

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. 3)	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
Arts and Humanities (6 semester hours)¹		
Select 2 courses from the following:		6
ARAB100	Arabic I	
ARAB101	Arabic II	
ARTH200	Art Appreciation	
ARTH241	Film and Literature	
DSIN141	Image Enhancement using Adobe Photoshop	
FREN100	French I	
FREN101	French II	
GERM100	German I	
GERM101	German II	
JAPN100	Introduction to Japanese	
LITR215	Literature of American Encounters, Revolution, and Rebellion	
LITR218	From Abolition to #MeToo: Literature of the American Civil Rights Movement	
LITR222	Pivotal Figures in Early British Literature	
LITR225	British Literature from Wordsworth through the Wasteland	
LITR231	Leadership in World Literature: Antiquity to the Early Modern Period	
LITR233	Literature of the Newly Globalized World: The Individual's Struggle to Adapt	
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
STEM270	Thinking and Acting Ethically

Civics, Political and Social Sciences (6 semester hours)¹

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
LITR212	Forgotten America—Under Represented Cultures in American Literature
LITR235	Four Points of the Compass: Culture and Society Around the World
POLS101	Introduction to Political Science
POLS210	American Government I
PSYC101	Introduction to Psychology
SOCI111	Introduction to Sociology
SOCI212	Social Problems
SOCI220	American Popular Culture
STEM280	Exploring Society and Cultures via Science Fiction

Communication: Writing, Oral, and Multimedia (9 semester hours)

COMM120	Information and Digital Literacy	3
ENGL110	Making Writing Relevant	3
Select 1 course from the following:		3
COMM200	Public Speaking	
ENGL101	Proficiency in Writing	
ENGL115	Argumentation and Rhetoric	
ENGL210	Introduction to Literature	
ENGL220	Technical Writing	
ENGL221	Scientific Writing	
ENGL226	Effective Business Communication	
HRMT101	Human Relations Communication	
IRLS200	Information Literacy and Global Citizenship	
ITCC231	Introduction to Information Technology Writing	
MGMT100	Human Relations	

History (3 semester hours)

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
STEM185	The History and Context of STEM

Mathematics and Applied Reasoning (3 semester hours)

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

Natural Sciences (3 semester hours)

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
STEM100	Introduction to STEM Disciplines

Total Semester Hours 30

¹ 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) ¹	3
Total Semester Hours		3

¹ 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.