

PELLISSIPPI STATE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MASTER SYLLABUS

Legal Aspects of Security Administration

SEAT 1900

Class Hours: 3.0 **Credit Hours: 3.0**

Laboratory Hours: 0.0 **Revised: FALL 05**

NOTE: This course is not designed for transfer credit.

Catalog Course Description:

This course is an overview of important legal and ethical issues regarding security administration in the context of Homeland Security. Students examine such issues as personnel law and obligations, contracts, constitutional rights of individuals, legal liability of security professionals and organizations, regulatory and legal compliance, and ethical standards. Also examined will be contracts and memorandums of understanding between government entities in a multi-jurisdictional catastrophic event, whether natural or man-made.

Entry Level Standards:

The student is expected to be able to read on the college level, to write using correct spelling and grammatical structure and to utilize basic research techniques.

Prerequisites:

SEAT 1000- Intro to Security Engineering and Administration Technology

Textbook(s) and Other Course Materials:

Textbooks: Nicholson, Wm C., Homeland Security Law and Policy, CCThomas Publisher, Springfield, IL, ISBN: 0-398-07583-2

Other Required Materials:

Selected readings from the library and the Internet

The instructor will provide suitable handouts for presentation of additional course material.

I. Week/Unit/Topic Basis:

Week	Topic
1-2	Sources of law and other authority: U.S. Constitution, Legislative Acts, International Law, Courts, Treaties, and Executive agreements.
3-4	Legal aspects and issues of Terrorism: Applying Constitutional principles to international investigations.
5	The USA Patriot Act and its progeny.
6	Recent cases and controversies in U.S. Courts.
7	Jurisdiction in matters regarding terrorism.
8-9	Religion, Culture, Power and Politics.
10	Free Speech, Academic Freedom and "Un-American" Criticisms of Homeland Security.
11	Futuristic Technology in Homeland Security.
12	Effective Reciprocal Aid Agreements between Government Entities.
13-14	Contemporary legal issues in Homeland Security.
15	Final Examination

II. Course Objectives*:

- A. Explain and discuss importance of communications: conducting briefings, and media opportunities with respect to Security Operations. I, III, IV
- B. Explain Legal principles, practices and protocols with respect to crime and terrorism. I, II, III, III, IV
- C. Explain distinctions between public and private authority. I, II, III, IV, IV
- D. Apply constitutional principles to international incidents/investigations. I, II, III, IV
- E. Demonstrate an adequate understanding of how political, legal, cultural, religious, and economic factors influence security managers. II, III, IV

- F. Address the dynamics and the potential conflicts in balancing the objectives of cultural diversity with the objectives of effective security. Identify and discuss profiling. I, II, III
- G. Explain how technology can be misused used by the government and/or the private-sector security manager. I, II, III, IV

*Roman numerals after course objectives reference goals of the Security Engineering and Administration Technology (SEAT) program.

III. Instructional Processes*:

Students will:

1. Analyze and evaluate oral and/or written expression by listening critically for elements that reflect an awareness of the situation, audience, purpose, and diverse points of view. *Communication Outcome, Transitional Strategy, Active Learning Strategy*
2. Manage and coordinate basic information gathered from multiple sources for the purpose of problem solving and decision-making. *Communication Outcome, Transitional Strategy, Active Learning Strategy*
3. Frame a comparative context through which they can critically assess the ideas, forces, and values that have created the modern world. *Humanities Outcome, Technological Literacy Outcome, Transitional Strategy, Active Learning Strategy*
4. Examine legal and ethical issues related to security operations and management. *Communication Outcome, Humanities Outcome, History Outcome, Transitional Strategy, Active Learning Strategy*
5. Participate in extensive discussion exercises. *Communication Outcome, Humanities Outcome, Social/Behavioral Outcome, Transitional Strategy, Active Learning Strategy*
6. View video tapes of various positions regarding USA Patriot Act, US Foreign Policy, Counterterrorism strategies, etc. to acquaint students with the objective analytical tools which are vital in any deliberative process. *Social/Behavioral Outcome, Communication Outcome, History Outcome, Transitional Strategy, Active Learning Strategy*
7. Identify information resources, facilities, and personnel appropriate to their needs. Evaluate retrieved information according to its relevance, and use it for making decisions. *Technological Literacy Outcome, Transitional Strategy, Active Learning Strategy*
8. Analyze historical facts and interpretations. *History Outcome, Transitional Strategy, Active Learning Strategy*

*Strategies and outcomes listed after instructional processes reference Pellissippi State's goals for strengthening general education knowledge and skills, connecting coursework to experiences beyond the classroom, and encouraging students to take active and responsible roles in the educational process.

IV. Expectations for Student Performance*:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Articulate legal principles that form the basis for a sound Security Strategy. A, B, C, D, E
2. Apply fundamental legal concepts and principles to "real-world" scenarios. A, B, C, D, E, F, G,
3. Apply legal principles to identification of risk, and to risk-reduction measures in the security plan. A, B, C, D, E, F
4. Describe existing organizational arrangements and plans of governmental, military, non-profit, and private organizations to deal with major disasters. A, B, C, D, E, F
5. Identify and use Web-based sources of information. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H
6. Participate in teams to analyze various legal, social and ethical concerns that face both government and private sector with respect to security management. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H
7. Use role-playing exercises as a tool to practice applying concepts and principles to "real-world" situations. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H
8. Identify the different types of technology that are potentially violative of U.S. Constitutional protections. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H

*Letters after performance expectations reference the course objectives listed above.

V. Evaluation:

A. Testing Procedures:

A full explanation of student evaluation will be presented by the Instructor's Supplementary Syllabus the first week of class.

B. Classroom Expectations:

Students must attend at least 80% of all scheduled classes. Lecture, demonstration, and classroom participation are the primary methods of disseminating information.

C. Computer/Internet:

Quizzes and tests will be given Online via WebCT, or Blackboard. Students must be able to access the Internet to take these examinations. Students may be required to post comments on the SEAT Web Discussion Board. Specific guidance will be given by instructor.

D. Other Evaluation Methods:

Class participation, group work, and homework will also comprise the final grade for the course.

All tests and papers will be graded for spelling and English usage in addition to content and format.

Late Work:

Late papers will not be accepted nor will make-up tests be given without specific approval of the instructor.

Any student encountering academic difficulty during the term is strongly encouraged to meet with the instructor to discuss options and solutions.

E. Grading Scale:

A	90-100
B	80- 89
C	70- 79
D	60- 69
F	59 and below

VI. Policies:

A. Academic Dishonesty:

Plagiarism, cheating, and other forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited. Students guilty of academic misconduct, either directly or indirectly through participation or assistance, are immediately responsible to the instructor of the class. In addition to other possible disciplinary sanctions which may be imposed through the regular Pellissippi State procedures as a result of academic misconduct, the instructor has the authority to assign an F or a zero for the exercise or examination or to assign an F in the course. (*Pellissippi State, 2004-2006 Catalog, pages 62-63*)

B. Accommodations for disabilities:

If you need accommodation because of a disability, if you have emergency medical information to share, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please inform the instructor immediately. Privately after class or in the instructor's office.

To request accommodations students must register with Services for Students with Disabilities: Goins 127 or 131, Phone: (865) 539-7153 or (865) 694-6751 Voice/TDD.

C. Other Policies:

Computer Usage Guidelines:

College-owned or -operated computing resources are provided for use by students of Pellissippi State. All students are responsible for the usage of Pellissippi State's computing resources in an effective, efficient, ethical and lawful manner. (*Pellissippi State, 2004-2006 Catalog, pages 67-70*)