

Sam Houston State University – Master of Science in Homeland Security Studies or Graduate Certificates in Critical Infrastructure Protection and Emergency Management

Sam Houston State University's Department of Security Studies provides students with the theoretical foundations of the nature and origins of threats to our nation and its critical infrastructure as well as the tools to identify and mitigate those threats through risk assessments and emergency management. Consistent with the Homeland Security Enterprise model, the all-hazards approaches emphasized prepare students for work as security analysts and emergency managers in private security and all levels of government, addressing foreign and domestic threats, natural or otherwise.

Academically located within the College of Criminal Justice, the Department of Security Studies builds on one of the leading Criminal Justice and Criminology programs in the nation and the decades-long relationships of the College with public safety practitioners in the field. Moreover, the department is geographically situated within Texas, home to:

- Two of the nation's top 10 airports
- 16 waterports
- 29 oil refineries
- One of only a dozen Major Medical Centers nationwide
- The longest border with a foreign country of any of the 48 contiguous states

The Department's geographic and academic context have given rise to a very robust internship program which provides students with hands-on experience in the field to supplement their classroom experiences.

Graduates of the program have been employed by:

- The Department of Homeland Security (Border Patrol)
- The Central Intelligence Agency (Intelligence Analyst)
- The Federal Bureau of Investigation (Intelligence Analyst)
- Local police departments (Crime Analysts)
- South Texas Nuclear Power Plant (Plant Security)
- Photofax (Surveillance Firm)
- Mustang Engineering (International Oilfield Service Company)
- G4S Security (Private Security)

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Master of Science in Homeland Security Studies

The Master of Science in Homeland Security Studies is a specialized degree program that will produce professionals who are best qualified to meet the unique needs of the criminal justice system and homeland security.

The broad educational objective is to develop managers and leaders who possess expertise in both theoretical and experiential dimensions of security management. Graduates will be

knowledgeable of pragmatic issues but will also operate on the cutting edge of strategic issues facing security in the future.

Students can obtain their degrees either face-to-face or online. The face-to-face program is run as a cohort and enrollment is available in the Fall term only. Students may be admitted to the online program in the Fall, Spring or Summer terms.

The Master of Science in Homeland Security Studies involves 36 credit hours of study. In the face to face program this includes 27 hours of required courses and 9 hours of electives; in the online program this includes 24 hours or required courses and 12 hours of electives.

Core Courses

- Foundations of Homeland Security
- Research Methods- Homeland Security Studies
- Unconventional Threats
- Law and Ethics in Homeland Security
- Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Global Perspectives in Homeland Security
- Information and Intelligence Management
- Internship (face to face only)
- Doctrine and Praxis in Homeland Security Studies

Graduate Certificates

The University also offers two 18-credit Graduate Certificates, one in Emergency Management and the other in Critical Infrastructure Protection. These certificates can be obtained concurrent with the master degree or on their own.

Graduate Certificate in Critical Infrastructure Protection

Foundations of Homeland Security
Critical Infrastructure Protection
Critical Infrastructure Risk Management
Cybersecurity
Unconventional Threats
Elective

Graduate Certificate in Emergency Management

Foundations of Homeland Security
Crisis Management 1
Crisis Management 2
Unconventional Threats
Information and Intelligence Management
Elective

Sam Houston State University is part of the Texas State University System and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

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