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School of Business
TLMT605
Cargo Security Management
3 Credit Hours
8 Weeks
Prerequisite: None

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Course Description (Catalog)

This course is designed to address the multi-billion dollar annual loss globally due to cargo theft, terrorism and other potential disruptions. Topics include: Asset protection in the transportation industry, analysis of freight system vulnerability, development of an effective cargo security plan, review of industry standards, and best practices in the industry.

Course Scope

The course addresses cargo theft along with cargo security management's challenges for disruptions due to natural catastrophes, accidents and global terrorism. Topics include introduction to cargo security, benchmarking against best practices in the industry and conduct of an effective cargo theft investigation.

Cargo security in the 21st century will challenge the capabilities of the transportation infrastructure, all modes, and all carriers and their customers. With transportation at the core of the supply chain, industry practitioners must gain knowledge and develop skill sets to imbed security throughout the industry. Cargo security must be viewed as not simply a goal but as a state of being within the organization. Cargo security must also not be confused with anti-terrorism, as security must protect all manners and types of disruptions that affect cargo movement.

Course Materials

Required Course Textbooks

Title: Securing Global Transportation Networks (2007)

Authors: Ritter, Barrett, & Wilson

Publisher: McGraw-Hill

Course Objectives

After successfully completing this course, you will be able to:

- 1. Define the impact of transportation disruptions on the supply chain.
- 2. Apply cargo security planning to all modes of transportation security.
- 3. Identify the different challenges of facility security.
- 4. Summarize the economic impact of government oversight on cargo security.
- 5. Apply cargo security planning from the perspective of users (human factor) in multiple industries.
- 6. Compare the role of state and local transportation authorities regarding security.
- 7. Categorize the vulnerabilities of different transportation modes and their impact on cargo security.
- 8. Explain the impact of safety issues on security planning and costs.

Course Outline

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Learning Objectives</u>
1	Global Trade and Total Security	Define the impact of transportation disruptions on the supply chain.
2	The Total Security Management Framework	Apply cargo security planning for all modes of transportation security.
3	Facility Security	Identify the different challenges of facility security.
4	Government Oversight Overview of Operation Safe Commerce	. Summarize the economic impact of government oversight on cargo security.

	Overview of U.S. Customs and Border Protection	
5	Human Factor	Apply cargo security planning from the perspective of users (human factor) in multiple industries.
6	Technology	Compare the role of state and local transportation authorities regarding security.
7	Transportation Modalities and Security	Categorize the vulnerabilities of different transportation modes and their impact on cargo security.
8	The Total Security Management Solution	Explain the impact of safety issues on security planning and costs.

Course Delivery Method

This 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. Online assignments are due by Sunday evening of the week as noted and include Forum questions (accomplished in groups through a threaded forum), examination, and individual assignments submitted for review by the Faculty Member). Assigned faculty will support the students throughout this eight-week course.

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

Grading Scale

Please see the <u>Student Handbook</u> to reference the University's <u>grading scale</u>.

Citation and Reference Style

Attention Please: Students will follow the APA Format 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 Format.

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.

Academic Services

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- *Electronic Journals:* The University provides access to over 12,000 journals, which are available in electronic form and only through limited subscription services.
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- **Disability Accommodations**: Students are encouraged email <u>dsa@apus.edu</u> to discuss potential academic accommodations and begin the review process.

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

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