Security & Protective Services

Career Goal (O*NET Code): Security Guard (33-9032), Computer Security Specialist (33-1071), Protective Service Worker (33-9099), Private Detective & Investigator (33-9021).

Cluster Overview: The Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security Cluster focuses on careers in planning, managing, and providing legal, public safety, protective services and homeland security, including professional and technical support services.

SUGGESTED COURSEWORK

High School

9th

Core Courses:
English I
Algebra I
Biology
World Geography
Languages other than English I
Health/PE or Equivalent

Career-Related Electives:
Introduction to Criminal Justice or Introduction to Security Services or Fundamentals of Criminal Law

10th

Core Courses:
English II
Geometry
Chemistry
World History
Languages other than English II
Technology Applications

Career-Related Electives:
Criminal Investigation or Emergency Communications or BCIS**

11th

Core Courses:
English III
Algebra II
Physics
United States History
Communication Applications
PE or Equivalent

Career-Related Electives:
Fundamentals of Criminal Law or Basic County Corrections Officer or Crime In America

12th

Core Courses:
English IV
Precalculus
Environmental Systems
Government/Economics
Fine Arts

Career-Related Electives:
Correctional Systems and Practices or Security Services

Postsecondary

On-the-Job Training

Certificates

Basic EMT
Certified Loss Prevention Certificate
OSHA CareerSafe

NOTE: Students may earn all or part of these certificates as part of the high school experience

Career Options:
Information Security
Private Security
Public Security
Transportation Security

Associate's Degrees

15 hours of General Education Core including Interpresonal Communications (SPCH 1X18)
Cluster Foundation (Except Fire Mgmt/Legal Services)
Technical & Business Writing (ENGL 2X11) **OR** Interviewing Reporting Writing (CJLE 1X27)
Crisis Intervention (PSYT 2X21)
Introduction to Criminal Justice (CRIJ 1X01 **OR** CJSA 1X22)
Fundamentals of Criminal Law (CRIJ 1X10 **OR** CJSA 1X27)
Introduction to Homeland Security (HMSY 1X37)

POS Specific Courses

Internship Security and Loss Prevention (SLPS 2X88)
Methods of Security (SLPS 2X21)
Security Management (SLPS 2X34)
Security of Computers and Data (SLPS 2X30) **OR** Computer System Forensic (ITSY 2X43)
Emergency Planning (SLPS 1X01)
Private Investigation (SLPS 2X33)

Career Options:
Corporate Security
Diplomatic Courier
Information Security
Municipal Security

Certificates, Licenses & Credentials
Texas Dept. of Public Safety Commissioned Security Officer (Security and Special Officer- SLPS 1X13)

Bachelor's Degrees

Business
Business Security
Criminal Justice
Law

Career Options:
Diplomatic Security
Information Security
State or Federal Security
Transportation Security

Graduate Degrees

Business
Computer and Information Security
Computer and Information Systems
Criminal Justice
Interpol/International Law Enforcement & Security
Law

Career Options:
Homeland Security
Research and Policy
Security Administration
Security Law

EXTENDED LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Curricular Experiences:
SkillsUSA

Career Learning Experiences:
Career Preparation (Paid/Unpaid)
Job Shadowing
Internships

Extracurricular Experiences:
Explorer Program
Student Council
Mock Trial

Service Learning Experiences:
Community Service
Peer Tutoring
Peer Mentoring

Professional Associations:
American Society for Industrial Security
Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas
International Association of Professional Security Consultants
International Professional Security Association
International Systems Security Association
Professional Information Security Association
Professional Investigators and Security Association
Security Industry Association
Texas Association of Licensed Investigators
Texas Professional Process Servers Association

***May substitute for the required credit for Physical Education**
****Satisfies the required credit for Technology Applications**
*****May substitute for the required credit for Health Education**

Students should take Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), dual credit, Advanced Technical Credit (ATC), or locally articulated courses, if possible.

This plan of study serves as a guide, along with other career planning materials, for pursuing a career path and is based on the most recent information as of 2007. All plans should meet high school graduation requirements as well as college entrance requirements. Students may select other elective courses for personal enrichment purposes.