SCHOOL OF SAFETY, SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

HOMELAND SECURITY

BACHELOR'S DEGREE / ASSOCIATE DEGREE / CERTIFICATES / MINOR

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The EKU Homeland Security program was established in 2007 in response to the nation's growing homeland security needs and challenges. As one of the leading programs in the nation, students receive comprehensive educational opportunities focusing on the safeguarding of life and property through the protection of critical infrastructure, preparing for and responding to natural and man-made disasters, providing counterterrorism and law enforcement intelligence support and employing the latest security technologies.

Courses provide students with an understanding of the homeland security enterprise to include the program's areas of Disaster Management, Intelligence Studies and Security Operations and Management. Graduates of the program are prepared to join program alumni in rewarding careers throughout both the public and private sectors.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Corporate/Industrial Security

Customs and Border Protection

Dignitary Protection Services

Disaster Services (Red Cross, Others)

Emergency Management

Geospatial Services

Information Security

Law Enforcement (Federal, State & Local)

Legal Professions

Park and Forestry Services

Transportation Security

U.S. Intelligence Community

U.S. Military Services

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Bachelor's Degree
120 Credit Hours

39 hrs - Gen Ed / Univ Req.
42 hrs - HLS Core
39 hrs - Free Electives

Associate Degree
60 Credit Hours

36 hrs - General Education
3 hrs - University Requirements
12 hrs - Concentration Req.
9 hrs - Free Electives

Certificates
15 Credit Hours

☐ Homeland Security
☐ Intelligence Studies
☐ Security Management

Minor
18 Credit Hours

☐ Disaster Management

HLS 101 - Introduction to Homeland Security

Principles and practices associated with the emerging discipline of homeland security. Policies, directives, national plans and legislation that shape and define the ongoing evolution of homeland security. Key issues include civil liberties and diversity and relationships to public safety and private and national security.

HLS 210 - Cyber and Physical Security

Principles of cyber and physical design and application to include assessments and subsequent identification of countermeasures as well as policy development and implementation in an effort to safeguard life and critical infrastructure.

HLS 260 - Disaster Preparedness and Response

Examines disaster preparedness and response context, concepts, theories, principles, programs and requirements. Students apply course concepts using case studies and real-world scenarios.

HLS 280 - Mis-, Dis-, and Malinformation

Examines Mis-, Dis-, and Malinformation (MDM) from a homeland security perspective. Students build skills in assessing and evaluating information from social media and other information sources.

HLS 301 - Critical Infrastructure Protection

Identification, prioritization and protection of critical infrastructure including information technology, telecommunications, chemical, transportation, energy, water, medical, and emergency services.

HLS 320 - Security Management

Evolution and application of traditional and current theories in leading and managing corporate and government/industrial security operations. Areas covered include management, supervision and leadership of a security organization.

HLS 391 - Risk Analysis

History and process of vulnerability and risk assessment (VRS) as it relates to the protection of critical assets and infrastructure. Instruction in common VRA techniques used in both the public and private sectors.

HLS 395 - Homeland Security Policy Analysis

Develop homeland security policy and legal research and analytic skills. Includes coverage of international and U.S federal, state and local policy and legal issues.

HLS 401 - Intelligence Process

Key questions facing the U.S. intelligence community and its role in homeland security, national defense and international affairs, with a focus on policy, oversight and intelligence support. Collection, analysis, sharing and dissemination of information within and between local, state and federal government agencies and the private sector.

HLS 404 - National Security Threats and Responses

A study of contemporary U.S. national security threats and responses from homeland security and intelligence perspectives.

HLS 430 - Terrorism and Violent Extremism

Coverage of politically-motivated extremist violence in the United States. Includes discussion of definitional issues, radicalization, major attacks, current threats, and principal extremist groups and their ideologies.

HLS 461 - Disaster Resilience

Concepts, theories, principles, programs, and requirements of pre- and post-disaster hazard mitigation; governmental programs, planning and practice; hazard and threat modeling and analysis; team building; case studies; project development.

HLS 495 - Leadership and Ethics

Examines theories and practical applications of leadership and ethical decision making. Senior capstone course requiring synthesis of prior coursework in homeland security.

GEO 353 - Geographic Information Systems

Introduction to GIS principles, methods, operations, mapping, and applications. Topics include spatial data, databases, GIS analysis, models, site suitability, environmental and social applications, and more.

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