

Common Course Outline
CRJU 150
Introduction to Private Security
3 semester hours

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

Introduction to Private Security

Examines the historical, philosophical and legal basis of private security and compares administrative, physical and personnel components of the various agencies which comprise the field; discusses the difference between private and publicly funded agencies.

Prerequisites: ENGL 052 and RDNG 052 or ESOL 052

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

- identify the security officer's place in law enforcement
- explain the legal issues related to private security
- appraise the physical and psychological characteristics of a good security officer
- distinguish between the different kinds of security service that is available
- review the professional relationships that are developed in the field
- recognize correct arrest procedures
- recall search and seizure rules
- distinguish between civil and criminal legal elements
- identify the correct behavior related to crime scene protection, testimony and firearm use
- state the policies regarding first aid, fire prevention, traffic and patrol duties

Major Topics

- I. Security officer's place in law enforcement
 - A. Historical developments
 - B. Differences between public and private security
 - C. Tasks of police and security
- II. Basic explanation of the law
 - A. Types of law
 - B. Criminal liability
- III. What makes a good security officer
 - A. Professionalism
 - B. Physical and psychological characteristics
 - C. The security officer's mission
- IV. Kinds of services and their differences
 - A. Definition of service
 - B. Successful security contracting
- V. Professional relations
 - A. Networking with other professionals
 - B. Basics of communication

- C. Individual rights
- VI. Arrest
 - A. Lawful arrests
 - B. Consequences of arrest
 - C. Liabilities connected with arrest
 - D. Constitutional rights
- VII. The use of force
 - A. Arrests, warrants, searches
 - B. Self-defense and defense of others
- VIII. Search and seizure
 - A. Rules and regulations
 - B. Rights of the accused
 - C. Areas of concern for security officers
- IX. Civil liability
 - A. Torts
 - B. Types of liability
- X. Specific areas of concern
 - A. Report writing
 - B. Crime scene protection
 - C. Negligent acts, errors omissions
 - D. Testimony and courtroom behavior
 - E. Firearms
- XI. Related policy
 - A. First aid
 - B. Fire prevention
 - C. Traffic
 - D. Patrol

Course Requirements

Grading/Exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

- Written assignments
- Tests/ quizzes
- Attendance and participation

Writing: The individual faculty member will determine specific writing assignments

Course Information

This course is a Criminal Justice elective course. It is taught in the classroom using a variety of instructional techniques, which are intended to meet the varied learning styles of our diverse student population. These strategies rely on positive interdependence on a cooperative learning environment. Individual accountability is a key outcome of these strategies.