday) of week four and eight and available in these weeks under "Tests & Quizzes." A **research project** is posted under Assignments and due on Sunday of week seven. Assigned faculty will support the students throughout this eight-week course.

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Course Resources

Required Text:

Smith, C., & Brooks, J. (2013). Security science: The theory and practice of security.

Boston, MA: Elsevier, Inc.

If you encounter difficulties locating, accessing or viewing the e-book for this course, please contact ecm@apus.edu or 877-755-2787 x3800.

Optional Text:

Publication manual of the American Psychological Association (6th ed.). (2009). Washington,

D.C.: American Psychological Association.

Additional Resources

Other additional resources are located in the *Resources* section of the classroom.

Websites

In addition to the required course texts the following public domain Websites are useful. Please abide by the university's academic honesty policy when using Internet sources as well. Note Web site addresses are subject to change.

Site Name	Website URL/Address
APA Style Guide	http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/
APA Video	http://youtube.googleapis.com/v/9pbUoNa5tyY&hl=en_US&fs=1&
ASIS International	www.asisonline.org
Citation Builder	http://citationmachine.net/index2.php
Continuity Central:	http://www.continuitycentral.com/

Grammar Aid	http://www.uottawa.ca/academic/arts/writcent/hypergrammar/grammar.html
Department of	http://www.dhs.gov/
Homeland Security	
International	http://www.iso.org
Organization of	
Standards	
Mentoring and Job	http://intelligencecareers.com/blogs/
Search Websites	http://www.fedworld.gov/
	http://www.csoonline.com/
	http://www.clearancejobs.com/
	http://usadefenseindustryjobs.com/
	http://www.privatemilitary.org/
National Association	http://www.nasco.org
of Security	
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National Institute of	http://www.nist.gov/
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Evaluation Procedures

Grading is based on six responses to forum prompt responses; 12 classmate (or instructor, if a follow-up question is asked) forum responses; untimed and open book midterm and final examinations; and a research project.

FORUM DISCUSSIONS:

There will be six graded forum discussions during the course. Each forum will be valued 10.42% of your course grade (62.5% of your course grade for all six forums). However, the first **required** forum is an introduction posting due by Sunday of week 1. It requires you to introduce yourself to classmates, outlining your background and class expectations in 250 words. **Recall the university policy of posting 250 words by Sunday of week one.** Failure to do so will result in automatically being withdrawn from the course.

You will post one response to the forum discussion prompt and a "minimum of two responses (more "substantive" responses for a "superior" score) to your classmates (or instructor, if a follow-up question is asked) each discussion week (weeks 1-3 and 5-7). "Single space only" in forums. Importantly, to keep everyone on the same sheet of music, "post only during the current course week" (do "not" post in advance).

The response to each forum prompt must be a minimum of "500 words" in length ("excluding" the directions, questions, quotations, notes, or references). Each of the required two responses to your classmates (or instructor) must be a minimum of "200 words" in length. Each forum discussion prompt response will be valued at "70%" your forum score and each "classmate/instructor response" will count as "15%" of your forum score (30% in total).

Forum Prompt Response/Classmate (instructor) Response General Information and Scoring Details: Essentially, the excellence of your effort is considered when grading your forum prompt responses and forum responses to classmates/instructor. It is critical that you ensure your forum prompt and forum responses to classmates/instructor are on time and meet the minimum lengths to avoid a loss of points. Although there are length minimums, your score is predicated on the quality of your thinking and writing - "not" the length of your writing. Excess verbiage is usually a sign of poor editing and too few words are a sign of poor analysis. Forum prompt responses must reflect some new or original information – do not just reiterate content or opinion posted by classmates. Lastly, write in "three to seven" sentence paragraphs and avoid writing in outline form unless absolutely necessary (write in essay/narrative form).

Your forum prompt response must reflect *college-level comprehension*, *analysis*, *discussion*, *application* (*where appropriate*), *and learning*. To demonstrate college writing, thoroughly discuss and relate your answers/responses in both source and anecdotal language. Paraphrase, quote "only" when absolutely necessary, and provide examples, differences/similarities, analogies, etc. Forum prompt responses and responses to your classmates/instructor must reflect "*critical thinking*" skills (critical, analytical, evaluative, etc.) – *not* your ability to simply transfer verbatim text content to the forum platform. You must strive to *apply*, *demonstrate*, *illustrate*, *relate*, *analyze*, *appraise*, *compare/contrast*, *criticize*, *deduce*, *debate*, *determine*, *differentiate*, *distinguish*, *estimate*, *evaluate*, *examine*, *and/or predict* in your forum responses. Show you are able to synthesize and evaluate knowledge in a "cogent manner." This includes thoroughly explaining your positions/answers.

Properly formatted (per the APA) sources (via proper in-text citations and references) are required for quality, learning, and "scoring" purposes. Specifically, supplement/enhance your forum prompt response content (which is generally drawn from the course textbook or directed sources), but outside sources (peer-reviewed journals, trade publications, government reports, legitimate/credible websites, etc.) to enhance your knowledge base are strongly encouraged. Use of the AMU Online Library and Security Management/Course Library portal is highly encouraged.

Citation and Reference Style: This course requires students to use the citation and reference style established in the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (sixth edition). Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association. A very good APA source is the The Owl at Purdue University: https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/ There is also a comprehensive Web video on APA sixth edition in general and how to format a formal

research paper in APA sixth edition in particular located at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9pbUoNa5tyY

Sources from Wikipedia are "not" to be used, as they are academically unreliable.

Penalties: Unless "preapproved - in advance of the due date," "each" late forum prompt response and classmate response will be penalized 10 points "per day" late. Also, students who fail to respond to instructor or classmate questions are also subject to 10 point scoring penalties. Lastly, those who do not include their reading and/or outside sources within their primary forum posting are subject to 15 point penalties.

EXAMINATIONS:

The midterm (week four) and final (week eight) examinations are untimed open book assessments. Each is valued at 12.5% of your final grade. The examinations will be comprised of objective comprehensive essay questions that cover selected sections of the textbook and additional assigned readings.

Penalties: Late examinations will be penalized 10 points "per day."

PROJECT:

A **Research Project** is due in week seven and is valued at 12.5% of your final grade. Project details can be found under "Assignments."

Penalties: Late projects will be penalized 10 points "per day."

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Grading Scale

The points earned on discussions, classmate/instructor responses, assessments, and the field project will determine your final course grade on will be based on the following grading table:

Grade Instruments	Points Possible	Course Weight
Forum Discussion Prompt Responses (6) &	100/600	62.5%
Responses (2 per discussion week – 12 in		
total)		
Midterm Examination	100	12.5%

Research Project	100	12.5%
Final Examination	100	12.5%
TOTAL	100	100%

When I Grade/Comment Note: It is university policy to grade all student work no later than five days after the week's closing date. Since all coursework is due on Sundays (with the Friday night exception of Forum prompt responses), this means you will have your weekly grades and comments posted by Friday of the "following" week your work was due. For example, your week one scores and comments will be posted no later than Friday of week two; week two posted by Friday of week three; and so on. Final grades will be posted no later than seven days after the course closes (Sunday – seven days after the final Sunday of the course).

Please see the Student Handbook to reference the University's grading scale.

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Course Outline

Week	<u>Topic(s)</u>	Learning Objective(s)	Reading(s)	Assignment(s)
1	Concept of Security	LO-1 Discuss traditional security approaches, the study of security science, and theories and concepts of security.	Chapters 1 & 2	Introduction: Post to Introduction - Week 1 Forum Forum Prompt & Responses (2): Post to Week 1 Forum
2	Security Risk Management	LO-2 Discuss the principles, practices, and effective planning approaches of the risk management process.	Chapter 3	Forum Prompt & Responses (2): Post to Week 2 Forum
3	Built Environment	LO-3 Explain the tenets of the built management process and the importance of facility security.	Chapter 4	Forum Prompt & Responses (2): Post to Week 3 Forum
4	Physical Security	LO-4 Relate the importance of physical security and the various concepts involved in crime prevention.	Chapter 5	Midterm Examination – Due Sunday

5	Detection Systems	LO-5 Describe the importance of access control systems and detection methodology.	Chapter 6	Forum Prompt & Responses (2): Post to Week 5 Forum
6	Integrated Identification & Technology	LO-6 Distinguish between the concepts of detection, recognition, and identification. LO-6 (a) Develop a strategy for access control systems in large facilities.	Chapter 7	Forum Prompt & Responses (2): Post to Week 6 Forum
7	Knowledge Management & Business Continuity Management	LO-7 Discuss the importance of knowledge and how it impacts the security industry. LO-8 Relate the importance of business continuity and the meaning of a crisis.	Chapter 8 & 9	Forum Prompt & Responses (2): Post to Week 7 Forum Research Project: Submit via Assignments – Due Sunday
8	The Future of Security	LO-8 Identify the future of the private sector and private security.	Chapter 10	Final Examination – Due Sunday

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Policies

Please see the <u>Student Handbook</u> to reference all University policies. Quick links to frequently asked question about policies are listed below.

Drop/Withdrawal Policy
Plagiarism Policy
Extension Process and Policy
Disability Accommodations

Writing Expectations

All written submissions should be submitted in a font and page set-up that is readable and neat. It is recommended that students try to adhere to a consistent format, which is described below.

• Typewritten in double-spaced format with a readable style and font and submitted inside the electronic classroom (unless classroom access is not possible and other arrangements have been approved by the professor).

- Arial 11 or 12-point font or Times New Roman styles.
- Page margins Top, Bottom, Left Side and Right Side = 1 inch, with reasonable accommodation being made for special situations and online submission variances.

Citation and Reference Style

Students will follow the APA Style as the sole citation and reference style used in written work submitted as part of coursework to the University. Assignments completed in a narrative essay or composition format must follow the citation style cited in the APA Style.

Late Assignments

Students are expected to submit classroom assignments by the posted due date and to complete the course according to the published class schedule. As adults, students, and working professionals, I understand you must manage competing demands on your time. Should you need additional time to complete an assignment, please contact me <u>before</u> the due date so we can discuss the situation and determine an acceptable resolution.

Netiquette

Online universities promote the advancement of knowledge through positive and constructive debate – both inside and outside the classroom. Forums on the Internet, however, can occasionally degenerate into needless insults and "flaming." Such activity and the loss of good manners are not acceptable in a university setting – basic academic rules of good behavior and proper "Netiquette" must persist. Remember that you are in a place for the rewards and excitement of learning which does not include descent to personal attacks or student attempts to stifle the Forum of others.

- **Technology Limitations:** While you should feel free to explore the full-range of creative composition in your formal papers, keep e-mail layouts simple. The Sakai classroom may not fully support MIME or HTML encoded messages, which means that bold face, italics, underlining, and a variety of color-coding or other visual effects will not translate in your e-mail messages.
- **Humor Note:** Despite the best of intentions, jokes and <u>especially</u> satire can easily get lost or taken seriously. If you feel the need for humor, you may wish to add "emoticons" to help alert your readers: ;-), :), ©

Disclaimer Statement

Course content may vary from the outline to meet the needs of this particular group.

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Online Library

The Online Library is available to enrolled students and faculty from inside the electronic campus. This is your starting point for access to online books, subscription periodicals, and Web resources that are designed to support your classes and generally not available through search engines on the open Web. In addition, the Online Library provides access to special learning resources, which the University has contracted to assist with your studies. Questions can be directed to librarian@apus.edu.

- Charles Town Library and Inter Library Loan: The University maintains a special library with a limited number of supporting volumes, collection of our professors' publication, and services to search and borrow research books and articles from other libraries.
- *Electronic Books:* You can use the online library to uncover and download over 50,000 titles, which have been scanned and made available in electronic format.
- *Electronic Journals:* The University provides access to over 12,000 journals, which are available in electronic form and only through limited subscription services.
- *Tutor.*com: AMU and APU Civilian & Coast Guard students are eligible for 10 free hours of tutoring provided by APUS. <u>Tutor.com</u> connects you with a professional tutor online 24/7 to provide help with assignments, studying, test prep, resume writing, and more. Tutor.com is tutoring the way it was meant to be. You get expert tutoring whenever you need help, and you work one-to-one with your tutor in your online classroom on your specific problem until it is done.

Request a Library Guide for your course (http://apus.libguides.com/index.php)
The AMU/APU Library Guides provide access to collections of trusted sites on the Open Web and licensed resources on the Deep Web. The following are specially tailored for academic research at APUS:

- Program Portals contain topical and methodological resources to help launch general research in the degree program. To locate, search by department name, or navigate by school
- Course Lib-Guides narrow the focus to relevant resources for the corresponding course. To locate, search by class code (e.g., SOCI111), or class name.

If a guide you need is not available yet, please email the APUS Library: librarian@apus.edu.

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Turnitin.com

Turnitin.com is a web-based <u>plagiarism</u> prevention application licensed, for campus use, through the APUS Online Library. Your assignments will be automatically submitted for review and requires no action on your part.

Turnitin.com analyzes electronic submissions of student writing, compares them to the contents of a huge online database, and generates a customized Originality Report. The database used to produce this analysis contains a massive collection of documents available on the Internet from both free and commercial sources, as well as the full texts of all other papers that have been previously submitted to Turnitin.com.

Similarity index is based on the amount of matching text to a submitted paper:

Blue = no matching text

Green = one word to 24% matching
Yellow = 25 -49% matching text
Orange = 50-74% matching text
Red = 75-100% matching text

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