

Community College of Allegheny County
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CREDIT COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE NUMBER: HLS 101

COURSE TITLE: Orientation to Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, Planning and Response

CREDITS: 3

HOURS: Lecture: 3 Lab: Clinical: Studio: Practicum:

PREREQUISITES: None

COREQUISITES: None

CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course provides a broad overview of homeland security and homeland defense as undertaken in the United States since 9/11. This course provides the student with the generally accepted body of knowledge required of the homeland security professional. The course focuses on the enemies and the threat they pose, the homeland security policies and procedures enacted since 9/11 and the key players at the federal and state and local levels.

The course consists of a complete overview to Homeland Security, Emergency Preparedness and Response. Students will complete the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) online training for Incident Command System 100, 200, and National Incident Management System 700 and 800. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) certifications are issued following successful completion of these 4 modules and must be presented to instructor before the end of class.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will:

1. Describe the motivations, means, and methods of trans-national terrorist groups.
2. Explain the broad range of federal policies and procedures enacted since the events of 9/11.
3. Summarize the organizations involved in homeland security, how they are organized, how they interrelate and their specific roles.
4. Interpret, analyze and evaluate homeland security directives.
5. Explain foundational knowledge of the discipline of homeland security.
6. Be certified by DHS/FEMA in ICS 100, 200, NIMS 700 and 800.

LISTED TOPICS:

1. Fundamentals of terrorism
2. Homeland defense and security strategies
3. Homeland security players and organizations
4. Legal and jurisdictional issues
5. Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS 100)
6. Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents (ICS 200)
7. Incident management (NIMS - ICS 700)
8. Introduction to the National Response Plan (NRP - ICS 800)

REFERENCE, RESOURCE, OR LEARNING MATERIAL TO BE USED BY STUDENT:

Required Text(s): A contemporary text in the field.

Approved by the President on: Dr. Alex Johnson 05/19/10

Start Year/Term: Fall 2010