

## **The Pennsylvania State University – intercollege Master of Professional Studies in Homeland Security (online)**

The intercollege Master of Professional Studies in Homeland Security (iMPS-HLS) degree program is designed to prepare professionals and develop leaders for the field of homeland security by providing exceptional graduate education that includes an integrated curriculum, expert faculty, and student interaction. The program is comprised of courses from several Penn State colleges and delivered via distance education through the Penn State World Campus to accommodate the needs and careers of professionals who are already active in homeland security and related fields of civil security, or those interested in transitioning into the field. The program provides select graduate students with an integrated, cross-disciplinary curriculum that is focused on a set of unified educational goals to help them understand and manage the complexities of homeland security in a global environment. Within the degree program and in addition to its common core curriculum, students choose the base program or one of four options:

- Base Program (policy, strategy, administration, law) offered by Penn State Harrisburg, School of Public Affairs
- Public Health Preparedness Option offered by Penn State College of Medicine (in collaboration with the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center)
- Geospatial Intelligence Option offered by Penn State College of Earth and Mineral Sciences
- Information Security and Forensics Option offered by Penn State College of Information Sciences and Technology
- Agricultural Biosecurity and Food Defense Option offered by Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences

In addition to the iMPS-HLS degree the participating colleges offers graduate certificates provide the opportunity to advance your career and then transfer the applicable earned credits to degree.

### **Required Core Courses:**

A series of homeland security core courses provide students with a fundamental understanding of homeland security, and then they can choose base program which focuses on policy and organization, or one of the specialized options in public health preparedness, geospatial intelligence, information security and forensics, or agricultural biosecurity and food defense.

33 credits required to complete the program.

All HLS students will take the 9 credit core curriculum consisting of:  
HLS/PDM 801 Homeland Security Administration - Policies & Programs  
HLS/PHIL 803 Homeland Security: Social and Ethical Issues  
HLS/PLSC 805 Violence, Threats, Terror and Insurgency  
Non-credit Orientation Course

Students will also take 12 credits of prescribed courses in the base program or their specialization. For example, the base program prescribe courses:

HLS/PADM 401 Introduction to Homeland Security  
HLS/PADM 404 Homeland Security and Defense in Practice  
HLS/PADM 802 Multifaceted Approaches to Homeland Security  
PADM 803 Strategic Planning and Organizational Imperatives in Homeland Security and Defense

There are 9 elective credits that are chosen from an approved list in consultation with the student's academic adviser.

Finally, each student must complete a capstone project on a topic related to homeland security and defense; in association with HLS/AGBIO/GEOG/IST/PHP 594 - Research Topics.

Notre Dame College is fully accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the Association of Colleges and Schools as a degree-granting institution.

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