

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN

PRIVATE SECURITY/ LOSS PREVENTION MANAGEMENT

OVERVIEW

Personal freedoms and national security have become major issues in our current global environment. Advances in technology and the Internet have challenged security for individuals and corporations. Every mode of transportation in and out of this country provides a risk to homeland security. And thefts cost retailers \$32.3 billion dollars in 2000. The Private Security/Loss Prevention Management major emphasizes the role of private security in the prevention of crime and protecting the assets of formal organizations and their employees. This is one of only a very few university undergraduate private security programs offered in northern Illinois.

HIGHLIGHTS

The private sector has become the fastest growing area within the law enforcement arena. This program of study will provide students with an interdisciplinary approach to the major elements involved in security with coursework in computer software, accounting, architectural design, and public relations.

Individuals with three or more years experience in private security and loss prevention may earn a maximum of 12 hours of credit toward their degree. To receive such credit, a student must submit in writing the details of his/her private security or loss management experience.

Experienced faculty in the program have both academic and professional law enforcement experience, and bring working knowledge of the field to the classroom. Faculty have served in the private security field and regional law enforcement, as well as at the federal level.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, opportunities for security personnel and loss management professionals will continue to expand in the next ten years. Numerous employment opportunities stem from growth due to increased security concerns in the areas of theft, computer crimes, vandalism, and terrorism, and the need to replace those who leave the field.

Demand for professionals trained in security will continue to expand as private security firms increasingly provide security in areas such as rail, air, and shipping for state and federal agencies, and in private corporations such as banking, insurance, and retail. The demand for guards who protect property, maintain security, and enforce regulations and standards of conduct is also expected to rise. As such, the need for personnel with increased management and leadership skills in this specialized field will continue to grow.

INTERNSHIPS

Another way Lewis helps prepare its Private Security majors for their careers is through the hands-on experience gained in internships. The Department of Criminal/Social Justice offers a variety of internship opportunities at the federal, state, and local levels of law enforcement. The intent of these internships is to provide students with experience within their chosen field. The department has strong working relationships with numerous agencies and has constant offers of internship possibilities for its students.

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LOSS PREVENTION MANAGEMENT**

Total Credit Hours: 128

Major Credit Hours: 39

I. Core Courses (33)

- 04-195 The American Economy (3)
- 70-190 Microcomputer Software (3)
- 81-115 Introduction to Private Security (3)
- 81-245 Fire Science Overview (3)
- 81-290 Private Security Investigation (3)
- 81-310 Security Organization and Management (3)
- 81-341 Criminalistics; Introduction to Forensic Investigations (3)
- 81-380 Public Relations in Private Security (3)
- 81-425 Safety and Risk Analysis (3)
- 81-430 Elements of Criminal Law (3)
- 81-460 Architectural Design (3)

**II. Select two courses from any upper-division
Criminal/Social Justice courses (6).**

**III. The major satisfies the advanced writing requirement
by successful completion of one of the following
courses (3):**

- 81-380 Public Relations in Private Security (3)
- 81-425 Safety and Risk Analysis (3)

**MINOR - PRIVATE SECURITY/
LOSS PREVENTION MANAGEMENT**

Minor Credit Hours: 21

I. Core Courses (21)

- 81-115 Introduction to Private Security (3)
- 81-245 Fire Science Overview (3)
- 81-290 Private Security Investigation (3)
- 81-310 Security Organization and Management (3)
- 81-341 Criminalistics Introduction to Forensic Investigations (3)
- 81-430 Elements of Criminal Law (3)
- 81-460 Architectural Design (3)

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