

# Bachelor of Arts in Homeland Security

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Homeland Security offers you a comprehensive education in the basics of terrorism, counterterrorism, hazard management, intelligence, and other components of national security. Members of the homeland security enterprise – such as the Department of Homeland Security, state and local public safety entities, and large corporations – are aggressively searching for people who have the comprehensive educational training to be intellectual and strategic leaders in this field. Knowledgeable employees who can contribute new ideas, identify and critique unexamined assumptions of policy and strategy, and who have the ability to translate good intentions into effective action are in demand.

This online bachelor's degree is designed to meet this market need. Through this bachelor's program, you will receive a holistic liberal arts education that covers the range of domestic security efforts, helping to prepare you for advancement or new entry into the homeland security field. This degree program is taught by highly credentialed and experienced instructors, many who hold key positions in government agencies or public safety organizations.

## Degree Program Objectives

In addition to the institutional and degree level learning objectives, graduates of this program are expected to achieve these learning outcomes:

- Examine the historical and evolving concept of homeland security within the broader political and national security system of the contemporary nation-state.
- Recognize the detailed mitigation, planning, response, and recovery phases to and from a national security incident.
- Differentiate among the various national security threats including those that are manmade, technological, and natural.
- Discuss the strategic, operational, and tactical threats presented by chemical, nuclear, and biological agents including agent characteristics and delivery systems.
- Distinguish among and assess the various homeland security approaches, techniques, and processes such as analytics, indications, warnings, and forecasting.
- Explain the key administrative and command and control elements of the evolving homeland security relationships among the intelligence community Department of Homeland Security; interagency processes and institutions; federal, state, and local intergovernmental relations; and a comprehensive U.S. homeland security strategy.

## Degree at a Glance

Code	Title	Semester Hours
	General Education Requirements	30
	Major Required	18
	General Concentration (p. 2)	24
	Final Program Requirements	3
	Elective Requirements	45
Total Semester Hours		120

## Degree Program Requirements

### General Education Requirements (30 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
<b>Arts and Humanities (6 semester hours)<sup>1</sup></b>		
Select 2 courses from the following:		6
ARTH200	Art Appreciation	
ARTH241	Film and Literature	
DSIN141	Image Enhancement using Adobe Photoshop	
LITR201	World Literature through the Renaissance	
LITR202	World Literature since the Renaissance	
LITR210	English Literature: Beowulf to 18th Century	
LITR211	English Literature: 18th Century to Present	
LITR220	American Literature before The Civil War	
LITR221	American Literature from The Civil War to Present	
ARAB100	Arabic I	
ARAB101	Arabic II	
FREN100	French I	
FREN101	French II	
GERM100	German I	
GERM101	German II	
JAPN100	Introduction to Japanese	
MUSI200	Music Appreciation	
MUSI250	World Music and Cultures	
PHIL101	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL110	Critical Thinking	
PHIL200	Introduction to Ethics	
PHIL202	Philosophy of Science	
PORT100	Introduction to Brazilian Portuguese	
RELS201	Introduction to World Religions	
RUSS100	Russian I	

SPAN100	Spanish I	
SPAN101	Spanish II	
<b>Civics, Political and Social Sciences (6 semester hours) <sup>1</sup></b>		
Select 2 courses from the following:		6
ANTH100	Introduction to Anthropology	
CHFD220	Human Sexuality	
COMM211	Social Media and Society	
COMM240	Intercultural Communication	
ECON101	Microeconomics	
ECON102	Macroeconomics	
GEOG101	Introduction to Geography	
HOSP110	Practical Food Safety and Awareness	
IRLS210	International Relations I	
LITR204	Contemporary World Culture Through Literature	
LITR205	Cultural Diversity in Contemporary American Literature	
POLS210	American Government I	
PSYC101	Introduction to Psychology	
SOCI111	Introduction to Sociology	
SOCI212	Social Problems	
SOCI220	American Popular Culture	
<b>Communication: Writing, Oral, and Multimedia (9 semester hours)</b>		
COMM120	Information and Digital Literacy	3
ENGL110	Making Writing Relevant	3
Select 1 course from the following:		3
COMM200	Public Speaking	
ENGL102	Effectiveness in Writing	
ENGL200	Composition and Literature	
ENGL220	Technical Writing	
ENGL221	Scientific Writing	
ENGL225	Business Writing	
HRMT101	Human Relations Communication	
IRLS200	Information Literacy and Global Citizenship	
ITCC231	Introduction to Information Technology Writing	
MGMT100	Human Relations	
<b>History (3 semester hours)</b>		
Select 1 course from the following:		3
HIST101	American History to 1877	
HIST102	American History since 1877	
HIST111	World Civilization before 1650	
HIST112	World Civilization since 1650	
HIST121	Western Civilization before The Thirty Years War	
HIST122	Western Civilization since The Thirty Years War	
HIST221	African-American History before 1877	

HIST222	African-American History since 1877	
HIST223	History of the American Indian	
HIST270	History of Science	
<b>Mathematics and Applied Reasoning (3 semester hours)</b>		
Select 1 course from the following:		3
ACCT105	Accounting for Non Accounting Majors	
ENTD200	Fundamentals of Programming	
MATH110	College Algebra	
MATH111	College Trigonometry	
MATH120	Introduction to Statistics	
MATH125	Math for Liberal Arts Majors	
MATH225	Calculus	
<b>Natural Sciences (3 semester hours)</b>		
Select 1 course from the following:		3
BIOL180	Introduction to Biology	
BIOL181	Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology	
CHEM180	Introduction to Chemistry	
ERSC180	Introduction to Meteorology	
ERSC181	Introduction to Geology	
EVSP180	Introduction to Environmental Science	
PHYS180	Introduction to Physics	
SPST180	Introduction to Astronomy	
Total Semester Hours		30

<sup>1</sup> All literature courses require successful completion of ENGL101 - Proficiency in Writing or ENGL110 - Making Writing Relevant.

### Major Required (18 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
HLSS300	Research Methods in Homeland Security Studies	3
HLSS302	Introduction to Homeland Security and Defense	3
HLSS310	Critical Infrastructure Protection	3
HLSS311	Border and Coastal Security	3
HLSS320	Intelligence and Homeland Security	3
HLSS322	Homeland Security Legal and Ethical Issues	3
Total Semester Hours		18

### General Concentration (24 semester hours)

A general concentration allows you to take courses across a number of areas of study within your program based on your own interests.

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Select 8 courses from the following:		24
CMRJ203	Patrol Methodologies & Community Policing	
CMRJ320	Law Enforcement Intelligence Applications	
EDMG220	Emergency Planning	
EDMG230	Emergency and Disaster Incident Command	
EDMG259	Hazard Mitigation and Preparedness	
EDMG340	Consequence Management	
EDMG420	Risk Communications	
HLSS154	Mind of a Terrorist	
HLSS212	Chemical, Biological, and Radiological Hazards	
HLSS215	Regulatory Issues in Weapons of Mass Destruction	
HLSS303	Homeland Security Risk, Threats and Consequences	
HLSS305	Private Sector Homeland Security	
HLSS312	Port Security	
HLSS323	Homegrown Violent Extremism	
INTL304	Intelligence Collection	
INTL305	Law and Ethics in Intelligence	
INTL402	Intelligence Analysis	
INTL410	Counterintelligence	
INTL440	Cyber Warfare	
INTL450	Terrorism and Counterterrorism	
ISSC262	Red and Blue Team Security	
ISSC363	IT Security: Risk Management	
ISSC451	Cybercrime	
ITMG281	Law, Privacy, and Digital Data	
LSTD401	Maritime Law	
LSTD402	Immigration Law and Policy	
PSYC431	Psychology of Disaster	
SCMT319	Global Terrorism	
Total Semester Hours		24

### Final Program Requirements (3 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
HLSS498	Senior Seminar in Homeland Security (to be taken as the last course before graduation) <sup>1</sup>	3
Total Semester Hours		3

<sup>1</sup> Prerequisite: Senior Standing and completion of all core and major courses prior to enrollment.

### Elective Requirements (45 semester hours)

Select any courses that have not been used to fulfill major requirements. Credits applied toward a minor or certificate in an unrelated field may be used to fulfill elective credit for the major.