Security Studies, Certificate
PPSCSCERT

More than half the world's population live in countries like the United States where private security personnel outnumber law enforcement officers. This program teaches skills important to corporate and other forms of private security, including accounting, computer and information systems, and crime analysis.

Description

The security studies certificate program provides students with the skills and credentials necessary to expand their employment opportunities in corporate and public security.

Through the 24 credit hour curriculum, students receive extended education in transdisciplinary topics such as accounting, computer studies and information systems, and crime analysis and in advanced crime and law courses. Upon completion of this certificate, students are well equipped to have fluid conversations with professionals from different backgrounds about security, whether corporate or private.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Watts College of Public Service & Community Solut
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus

Program Requirements

Certificate Map (Archives)
2021 - 2022 Certificate Map

Required Core Courses -- 12 credit hours

ACC 382: Accounting and Financial Analysis (3)
CIS 105: Computer Applications and Information Technology (CS) (3)
CRJ 201: Criminal Justice Crime Control Policies and Practices (3)  
CRJ 419: Domestic Terrorism (3) 

Select two courses from the following -- 6 credit hours  
CRJ 410: Criminal Procedure: The Law of Investigations (3)  
CRJ 412: International Terrorism (3)  
CRJ 450: Crime Analysis (3)  
CRJ 463: White Collar Crime (3)  
CRJ 464: Organized Crime (3)  

Select one course from the following -- 3 credit hours  
CIS 235: Introduction to Information Systems (3)  
CPI 101: Introduction to Informatics (CS) (3)  
CSE 100: Principles of Programming with C++ (CS) (3)  
CSE 110: Principles of Programming (CS) (3)  
CSE 180: Computer Literacy (CS) (3) 

Select one course from the following -- 3 credit hours  
CRJ 484: Internship (3)  
LAW 480: The Law of Business Organizations (3)  
LES 305: Business Law and Ethics for Managers (3)  

A grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better is required for all coursework.  

Bachelor of Science in criminology and criminal justice majors who are also pursuing the security studies certificate may not use CRJ 410, CRJ 412, CRJ 450, CRJ 463, CRJ 464, and CRJ 494 towards both their degree and certificate. 

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate. 

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**Enrollment Requirements**

Students should meet with an academic advisor from the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice to formally add the certificate to their degree plan.  

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. 

Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.  

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**Career Opportunities**
Graduates of the security studies certificate program find a strong job market in the public and private sectors. Employment opportunities exist in supervisory and management positions in corporate and public security, as well as in criminal justice agencies (federal, state and local). Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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