

Middlesex County College – Associate in Science in Homeland Security - HCS.AS

The Homeland Security degree program was established in response to the nation's growing homeland security needs. The degree is designed for students to gain foundational knowledge and skills in order to secure borders, airports, waterways and seaports; prepare for and respond to natural and man-made disasters; provide counter-terrorism and law enforcement intelligence support; and employ the latest security technology. It can be completed in two years, with credit hours totaling 61-64. We offer evening and online classes and have an average professor/student ratio of 1:15.

Upon completing this program students will be able to:

1. Model successful strategies to effectively evaluate contemporary security challenges facing the United States and other industrialized nations.
2. Simulate effective interpersonal communication, decision-making and critical thinking skills.
3. Outline the processes leading to effective integration of security and emergency management procedures.
4. Employ a foundation of knowledge, skills and abilities in appropriate leadership roles in emergency management, civil security and public policy.
5. Articulate the basic ethical and legal issues affecting the ability of security professionals to operate effectively in both the public and private sectors.
6. Restate the appropriate policy needs at the local, state and federal level that reflect evolving strategic initiatives associated with homeland security.
7. Identify the basic process of collection, analysis and dissemination of information necessary to address contemporary threats and vulnerabilities.
8. Explain inter-agency cooperation in sharing intelligence information.

Program Requirements:

Below are required courses and recommended course groupings and sequences for program completion. Courses may have prerequisite and co-requisite requirements. Check course descriptions for details.

Credits: 61-64 Credits Required

Semester I

ENG-121	English Composition I - Credits 3
CJU-123	Criminal Justice I - Credits 3
SCI-206	Introduction to Forensic Science - Credits 3

SOC-140 Introduction to Criminology - Credits 3
GE Mathematics Elective - Credits 3-4

Semester II

ENG-122 English Composition II - Credits 3
CSC-105 Computer Applications and Systems - Credits 3
OR
CSC-106 Intermediate PC Applications with Programming - Credits 3
HCS-121 Introduction to Homeland Security - Credits 3
PHI-123 Ethics - Credits 3
SOC-121 Introduction to Sociology - Credits 3

Semester III

POS-220 United States National Government - Credits 3
PSY-123 Introduction to Psychology - Credits 3
HCS-220 Domestic and International Terrorism - Credits 3
OR
GLS-123 Global Terrorism - Credits 3
HCS-122 Fundamentals of Emergency Management - Credits 3
HCS-202 Risk Management and Analysis - Credits 3
Physical/Health Education Elective - Credits 1-3
You may satisfy this requirement with any HED or PED course except PED-270.

Semester IV

SOC-131 Contemporary Social Problems - Credits 3
HCS-210 Organizational Behavior and Management in Law Enforcement - Credits 3
HCS-201 Introduction to Intelligence Function - Credits 3
POL-205 Principles of Investigation - Credits 3
POS-231 Constitutional Law - Credits 3

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