

The Pennsylvania State University – Homeland Security Graduate Certificate

In the 12-credit graduate certificate program, offered by the Penn State Harrisburg School of Public Affairs, 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.

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.

Prescribed Courses:

HLS 401 Introduction to Homeland Security
HLS 404 Homeland Security and Defense in Practice

Elective Courses:

HLS 802 Multifaceted Approaches to Homeland Security
HLS 804 Strategic Planning and Organizational Imperatives in Homeland Defense and Security
HLS 540 Comparative Homeland Security and Related Methods
HLS 558 Disaster Psychology
HLS 575 U.S. Homeland Security Law
HLS 832 U.S. Military's Domestic Imperative: Homeland Defense and Defense Support of Civil Authorities

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