Security and Protective Services
Course Overview and Syllabus

Grade level: 9–12

Prerequisite Courses: None   **Credits:** 0.5

Course Description

Security and Protective Services is a semester-long high school course that offers an overview of the security and protective services industry. Students will understand different types of security services and how they relate to one another. The distinction between the criminal justice system within the public sector and private security is addressed. The course begins with an introduction to the history of private security, with subsequent units focusing on a specific sector. The concluding unit focuses on the emerging challenges facing security services in the twenty-first century, including international terrorism. In addition, the course provides information about many different careers that are available to students who are interested in security and protective services.

Course Objectives

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Investigate the history of security services, how the industry has advanced, and the legal aspects associated with it
- Explore the day-to-day operations in security services, including loss prevention, private investigation, and corporate espionage
- Learn to communicate effectively with the public as part of the criminal justice and security industry sectors
- Examine methods for conducting security and safety operations, and how they are integrated for best management practices
- Discuss emerging challenges facing private security in the twenty-first century and the implications for local, national, and international security efforts

Student Expectations

This course requires the same level of commitment from you as a traditional classroom course. Throughout the course, you are expected to spend approximately 5–7 hours per week online on:

- Interactive lessons that include a mixture of videos, readings, and tasks
- Assignments in which you apply and extend learning in each lesson
- Assessments, including quizzes, tests, and cumulative exams

Communication

Your teacher will communicate with you regularly through discussions, email, chat, and system announcements. You will also communicate with classmates, either via online tools or face to face, as you collaborate on projects, ask and answer questions in your peer group, and develop your speaking and listening skills.

Grading Policy

You will be graded on the work you do online and the work you submit electronically to your teacher. The weighting for each category of graded activity is listed below.

Grading Category	Weight
Lesson Quizzes	20%
Unit Tests	20%
Cumulative Exams	20%
Assignments	10%
Projects	30%
Additional	0%

Scope and Sequence

When you log into Edgenuity, you can view the entire course map—an interactive scope and sequence of all topics you will study. The units of study are summarized below:

Unit 1: Private Security: History, Career Paths, and Regulations
Unit 2: Physical Security Services
Unit 3: Interactions with the Public and Communications
Unit 4: Security Operations
Unit 5: Security in the 21st Century