HOMELAND SECURITY
GRADUATE CREDIT
CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Person-in-Charge: Alexander Siedschlag
Program Code: CLHLS
Campus(es): Harrisburg, World Campus

In this 12-credit graduate certificate program, students will learn about the origins and organization of the Homeland Security Enterprise, including relevant Congressional acts, Presidential policies, and national strategies, as well as the roles and shared responsibility of key agencies and partners at federal, state, and local levels, and from the private sector. They will apply that knowledge to current situations and select scenarios based on an all-hazards and whole-community approach.

The certificate program offers a viable opportunity for those who seek advanced education but do not wish or have not yet determined if they are ready to pursue a full master's degree program. For students in the Intercollege Master of Professional Studies in Homeland Security (IMPS-HLS), this program may be pursued to earn an embedded certificate as an additional credential.

Effective Semester: Fall Semester 2017
Expiration Semester: Fall Semester 2020

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/). International applicants may be required to satisfy an English proficiency requirement; see GCAC-305 Admissions Requirements for International Students (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/) for more information.

Applicants are expected to have a 3.0 or higher GPA in their undergraduate work.

Certificate Requirements

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in Graduate Council policy GCAC-212 Postbaccalaureate Credit Certificate Programs (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-212-postbaccalaureate-credit-certificate-programs/).

The curriculum consists of two required courses (6 credits) and two electives (6 credits). Students must achieve a GPA of 3.00 or above to be awarded the certificate.

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<td>Fundamentals of Homeland Security</td>
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Electives
Choose 6 credits from the following:

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<td>HLS 802</td>
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<td>HLS 832</td>
<td>U.S. Military's Domestic Imperative: Homeland Defense and Defense Support of Civil Authorities</td>
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<td>Critical Infrastructure Protection</td>
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Total Credits: 12

Courses

Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 699 and 800 to 899. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up deficiencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet requirements for an advanced degree.

Learning Outcomes

1. Explain the origins and organization of the Homeland Security Enterprise.
2. Describe how relevant Congressional acts, Presidential directives, and national strategies influence decision making in homeland security.
3. Identify the roles and shared responsibility of key agencies and partners at federal, state, and local levels, and of the private sector.
4. Assess current situations and select scenarios.
5. Evaluate the all-hazards and the whole-community approach.

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