Master of Professional Studies in Homeland Security - Counterterrorism Option

The MPS in Homeland Security Counterterrorism option can provide you with a broad base of knowledge relevant to the current policies and programs of the Homeland Security administration. Courses in the option are designed to give students a detailed understanding of terrorist organizations, along with their motives, threats, recruitment strategies, and operational tactics. The program also covers the evolution of, and issues related to, counterterrorism in the U.S. and other contexts. It can further provide you with a focus on understanding terrorist organizations in detail, along with their motives, threats, recruitment strategies, and operational tactics. As a graduate of this program, you should be able to:

- understand the conditions that give rise to terrorism
- identify and evaluate basic counterterrorism operations
- plan and execute programs for intelligence gathering
- collect and analyze data and turn it into actionable information

Core Courses (9 credits)
HLS 801 Homeland Security Administration: Policies and Programs
HLS 803 Homeland Security: Social and Ethical Issues
HLS 805 Violence, Threats, Terror, and Insurgency

Prescribed Courses (12 credits)
PLSC 836 Root Causes of Terrorism
PLSC 569 Counterterrorism
PLSC 838 Tools and Analysis of Terrorism and Counterterrorism
PLSC 837 Radicalization, Counter Radicalization, and De-Radicalization

Electives (9 credits)
PLSC 439 Politics of Terrorism
HLS 811 Fundamentals of Homeland Security
PLSC 418W International Relations Theory
PLSC 442 American Foreign Policy
HLS 540 Comparative Homeland Security and Related Methods
HLS 832 U.S. Military's Domestic Imperative: Homeland Defense and Defense Support of Civil Authorities
HLS 875 U.S. Homeland Security Law
GEOG 571 Intelligence Analysis, Cultural Geography, and Homeland Security
CAS 553 Disaster Communication

Capstone (3 credits)
PLSC 594 Disaster Communication

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