

# Graduate Certificate - Homeland Security

The graduate certificate in Homeland Security provides you with a broad understanding of national security and defense, policies, planning, and programs, as well as the ability to expertly evaluate and improve current defense tactics. The curriculum is designed to improve your understanding of national security threats, weapons of mass destruction, terrorism, intelligence, consequence management, and interagency government-related issues. This graduate program helps you to prepare for career advancement and leadership roles within the military services or homeland security field. This online certificate is intended for graduate students who want to expand their knowledge of homeland security without committing to a degree program.

## Certificate Objectives

Upon successful completion of this certificate, the student will be able to:

- Predict the need to conduct and/or contract for research related to high probability chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or energetic (CBRNE) events and their consequences in any community of interest.
- Design and modify plans and programs at federal, state, and/or local levels to reflect the evolving strategic policy issues associated with a statutory and presidential direction for homeland security.
- Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of public, private and military efforts to reduce patterned and non-patterned "warfare" by overt and covert means of both nation states and transnational terrorist groups.

## Certificate Requirements (18 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
HLSS500	Research Methods in Homeland Security	3
HLSS502	Homeland Security and Defense	3
HLSS522	Weapons of Mass Destruction and the New Terrorism	3
HLSS523	Domestic Terrorism and Extremist Groups	3
INTL613	Intelligence and Homeland Security	3
LSTD516	Homeland Security and the Law	3
Total Semester Hours		18