

**Course Code:** CJS 115

**Course Title:** Introduction to Security

**Department:** Arts, Media, and Social Sciences

**Effective Date:** Summer 2026

**PCS Code:** 1.2 - Occupational/Technical Instruction

**CIP Code:** 43.0109

**Repeatability:** 0

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### Credit Hours

**Catalog Notation:** 3-0-3

**Credit Hour Distribution:**

Lecture: 3

Lab: 0

Clinical: 0

**Total: 3**

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### General Course Information

#### Catalog Description

Introduction to the security industry, including history, terminology, and technology use. Survey of the business. Emphasis on licensing and training standards, private security law, loss prevention, investigative security, and surveillance. Exploration of security industry career opportunities including homeland security.

#### General Course Objectives

Become familiar with the private security industry and acquire the skills needed to practice this career, including knowledge on loss prevention, legal issues, and how technology is used in this field.

#### Minimum Placement Levels

| English                  | Reading | Math |
|--------------------------|---------|------|
| Placement out of ENG 099 | None    | None |

#### Prerequisites

Credit or concurrent enrollment in CJS 101

#### Methods of Evaluation

5-6 unit tests or quizzes, 2-3 reports, 1 final paper, class participation, and attendance.

#### Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

Introduction to Security (10th edition), Robert J. Fischer, Edward J. Halibozeck, and David C. Walters. Cengage, 2018. 978-0128053102

## Course Content

### General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Critical Thinking and Information Literacy: Students will demonstrate the ability to evaluate perspectives, evidence, and implications, and to locate, assess, and use information effectively.

### Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

| Course Segment                                      | Learning Outcomes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Lecture Hours | Lab Hours | Clinical Hours |
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| History and Professionalization of Private Security | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify ethical issues endemic to security firms.</li> <li>2. Define licensing, regulating, and hiring standards in the security industry.</li> <li>3. Identify training standards in security.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3             | 0         | 0              |
| Private Security Concepts and Private Security Law  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Define risk management.</li> <li>2. Differentiate between proprietary and contract security, and overt and covert security.</li> <li>3. Identify and apply crisis management techniques and access system control tools.</li> <li>4. Define and differentiate between civil and criminal liability in private security.</li> <li>5. Discuss courtroom testimony of private security officers.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                | 9             | 0         | 0              |
| Private Security Categories                         | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify the issues and risks in securing clients and preventing loss in premises such as houses of worship, government and public facilities, and transportation facilities, in contrast to business facilities such as offices and entertainment venues.</li> <li>2. Identify and compare the risk management and loss prevention practices from premises and business security to private and residential security.</li> <li>3. Identify and discuss loss prevention technologies.</li> <li>4. Discuss loss investigation tools, investigative tasks, and peer reporting.</li> </ol> | 12            | 0         | 0              |
| Information and Computer System Security            | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify and define cybercrime and cyber problems.</li> <li>2. Identify diverse tools and procedures in computer crime investigative work.</li> <li>3. Describe the legal consequences of cybercrime.</li> <li>4. Recognize how organizations maintain computer security and the role of private security in enforcing these tasks.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 9             | 0         | 0              |
| Private Security Operations and Public Partnerships | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify major forms of private investigation and major forms of private noncriminal investigation such as missing persons, product liability, medical malpractice, domestic/marital, etc.</li> <li>2. Define the purpose of surveillance and when and how to record surveillance, debrief on surveillance, and report on surveillance.</li> <li>3. Recognize the differences between private and public partnerships for terrorism and homeland security.</li> <li>4. Identify the most important private partnerships with local, state, and federal law enforcement.</li> </ol>      | 12            | 0         | 0              |

#### Total Contact Hours

| Lecture Hours | Lab Hours | Clinical Hours |
|---------------|-----------|----------------|
| 45            | 0         | 0              |