Course Descriptions

SEST 1101 (3 credits): Introduction to Professional Security
This course is designed to familiarize students with the principles of professional security operations by focusing on historical background, core concepts, and operational fundamentals.

SEST 1104 (3 credits): Introduction to Terrorism
This course is designed to provide students with the general understanding of the emergence of terrorism as a global security concern. After discussing the history of terrorism, students will broadly examine existing terrorist organizations, the motivating factors surrounding terrorist actions, and strategies for countering terrorist efforts. Lastly, students will explore the future of terrorism in the twenty-first century.

SEST 1107 (3 credits): Introduction to Surveillance Methods
This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of the historical characteristics and ideologies of international terrorist organizations, and the emerging trends in terrorist behaviors facing the global security community in the future.

SEST 1112 (3 credits): Introduction to Protective Intelligence Ops
This course is designed to provide students with the general understanding of the history of protective intelligence, and the methods used by intelligence organizations to gather, analyze, and disseminate information. Also, students will explore the relationship between U. S. intelligence and anti-terrorism organizations, and the impact that protective intelligence has on their strategic goals.

SEST 1201 (2 credits): Fundamentals of Physical Security
This course is designed to provide students with the understanding of the process of assessing, planning, and coordinating physical security at a facility. Students will examine the risk mitigation concerns directly related to physical security, and construct a physical security plan.

SEST 1204 (2 credits): Fundamentals of Executive Protection
This course is designed to provide students with the knowledge to design and conduct an executive protection operation, working as an individual agent, or as a member of a protective security detail. Students will examine the principles or protection, and the fundamental elements of a protective security operation. Students will also explore the interaction between the protective agent and the protteee.

SEST 1207 (2 credits): The Vulnerability Assessment Process
This course is designed to provide students with the fundamental skills to conduct a vulnerability assessment on a facility or an individual, with the goal of creating a vulnerability assessment report. Using the information collected during the vulnerability assessment, students will analyze the potential impact of a security breach. Lastly, students will explore the various methodologies of threat preparedness used in the security industry.

SEST 1212 (2 credits): Trends in Terrorism
This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of the historical characteristics and ideologies of international terrorist organizations, and the emerging trends in terrorist behaviors facing the global security community in the future.
SEST 1217 (2 credits): Terrorist Operations
This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of the attack planning processes and operational tactics of terrorist organizations, through a focused examination of the link between past terrorist attacks, and current counter-terror strategies.

SEST 2105 (2 credits): Surveillance Techniques
This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of the types, methods, and objectives of surveillance, and the planning processes of surveillance target and technique selection. Students will also examine individual and team surveillance, prior to developing a legal surveillance mission plan.

SEST 2110 (2 credits): Technical Surveillance
This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of the applications, methods, and equipment used by technical surveillance agents to conduct optical, audio, cyber, and biometric surveillance operations. Students will also examine the link between these technical surveillance methods and counter-terrorism strategies.

SEST 2115 (2 credits): Counter-Surveillance Strategies
This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of surveillance and counter-surveillance strategies used by security, law enforcement, and federal agencies in the performance of their duties.

SEST 2120 (2 credits): Fundamentals of Protective Intelligence Analysis
In this course, students will learn the concepts of the protective intelligence analysis and its function and importance related to security and anti-terrorism operations.

SEST 2125 (2 credits): Protective Intelligence Systems and Processes
In this course students will examine the systems and processes for gathering, analyzing, and maintaining intelligence data and information. Students will also explore the various uses for intelligence information and data in security, law enforcement, and anti-terrorism operations.

SEST 2130 (2 credits): Research in Strategic Security Studies
This course is a research paper designed to be a "Capstone" documentation of what the student has learned about terrorism over the previous three semesters and will involve a number of different areas concerning terrorist operations.

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