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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

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Master of Science in Security Administration

This degree is designed for those interested in a management career in the security profession. Course work in business, criminal justice, and security provides an opportunity to develop the substantive and procedural knowledge required of the modern security manager in either public service or private enterprise.

Core Requirements

Twenty-one of the 36 credit hours are to include the following core courses:

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| SEC 401 | Security Systems & Crime Prevention | 3 cr. |
| CJS 500 | Computer & Information Security | 3 cr. |
| SEC 501 | Legal Issues I Security | 3 cr. |
| COR 599 | Terminal Seminar | 3 cr. |
| MBA 528 | Organizational Behavior: Management Development | 3 cr. |
| CJS 540 | Criminal Justice Process & Criminal Law | 3 cr. |

Based on the student's undergraduate work and career experience, substitutions for the above courses may be made with the approval of the department chair. In addition to the above 21 credits, students elect two additional courses in security administration and one course in criminal justice studies to complete the core requirements. Six additional hours of the student's choice may be elected from appropriate graduate departments at the University of Detroit Mercy (e.g., addiction studies, business, education, security, etc.) to complete the 36-hour program.

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Overall Course Descriptions

Courses for Advanced Undergraduate and Graduate Students

SEC 401 Security Systems & Crime Prevention 3 cr.

An overview designed to provide the student with the history, organization, and administration of private security and crime prevention. Emphasis is placed on policy and decision making, personnel, budgeting, and integration to the business world. Crime prevention theories relating to environmental, situational, and natural methods of crime prevention are explored. The course is beneficial to security practitioners or criminal justice students aspiring to work in the areas of police crime prevention or community based policing.

SEC 424 Crime Prevention through Environmental Design 3 cr.

The role of the physical environment in facilitating and hindering crime. Urban planning and architectural design to help minimize criminal activity. Foreseeability of crime based on neighborhood analysis.

SEC 456 Managing Aggressive Behavior 3 cr.

Anticipating, responding to, and preventing or controlling various forms of aggressive behavior in the workplace, the home, and everyday life. Appropriate responses are examined from law enforcement, human services, and private security perspectives. This course includes a hands-on component in which self-defense techniques are demonstrated.

SEC 490 Financial Aspects of Security 3 cr.

The effective use and preparation of accounting information in management. Financial statements, cost analysis and control, budgeting, performance measurement, and capital expenditure analysis.

SEC 495 Computer and Information Security 3 cr.

Overview of computer information security in a competitive global environment. Course content includes discussions of

economic espionages, financial frauds and computer crimes, protection of proprietary information (in all forms), disaster containment and recovery, the evolution of security countermeasures, and privacy and ethical issues. Computer programming knowledge is not required.

CJS 402 Court Structures and Functions 3 cr.
The critical and pivotal role of the courts in the criminal justice process. Major structures and basic legal concepts that underlie the criminal courts. The dynamics of case process, management, and bargaining as well as the role of key personnel in the court structure.

CJS 410 Criminal Law 3 cr.
Elements and proof in crimes of frequent concern in law enforcement with reference to principal rules of criminal liability. The importance of criminal law at the enforcement level considered from crime prevention to courtroom appearance.

CJS 420 Evidence and Criminal Procedure 3 cr.
Rules of evidence of particular importance at the operational level in law enforcement and with criminal procedure in important areas such as arrest, force, and seizure. Court decisions affecting law enforcement.

CJS 452 Organized Crime 3 cr.
A study of the impact of organized crime as a social and economic problem with special attention to the role of the criminal justice system as an ameliorative agent. History, nature, and extent of various types of organized crime in the United States and abroad.

CJS 456 Managing Aggressive Behavior 3 cr.
Anticipating, responding to, and preventing or controlling various forms of aggressive behavior in the workplace, the home, and everyday life. Appropriate responses are examined from law enforcement, human services, and private security perspectives. This course includes a hands-on component in which self-defense techniques are demonstrated.

CJS 482 Terrorism 3 cr.
Examines the subject of terrorism and treats the phenomenon as criminal activity. Special attention to the following topics: 1) historical and social antecedents to today's problems; 2) profiles and motivations of contemporary terrorists; 3) characteristics of active terrorist groups; 4) the vulnerability of western nations to the techniques and technology of terrorism; 5) the role of the media; 6) the impact of terrorism on non-governmental sectors of society; and 7) acceptable counter-terrorist policies and practices.

CJS 483 Family Violence: Spouse and Child Abuse 3 cr.
Current knowledge about family violence from the areas of psychology, sociology, social work, and law enforcement. Understanding the motivations underlying the behavior of the

various actors involved: perpetrator, victim, social control agent, and helping professional. The connection between theory and treatment.

CJS 484 Psychology, Psychiatry, and Law 3 cr.
Various interfaces between psychological theory and practice and the criminal justice system. The insanity defense, predictions of dangerousness, handling "victimless" crimes, psychological screening of police officers and other criminal justice system personnel, and the development of a moral-ethical sense.

CJS 485 Critical Issues in Criminal Justice 3 cr.
Selected topics pertaining to crime and justice in America. Sex crimes and sex offenders, women in the criminal justice system, family violence, and victimology. Course may be taken twice under separate topic headings.

CJS 487 Victimology 3 cr.
The process of becoming a victim of crime. Psychological stages through which victims pass. Crisis intervention with crime victims as well as means of prevention. Specific crime patterns and implications for victims. Consideration of victim response to such events as natural disasters and loss of loved ones.

CJS 490 Internship in Criminal Justice Studies 3 cr.
(The course must be arranged in the semester prior to election and requires the approval of the student's advisor.) A supervised work experience in criminal justice under the direction of a faculty advisor and a field supervisor. The experience consists of working in an institutional setting at varying positions to become more familiar with the criminal justice field. Students must spend a minimum of 90 hours per semester in this capacity, maintain a log of their work activity, and meet weekly with their advisor.

CJS 492 Senior Seminar: Theory and Research in Criminal Justice 3 cr.
A review of major trends, problems, and current thought regarding the future of justice in America. A review of major theories as well as an introduction to scientific research. Philosophy of research. Common statistical practices, sampling, and data interpretation. The relationship of theory to research and of research to theory. Preparation of a senior paper.

CJS 494 Creative Problem Solving 3 cr.
An analysis of the creative problem solving methods as applied to the human services professions. Topics to be discussed include the role of creativity in one's personal and professional development, the creative personality, and creative problem solving.

CJS 495 Criminalistics (Forensic Science) 3 cr.

A general course in forensic operations and techniques. Firearms identification, ballistics, and glass examinations. Physical impressions, document and ink studies, and the science of fingerprints applied to crime investigations. Forensic photography and specimen identification.

Graduate Courses**SEC 501 Legal Issues in Security 3 cr.**

Criminal law, administrative law, and extra-legal contractual agreements that impact the American business scene. Further emphasis on laws of arrest, search and seizure, evidence, and tort liability as applied to private security.

SEC 502 Principles of Loss Prevention 3 cr.

An examination of security programming responding to commercial, retail, industrial, and governmental proprietary needs. Review of physical, personnel, and informational security. Techniques of the security audit.

SEC 503 Occupational Safety and Health 3 cr.

State and federal legislation that impact safety in the work place. Employers' rights and responsibilities. Various corporate programs.

SEC 504 Comparative Security 3 cr.

Security requirements in special areas. V.I.P. protection, hospital, airport, campus, and computer crime. Industrial sabotage, espionage, and ethics.

SEC 505 Interviewing Methods (CJS 505) 3 cr.

Approaches to interviewing in human services with special attention to legal and practical issues in law enforcement, corrections, and security. Analysis of non-verbal behavior and techniques of assessing credibility.

SEC 506 Evaluation of Security Programming 3 cr.

Methods of determining foreseeability of security incidents and adequacy of security programming in light of this foreseeability. Negligence proofing and concepts of legal liability. Discussion of industry standards and practices.

SEC 598 Research Projects in Security 3 cr.

Research project in area of specialized interest. Restricted to students who have completed a major portion of their course work. By arrangement only.

SEC 599 Seminar in Security Issues 3 cr.

Review and analysis of current controversies in security including problems of terrorism, false alarms, and public police moonlighting in private security. Critique of Hallcrest Report and other pertinent research impacting on security and loss prevention.

CJS 500 Research Methodology 3 cr.

The basic methods of empirical research design. The formulation and testing of hypotheses. Sampling, collection, analysis, and interpretation of data.

CJS 505 Interviewing Methods (SEC 505) 3 cr.

Approaches to interviewing in human services with special attention to legal and practical issues in law enforcement, corrections, and security. Analysis of non-verbal behavior and techniques for assessing credibility.

CJS 540 Criminal Justice Process and Criminal Law 3 cr.

The philosophical and historical development of present law enforcement systems. Criminal law as an agency of formal social control and as an integrative mechanism. Court functions and procedures, adversarial and parental. Administrative and technical problems.

CJS 541 Trends in Constitutional Law 3 cr.

An analysis of recent appellate and U.S. Supreme Court decisions as they bear on criminal justice practice. The impact of current issues on present and future legal considerations. The impact of social and legal literature on judicial consideration.

CJS 550 Institutional Corrections 3 cr.

Administration of correctional agencies, types of facilities, treatment methods, and offender typologies and the problems of prisonization.

CJS 555 Deviance and Social Control 3 cr.

Theories pertaining to selected specific areas: crime, substance abuse, suicide, and sexual deviance. Response of social control agencies to deviance.

CJS 559 Community Relations and Criminal Justice 3 cr.

Review of selected problem areas. Offender and citizen reactions to policies and personnel of community agencies (police, courts, prisons) and correctional agents. Role of community treatment centers and future developments as to the function of police and correctional agents with regard to community response.

CJS 560 Community-Based Corrections 3 cr.

An examination of the rationale for the revolutionary changes in the criminal justice system (theoretical, philosophical, and legal assumptions and issues) experimental methods being employed to implement community treatment plans.

CJS 570 Socialization and Social Control 3 cr.

The ways in which members of any system become committed to group values and norms and the methods designed to regulate general community behavior.

CJS 579 Comparative Criminal Justice 3 cr.

Contrasts and similarities between the American and European systems with an explanation of the merits and limitations of each. Cross-cultural justice.

CJS 580 Theory of Law Enforcement 3 cr.

A comparative analysis of theories of law enforcement as they have been applied in terms of time and place. Historical trends and current applications in selected areas of the world.

CJS 585 Seminar in Criminology 3 cr.

(Prerequisite: Basic course work in the field of criminology.)

An opportunity to analyze and appraise major issues in criminology.

CJS 586 Law and Corrections Practice 3 cr.

Systems of laws as they relate to various categories of offenders. Concepts of justice, punishment, and responsibility. Role of corrections in the court processes. Significant court decisions as they bear on the rights of the offender and the investigatory and supervisory processes. Pre-sentence reports and legal restrictions. Role of the correctional agent in the adversary process.

CJS 587 Criminal Justice Policy Formulation 3 cr.

Seminar for advanced students in which students conduct original research on administrative/policy making aspects of a criminal justice area (law enforcement, judiciary corrections) and present their findings in a written report. The elements of appropriate policy and the legal and political ramifications of policy implementation and change.

CJS 593 Directed Studies 3 cr.

An opportunity to pursue study in a particular area of interest not formally covered by courses currently available. Restricted to students who have completed a major portion of their course work. By arrangement only.

CJS 598 Research Practice Seminar 3 cr.

(Prerequisite: CJS 500, permission of director required.)

Specialized research in a specific area. Student works independently or in a group under the close direction of a faculty member.

COR 599 Terminal Seminar 3 cr.

MBA 528 Organizational Behavior: Management Development 3 cr.

(Prerequisites: MBA 514.)

An in-depth examination of the leadership function within the work organization. Essential skills of effective leaders: goal setting, written and oral presentation and behavioral flexibility. The behavioral dimension and the impact of various skills to explain the necessary leadership role of both technical personnel in the work organization.

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Statement of Purpose

Name of Applicant _____ Social Security Number _____

Date _____

Within a minimum of one typewritten page, please provide relevant information about yourself (a brief resume may be attached), including your short-range and long-range goals, objectives, and experiences related to your selected field of graduate study. Please give primary focus to your present circumstances and your ultimate goal(s) (career plan). Please use reverse side if you require additional space. All attachments should be securely stapled to this form.



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Admission Recommendation

Name of Applicant _____ Social Security Number _____

Applicant: This form is to be given to three people who are able to comment on your qualifications for graduate study. They may be professors, employers, or supervisors.

My preference regarding confidentiality of this recommendation is as follows:

_____ I wish to have access to this letter of recommendation; it will not be confidential and will be incorporated into my application for graduate study.

_____ I waive my right of access to this letter of recommendation and request it be incorporated as confidential material into my application for graduate study.

(Signature)

(Date)

Note to Recommender: The person named above is applying for admission to the graduate program indicated and has requested that your evaluation be included as part of the information in which the faculty will base its decision. Under THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT of 1974, this applicant (if admitted and enrolled) will have access to the information provided unless the statement above has waived the right to such access.

Please indicate how long and how well you have known the applicant, and tell what you can of the person's aptitude, emotional adjustment, oral/written expression, personal appearance, and potential for success. Accordingly, our students must exhibit a high level of emotional and social maturity. If you are aware of any weakness in this applicant's social or emotional adjustment that might hamper his/her function within this field, specify this below. Please feel free to use both sides of this form, or an extra sheet, if necessary.

Name _____

Title _____

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