

M.S. HOMELAND SECURITY

OVERVIEW

Homeland Security is the study of US efforts to prevent terrorist attacks, to reduce damages that may result from such attacks, and to respond to national emergencies not tied to terrorist activities. A number of government agencies and organizations coordinate efforts in accomplishing these tasks. The academic study of Homeland Security draws on a number of disciplines at A&M-Central Texas, including computer information systems, criminal justice, management, political science, and religious studies.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Describe, analyze, and critique terrorism and its activities, goals and motivations, organizational structure and tactics.
- Discuss and critique counterterrorism concepts, tactics, organizational structure, goals and motivation.
- Discuss and critique threats to electronic information systems and ways to prevent or mitigate such threats.
- Apply basic management skills in planning, organizing, staffing, directing, and decision-making within the context of public agencies.
- Apply concepts and techniques of research to the activities of terrorism or Homeland Security.

Entry Requirements

Students will be admitted into the MS Homeland Security major by the faculty once the following application criteria are met:

- Successful admission to graduate school.

Master of Science Homeland Security - With Thesis Program Requirements

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HLS 5300	Linear Regression ¹	3
HLS 5301	Advanced Criminology ¹	3
HLS 5303	Race and Ethnicity	3
HLS 5304	Advanced Research Methods ¹	3
or HLS 5306	Program Evaluation	
HLS 5307	Homeland Security	3
HLS 5309	Terrorism	3
HLS 5315	Graduate Proseminar	3
HLS 5321	Leadership and Supervision	3
HLS 5322	Advanced Ethics ¹	3
HLS 5370	Foundations of Information Security	3
Thesis 2 semesters		
HLS 5198	Homeland Security Thesis	3
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Total Credit Hours		36

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Choose two of the following:		6
CRIJ 5308	Victimology	
ANTH 5351	Forensic Anthropology	
CRIJ 5311	Regression Analyses	
HLS 5306	Program Evaluation	
HLS 5304	Advanced Research Methods	
HLS 5320	Religious Terrorism	
POLI 5316	Conflict Studies	
POLI 5318	Terrorism Studies	
SOCI 5305	Theoretical Sociology	
HLS 5090	Comprehensive Exam (Statistics)	0
HLS 5090	Comprehensive Exam (Theory)	0
HLS 5090	Comprehensive Exam (Methods)	0
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