

American Public University – Master of Arts in Homeland Security

The Master of Arts in Homeland Security offers an advanced-level understanding of homeland defense, intelligence methods, terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, consequence management, interagency government issues, emergency management, public health, and information 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 advanced education required to become intellectual and strategic leaders in this field. This degree program is designed to enhance your leadership skills and improve your knowledge of national security and defense in order to prepare you for employment as an analyst or manager in government agencies, the military, or similar organizations dedicated to protecting public safety.

This master's program is taught by highly credentialed and experienced instructors, many who hold key positions in government agencies or public safety organizations.

Program Requirements:

Core Requirements (18 Hours)

- HLSS500 - Research Methods in Homeland Security (Required as the first course in this program.)
- HLSS502 - Homeland Security and Defense
- HLSS508 - Privacy and Civil Liberties in Homeland Security
- HLSS523 - Domestic Terrorism and Extremist Groups
- INTL613 - Intelligence and Homeland Security
- LSTD516 - Homeland Security and the Law

General Concentration (12 semester hours)

Select 4 courses from the following:

- CMRJ620 - Policing and Corrections in Homeland Security
- EDMG503 - Emergency and Disaster Planning and Management
- EDMG509 - Interagency Disaster Management
- EDMG515 - Hazard Mitigation and Resilient Communities
- EDMG530 – Economics of Disaster Management
- EDMG565 - Consequence Management: Terrorism Preparation and Response
- EDMG612 - Risk Communications
- HLSS505 - Security Risk Management
- HLSS522 - Weapons of Mass Destruction and the New Terrorism
- HLSS645 - Port Security
- INTL501 - Strategic Intelligence
- INTL502 - Collection
- INTL507 - Intelligence Operations
- INTL508 - Intelligence Analysis
- INTL621 - Signals Intelligence (SIGINT)
- INTL640 - Intelligence and National Security
- INTL646 - Transnational Crime and Narcotics
- INTL647 - Cyber Intelligence
- INTL650 - Counterterrorism
- INTL652 - Terrorism: Assessing the Past to Forecast the Future

- ISSC630 - Advanced Cybercrime Analysis
- ISSC631 - Cyber Ethics: Privacy and Intellectual Property
- ISSC642 - Intrusion Detection and Incident Handling
- LSTD512 - Immigration Law
- LSTD517 - Law, Ethics, and Cybersecurity
- NSEC506 - Cyber Policy and Practice in National Security
- NSEC614 - Political Psychology of Terror Groups
- PADM530 - Public Policy
- PBHE605 - Quarantine
- PBHE606 - Disaster Health Management
- SCMT529 - International Terrorism
- SCMT537 - Computer Crime
- SCMT545 - Airport Security Design
- TLMT600 - National Transportation Management
- TLMT605 - Cargo Security Management
- TLMT607 - Port and Terminal Operations

Elective Requirements (3 semester hours)

Select from other graduate courses not taken to meet core or major requirements.

Final Program Requirements (3 semester hours)

Select 1 course from the following:

- HLSS697 - Creative Project Capstone Option in Homeland Security (3 semester hours) – Taken once all other degree requirements have been met.
- HLSS699 - Master's Capstone Seminar in Homeland Security (3 semester hours) - Taken once all other degree requirements have been met.

Concentration Options

Concentration in Business Administration (12 semester hours)

Concentration in Counter-Terrorism Studies (12 semester hours)

Concentration in Criminal Justice (12 semester hours)

Concentration in Cyber (12 semester hours)

Concentration in Emergency Management and Public Health (12 semester hours)

Concentration in Intelligence Studies (12 semester hours)

Concentration in Transportation Security (12 semester hours)

American Public University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission North Central Association.

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