

# **Legal Aspects and Private Security Law**

**Criminal Justice Center, C210**

**CJ 536 CID 3551**

**Spring 2008**

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**Office Hours, Monday 11am-12pm, Wednesday 11am-12pm,  
Appointments as needed.**

**Class Hours: 12pm-2:50pm, Monday.**

## **TEXTBOOKS:**

***Pastor, James. (2007) Security Law and Methods. First Edition. Elsevier.***

***Scheb, John M. (2002) An Introduction to the American Legal System. West Publishing.***

***COURSE DESCRIPTION: How the law impacts security and an overview of the American legal system. Discussion will cover both civil and criminal concepts. The difference between public policing and private security will be explored. There will be an overview of legal terms and issues within the framework of statutory, case, and administrative law. You will be assigned a legal project that will assist you in learning basic legal research. A written product will result from this assignment. The paper will be suitable for submission to a trade publication or scholarly journal.***

***COURSE OBJECTIVES: Cover the assigned texts as outlined in the schedule. You will be assigned other legal or relevant readings on a weekly basis. This will acquaint the student with civil and criminal law as it applies to private security. The***

**student, at the end of the semester, will have a working knowledge and understanding of relevant case law and the legal aspects of private security. You will be expected to research and brief appropriate legal cases independently and share your knowledge with the class. Class lecture is important, but a large amount of your learning is facilitated with independent work in preparation for meaningful classroom discussion.**

**ATTENDANCE POLICY: Roll will be taken at each class meeting and recorded. Absences will greatly affect your ability to succeed in this course. You will be subject to automatic reduction in grades due to poor attendance. Each class period in this course is for a full week's credit. 10 points will deducted from your final course grade for each unexcused absence. Please be familiar with the University Policy. Feel free to discuss this issue with the Professor.**

**GRADING POLICY: Class participation and recitation is a MUST in this course. The final grade will be based on participation, mid-term, final, and legal project. All are equally weighted. There will be NO allowances for extra credit work. Late work will not be accepted.**

**MAKE-UP EXAMS: Will be given at the discretion of the Professor and will not be the same exam as given on the scheduled class exam date.**

**OTHER INFORMATION: All students are expected to be courteous and respectful of others. Talking amongst each other, eating, reading, and other disruptions during class time will not be tolerated. You will be excused from the class or the course for repeated violations.**

**ACADEMIC HONESTY:**

<http://www.shsu.edu/administration/faculty/sectionb.html#dishonesty>

**May 05 Presentation of Legal Papers**

**May 12 FINAL EXAM**

**Mar 31**

**DISABLED STUDENT POLICY:**

<http://www.shsu.edu/schedule/>

**SERVICES FOR DISABLED STUDENTS:**

<http://www.shsu.edu/~counsel/sswd.html>

**STUDENT ABSENCES ON RELIGIOUS HOLY DAY POLICY:**

<http://www.shsu.edu/catalog/scholasticrequirements.html#holyday>

**Calendar for Legal Aspects and Private Security Law  
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**Jan 21 HOLIDAY-MLK DAY**

**Jan 28 Introduction and Overview**

**Feb 04 American Legal System, Chp. 3,4,5 Scheb**

**Feb 11 American Legal System, Chp. 7,9,10,12 Scheb**

**Feb 18 Security Law, Chp. 1 Pastor**

**Feb 25 Negligent Employment Claims, Chp. 2 Pastor**

**Mar 03 Investigative Methods, Chp. 3 Pastor**

**Mar 10 Torts, Chp. 4, 5 Pastor**

**Mar 17 SPRING BREAK**

**Mar 24 Mid Term Exam**

**Mar 31 Workplace Violence and Harassment, Chp. 6,7  
Pastor**

**Apr 07 Agency, Chp. 8 Pastor**

**Apr 14 Contracts, Chp. 9 Pastor**

**Apr 21 Police/Private Security, Chp. 10, 11 Pastor**

**Apr 28 Terrorism Cases and Statutes, Chp. 12,13  
Pastor**