

Common Course Outline
CRJU 252
Legal Issues for Security Personnel
3 semester hours

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

Legal Issues for Security Personnel

Discusses legal problems in the private security sector; includes powers and restrictions of private police, a comparison of the power of private police with those of public law enforcement agencies, and civil liability as covered through current case studies.

Overall Course Objectives

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

- recall the historical development of private security in this country
- analyze state and federal regulation of private security
- describe the education requirements for the professions
- discuss the search and seizure laws which apply to private security enforcement
- identify civil liability issues as related to private security
- describe criminal liability defenses which impact private security
- discuss private security's role in enforcing the law, including evidence and proof
- compare essential components of public and private security and ways in which they compliment one another
- apply information contained in selected case decisions to policymaking in private sector justice

Major Topics

- I. Historical foundations of private security
- II. Regulation, licensing, education and training: the path to professionalism
 - A. Federal and state regulations
 - B. Modern education programs
 - C. Ethical considerations
- III. The law of arrest, search and seizure; applications in the private sector
 - A. Arrest and private sector justice
 - B. The law of search and seizure: public and private police
 - C. Challenges to the safe harbor of private security
- IV. Civil liability of security personnel
 - A. The nature of civil liability
 - B. Classification of civil wrongs/torts
 - C. Vicarious liability
 - D. Remedies under the Civil Rights Act
- V. Criminal liability of security personnel
 - A. Problem of criminal liability
 - B. Criminal acts
 - C. Defense to criminal acts: self-help

- D. Private security and *Miranda* warnings
- VI. The enforcement of laws and the interpretation of evidence
 - A. Classification of offenses and related penalties
 - B. Specific types of crimes and offenses
 - C. Evidence and proof
 - D. Evidentiary principles
- VII. Public and private law enforcement
 - A. Relationship between the public and private sectors
 - B. Positive programs on interaction and cooperation
- VIII. Selected case decisions

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.

Other Course Information

This course is a Criminal Justice elective. 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 in a cooperative learning environment. Individual accountability is a key outcome of these strategies. They include:

- Guided teaching and lecture
- Large group discussion
- Small group interaction and activities
- Case studies
- Read/watch and discuss

Credit by examination is available.