

Homeland Security (HLSS)

HLSS500 Research Methods in Homeland Security (3 semester hours)

This course provides basic research methods skills for addressing homeland security studies problems and issues. Students focus on the detailed procedures for conducting qualitative case studies. Students become well versed in research planning, secondary data collection, and qualitative data analysis methods and how these methods relate to the larger field of social science research. This course prepares students for intermediate and advanced security and intelligence methods.

View the course schedule (<https://www.apus.edu/course-schedule/details.html?c=HLSS500>) to find out details about each course including prerequisites, course objectives, course materials, a snapshot of the syllabi, and session dates.

HLSS502 Homeland Security and Defense (3 semester hours)

This course offers a comprehensive overview of key elements of the United States' homeland security program. This overview will have students examining, discussing and analyzing homeland security operational and policy concerns which have continued to evolve in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and the creation of the Department of Homeland Security.

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HLSS505 Security Risk Management (3 semester hours)

This course introduces students to risk management components including plans and strategies to mitigate risk. Students in this course will examine the role of risk management at the strategic and enterprise levels in the prevention of loss and mitigation of consequences through risk identification and control. This course will allow students to develop and apply risk management techniques to include selection of risk management measures and implementation of those measures.

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HLSS508 Privacy & Civil Liberties in Homeland Security (3 semester hours)

This course offers an examination of the challenges associated with balancing civil liberties and securing the homeland. Students will examine critical infrastructure protection, the use of technology, and the need to carry out intelligence gathering in secrecy around the context of civil liberties and civil rights. Recommendations to improve existing homeland security programs and their overall effectiveness to meet emergent future challenges while balancing civil liberties will be discussed.

View the course schedule (<https://www.apus.edu/course-schedule/details.html?c=HLSS508>) to find out details about each course including prerequisites, course objectives, course materials, a snapshot of the syllabi, and session dates.

HLSS522 Weapons of Mass Destruction and the New Terrorism (3 semester hours)

This course explores the threat of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) as a unique phenomenon within the homeland security landscape. Specifically, this course provides students with a historical perspective on the development and use of WMD from both an international and a domestic perspective. The course also explores the efforts to prevent, prepare, and respond to the use of WMDs.

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HLSS523 Domestic Terrorism and Extremist Groups (3 semester hours)

This course traces the history, emergence, and growth of domestic terrorist and extremist groups within the United States. Students will assess various groups' intentions, capabilities, and activities within contexts of and ramifications on political, national security, and legal paradigms.

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HLSS603 Resilience and Homeland Security (3 semester hours)

With an ever-changing threat vector, the need for a more resilient nation has never been more important. This course will explore different aspects of resilience and its connection to national homeland security. The course further explores resilience and its relationship to critical infrastructure nodes to methods of analysis and risk impact.

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HLSS645 Port Security (3 semester hours)

This course will survey the critical importance of ports to trade, their vulnerability to disruption and attack, and defensive measures to mitigate risk focusing on international cooperation and legislation. Special emphasis will be placed on defensive measures to protect ports from disruption or asymmetric attack, international cooperation, and national legislation.

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HLSS697 Creative Project Capstone Option in Homeland Security (3 semester hours)

The Homeland Security Creative Project Capstone gives students the opportunity to address issues of importance in homeland security that are directly or closely related to their own career, occupation, profession, or current position. Creative projects as program capstones may derive from a wide variety of organizationally defined formats such as legislative proposals (local, state or Federal), briefs, standard operating procedures, training program manual, procedure manuals, organizational change proposals, communication plans, or recruitment plans to name but a few. The format will be proposed by the student and approved by the instructor. The creative project must demonstrate originality and will follow the style requirements set by the department - currently the American Psychological Association (APA) Publication Manual. THIS COURSE IS 16 WEEKS.

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HLSS698 Comprehensive Examination in Homeland Security (0 semester hours)

Comprehensive final examination for students in the Master of Arts in Homeland Security program. IMPORTANT: You must have COMPLETED all other courses in the program and have a GPA of 3.0 in order to register for this course. As a Homeland Security student, you must pass this comprehensive exam in order to have your degree conferred. The comprehensive exam must be taken by the course end date or a failing grade will be posted. If you fail your first attempt to pass the comprehensive exam, you will need to get approval to register for a second attempt of the course and BOTH final course grades will show in your transcript.

View the course schedule (<https://www.apus.edu/course-schedule/details.html?c=HLSS698>) to find out details about each course including prerequisites, course objectives, course materials, a snapshot of the syllabi, and session dates.

HLSS699 Homeland Security Capstone (3 semester hours)

The Master's Capstone Seminar option in Homeland Security is a course that serves as the capstone to a graduate degree in Homeland Security. NOTE: This course may not be taken until all other courses are COMPLETED and student has a 3.0 GPA. THIS COURSE IS 16 WEEKS. View the course schedule (<https://www.apus.edu/course-schedule/details.html?c=HLSS699>) to find out details about each course including prerequisites, course objectives, course materials, a snapshot of the syllabi, and session dates.