

**Syllabus**  
**University of Southern Mississippi: Spring 2007**  
**AJ 475 (Section G001, Class number 17447)**  
**Private Security: Law and Loss Prevention**  
**3 Semester Credit Hours**

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**Office Hours:** by appointment

**Meeting Times:** T 6:30-9:15pm Room: Eagle 107

**Textbook Required:** Security Management –An Introduction by P.J. Ortmeier, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Prentice Hall. Additionally, handouts will be provided by the instructor.

**Course Description**

AJ 475 will provide an overview of the private security sector, covering such topics as risk assessment, physical security, personnel security, legal aspects of the private security sector, internal investigations, and specific security applications. The application of specific guidelines and protocols in various industries will be discussed, as well as the impact of homeland security on the private security sector.

**Learning Objectives**

At the conclusion of this course, a student will be able to describe:

1. The differences between the public law enforcement and private security sectors.
2. Specific challenges faced by those in the private security sector.
3. Ethical and legal issues that impact private security management policies and protocols.
4. The impact of the events of 9/11 upon the private security sector.

**Participation, Attendance and Exams**

Student attendance is a required element of this course, as the interaction between instructor and students, and students with other students, will increase the understanding of the course material. Discussion of assigned materials will be an integral part of each class session and as such students should have read the assigned readings before attending class. Class participation is a graded component of this course. Any student having more than two unexcused absences should expect a grade reduction.

**Examinations**

There are two examinations planned for this course. The midterm and final exams are in take-home essay and short-definition format that must be typed (double-spaced) and in compliance with university English standards. Any late submission of either exam may result in grade reduction.

**Disability Statement**

If a student has a disability that qualifies under the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) and requires accommodations, he/she should contact the Office for Disability Accommodations (ODA) for information on appropriate policies and procedures. Disabilities covered by ADA may include learning, psychiatric, physical disabilities or chronic health disorders. Students can contact ODA if they are not certain whether a medical condition/ disability qualifies. Mailing address: 118 College Drive #8586, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001; Telephone: (601) 266-5024; TTY: (601) 266-6837; Fax: (601) 266-6035.

### Academic Dishonesty

Any form of academic dishonesty is regarded as a very serious violation. Any student suspected of engaging in such activity including plagiarism will be subject to the full set of procedures described in 2005/06 University catalog (p. 90). Any written or oral presentation in which the writer or speaker does not distinguish clearly between original and borrowed material constitutes plagiarism..." Credit must be provided in an appropriate fashion (APA citation system).

### Student Evaluation Criteria

What	Number	Point Values	Points	Percent
Exams: Midterm & Final	2	100	200	33%
Class Participation	14	10	140	23.5%
Project Paper	1	200	200	33%
Classroom Assignments TBA	2	30	60	10%
Total			600	100%

100%-90% 600-540 = A  
89%-80% 539-480 = B  
79%-70% 479-420 = C  
69%-60% 419-360 = D  
59% or less 359 = F.

### Assignments

#### Assignment 1-2 TBA

#### Project Paper

Ten pages that conform to university standards, appropriately cited (APA style required of CJ majors), typed, with minimum of eight (8) cited references: four of which can be internet sites and that must be from peer-reviewed journals or technical publications. Dictionary or encyclopedia articles cannot be used for the eight (8) reference minimum, but can be used as additional references.

**Topic:** topic choices will be discussed in class. The research topic must be relevant to the private security sector. Possible topics include: research studies of crime countermeasures, current standards and best practices in specific security applications, an overview of current court cases concerning premise liability, and security assessment practices post 9/11.

Late papers are not accepted unless approved in advance, and are subject to grade reduction. Topic will be due third week of class, (Typed). Be prepared to make short presentation about your topic paper.

### AJ 475 Tentative Course Schedule

Week	Reading Schedule and Course Activities
1/16	1. Introductions and Discussions
1/23	2. Chapter One / Two
1/30	3. Chapter Three / Four
2/6	4. Chapter Five / Six
2/13	5. Chapter Seven / Eight

2/27	6. Chapter Nine
3/6	7. Chapter Ten / Midterm Exam Discussed
3/20	8. Midterm Exam Due.
3/27	9. Premise Liability Handouts
4/3	10. Offender Rationality Handouts
4/10	11. Robbery Countermeasures Handouts
4/17	12. OSHA Guidelines for Workplace Violence Handout
4/24	13. In Class Discussion of Research Paper Progress
5/1	14. Final Exam Discussion
TBA	Classroom assignments due date
TBA	Paper due date
TBA	Final Exam

It is the student's responsibility to discover changes in the schedule if you are absent.

The class schedule is subject to change due to the availability of guest lecturers.