

PRIVATE SECURITY CERTIFICATE

18 Semester Credit Hours; Curriculum: 0243

This 18 credit-hour certificate program is designed to serve the needs of individuals who want the core education the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice program offers. Upon completion, students will be prepared and certified to seek entry level employment positions in the private security field, which include but are not limited to: security officers, loss prevention officers, private inspectors, and private detectives.

Completion of the Private Security Certificate also allows students to obtain certification through the state of Illinois as a security officer or private investigator (PERC Certification).

Code	Title	Hours
Courses for a Certificate		
LAE 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
LAE 122	Police Operations	3
LAE 135	Forensics I	3
LAE 221	Criminal Law	3
LAE 235	Criminal Investigations	3
LAE 275	Security Guard Training	3
Total Hours		18

Private Security Certificate Pathway

The following Pathway is recommended for students pursuing the Private Security Certificate.

First Year		Hours
Semester One		Hours
LAE 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
LAE 122	Police Operations	3
LAE 135	Forensics I	3
LAE 221	Criminal Law	3
Hours		12
Semester Two		Hours
LAE 235	Criminal Investigations	3
LAE 275	Security Guard Training	3
Hours		6
Total Hours		18

Note: Pathway is a recommended sequence of courses. Part-time students should contact the Department Chair to discuss a part-time pathway as well as course prerequisites and recommendations.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Understand the duties and responsibilities of a security guard which include public relations, ethics, and communications.
2. Recognize, interpret and preserve physical evidence.
3. Comprehend the legal obligations and constraints associated with law enforcement and security.
4. Understand investigative procedures and responsibilities of law enforcement and security officers.
5. Obtain State of Illinois Permanent Employee Registration Certification (PERC) for eligible security employment.