

Montgomery County Community College
PSA 100
Introduction to Public Safety Administration
3-3-0

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will introduce the students to the critical issues related to public safety administration in both private and public sector applications. The course provides a conceptual overview of the laws, programs, agencies, and institutions involved in the provision of the day-to-day and long-term administration of public safety programs. It will analyze the planning process as a means to anticipate, prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from any incident. By analyzing the planning process in its constituent parts, such as hazard analysis, resource assessment, plan development, coordination with others, and plan implementation, training, and education, students will gain an understanding of the requirements for public safety administration. Students will work in an interactive program to establish a planning process for companies or municipalities, and they will learn from actual case studies, and will sharpen their understanding of the key components of public safety administration and relevant skills in specific public safety disciplines.

REQUISITES:

NONE

None

Concurrent Course Requirements

None

LEARNING OUTCOMES Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
1. Identify the effective elements of a public safety system.	Assigned Readings Lectures Discussions Case Study Analysis AV/Multimedia Materials Essay Assignments Directed Research Quizzes and Exams	Multiple-Choice Exam Graded Essay Assignments Graded Essay Exam Graded Research Project Individual or Group Presentation Graded Class Discussion Graded Case Study

LEARNING OUTCOMES:	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
2. Identify the roles and responsibilities associated with public safety planning and public safety administration with regard to law enforcement, emergency management and health services.	Assigned Readings Lectures Discussions Case Study Analysis AV/Multimedia Materials Essay Assignments Directed Research Quizzes and Exams	Multiple-Choice Exam Graded Essay Graded Essay Exam Assignments Graded Research Project Individual or Group Presentation Graded Class Discussion Graded Case Study
3. Define the need for public safety administration and the roles of various functionaries (law enforcement, emergency management, and health services) in the process.	Assigned Readings Lectures Discussions Case Study Analysis AV/Multimedia Materials Field Trips Essay Assignments Directed Research Quizzes and Exams	Multiple-Choice Exam Graded Essay Graded Essay Exam Assignments Graded Research Project Individual or Group Presentation Graded Class Discussion Graded Case Study
4. Describe how public safety administration affects emergency preparedness response and recovery.	Assigned Readings Lectures Discussions Case Study Analysis AV/Multimedia Materials Field Trips Essay Assignments Directed Research Quizzes and Exams	Multiple-Choice Exam Graded Essay Graded Essay Exam Assignments Graded Research Project Individual or Group Presentation Graded Class Discussion Graded Case Study

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5. Create a planning process for companies or municipalities.	Assigned Readings Lectures Discussions Case Study Analysis AV/Multimedia Materials Field Trips Essay Assignments Directed Research Quizzes and Exams	Multiple-Choice Exam Graded Essay Graded Essay Exam Assignments Graded Research Project Individual or Group Presentation Graded Class Discussion Graded Case Study
6. Recognize the social, political, and economic forces that generate natural and manmade risks to public safety.	Assigned Readings Lectures Discussions Case Study Analysis AV/Multimedia Materials Field Trips Essay Assignments Directed Research Quizzes and Exams	Multiple-Choice Exam Graded Essay Graded Essay Exam Assignments Graded Research Project Individual or Group Presentation Graded Class Discussion Graded Case Study
7. Explain the constitutional and legal underpinnings of issues related to the administration of public safety.	Assigned Readings Lectures Discussions Case Study Analysis AV/Multimedia Materials Field Trips Essay Assignments Directed Research Quizzes and Exams	Multiple-Choice Exam Graded Essay Graded Essay Exam Assignments Graded Research Project Individual or Group Presentation Graded Class Discussion Graded Case Study
8. Understand the ethical concerns and issues in the context of risk reduction and public safety.	Assigned Readings Lectures Discussions Case Study Analysis AV/Multimedia Materials Field Trips Essay Assignments Directed Research Quizzes and Exams	Multiple-Choice Exam Graded Essay Graded Essay Exam Assignments Graded Research Project Individual or Group Presentation Graded Class Discussion Graded Case Study

At the conclusion of each semester/session, course faculty using the listed evaluation method will complete assessment of the learning outcomes. Aggregated results will be submitted to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. The benchmark for each learning outcome is that *70% of students will meet or exceed outcome criteria.*

SEQUENCE OF TOPICS:

1. Safety and Security Concerns: Criminal
2. Safety and Security Concerns: Noncriminal
3. Legal Aspects of Safety and Security
4. Public Safety and Security in Law Enforcement
5. Public Safety and Security in Corrections
6. Public Safety and Security in Juvenile Justice
7. Public Safety and Security in Security Services
8. Public Safety and Security in Fire Service
9. Public Safety and Security in Health Services and Environmental Safety
10. Overview of the Administrative Process of Public Safety Administration: planning, implementation, leadership, ethics, and evaluation

LEARNING MATERIALS:

Other learning materials may be required and made available directly to the student and/or via the College's Libraries and/or course management system.

COURSE APPROVAL:

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Date: 10/2019

Provost or designee Compliance Verification:

Date: 2/26/2020



This course is consistent with Montgomery County Community College's mission. It was developed, approved and will be delivered in full compliance with the policies and procedures established by the College.