Security Studies, Certificate

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More than half the world's population live in countries like the United States, where private security personnel outnumber law enforcement officers. This program teaches you skills important to the field of private security, both corporate and other forms.

Description

The security studies certificate program provides students with the skills and credentials necessary for expanding their employment opportunities in corporate and public security.

Through the 24 credit hour curriculum, students receive extended education in transdisciplinary topics such as accounting, computer studies, information systems and crime analysis; part of the curriculum consists of advanced crime and law courses.

Upon completion of this certificate, students are well-equipped to have fluid conversations with professionals from different backgrounds about security, whether corporate or private.

At a glance

- **College/School:** Watts College of Public Service & Community Solut
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix

Program requirements

2024 - 2025 Certificate Map
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Required Core Courses -- 12 credit hours

ACC 382: Accounting and Financial Analysis (3)

CIS 105: Computer Applications and Information Technology (QTRS OR CS) (3)

CRJ 201: Criminal Justice Crime Control Policies and Practices (3)

CRJ 419: Domestic Terrorism (3)

Select two courses from the following -- 6 credit hours

CRJ 410: Criminal Procedure I: The Law of Investigations (3)

CRJ 412: International Terrorism (3)

CRJ 450: Crime Analysis (3)

CRJ 463: White Collar Crime (3)

CRJ 464: Organized Crime (3)

Select one course from the following -- 3 credit hours

CIS 235: Introduction to Information Systems, Analytics and AI in Business (3)

CPI 101: Introduction to Informatics (QTRS OR CS) (3)

CSE 100: Principles of Programming with C++ (QTRS OR CS) (3)

CSE 110: Principles of Programming (QTRS OR CS) (3)

CSE 180: Computer Literacy (QTRS OR CS) (3)

Select one course from the following -- 3 credit hours

CRJ 484: Internship (3)

LAW 480: Business Law (3)

LES 305: Business Law and Ethics for Managers (3)

A grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better is required for all coursework.

Bachelor of Science in criminology and criminal justice majors who are also pursuing the security studies certificate may not use CRJ 410, CRJ 412, CRJ 450, CRJ 463, CRJ 464, and CRJ 494 towards both their degree and certificate.

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment requirements

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Apply knowledge from computer information systems and accounting to private sector security concerns.
- Demonstrate competency in how the criminal justice system, including the police, courts, correctional agencies, and the private sector respond to crime and security issues, including domestic terrorist threats.

Career opportunities

Graduates of the security studies certificate program find a strong job market in the public and private sectors. Employment opportunities include supervisory and management positions in corporate and public security as well as in criminal justice agencies at federal, state and local levels.

Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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