

Tulane University – Masters of Professional Studies in Homeland Security

Homeland Security is about safeguarding the United States from catastrophic disaster. Tulane's Homeland Security Studies program provides a comprehensive overview of homeland security and emergency management categories – threats, hazards and security – from a managerial perspective, with an emphasis on leadership, hands-on training, critical thinking and decision making. Recurrent natural disasters, infrastructure attacks and the ongoing threat of terrorism to the United States have made homeland security a rapidly growing field with a high demand for skilled leadership and informed management, both in the public sector and within private industry.

The Online and In-Residence Master of Professional Studies (MPS) degree in Homeland Security is the first MPS degree approved by Tulane University. The Master of Professional Studies degree is a graduate degree program concentrating in an applied field of study. The MPS program welcomes students of diverse educational backgrounds and promotes the acquisition of knowledge through scholarly research and writing.

The Online and In-Residence MPS program consists of four core graduate courses that cover a range of academic disciplines, including medical issues for non-medical emergency managers, intelligence analysis, emergency management and advanced approaches to counter terrorism. After successfully completing the core courses, students may take six homeland security graduate courses to complete their degree.

In-Resident MPS students may choose to substitute (with director approval) up to 9 credit hours (3 classes) from a set of preapproved courses located within the Tulane School of Social Work, the Payson Center and the Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

Online MPS students, in consultation with the MPS director, will develop an individual plan of study tailored to their interests and consistent with the degree objectives. The Online MPS program is entirely online and students are not required to visit the main Tulane University campus in New Orleans.

The Homeland Security Studies degree prepares students for leadership and management roles in the dynamic and complex mission of protection of the homeland and its citizens. The successful student will be well prepared to formulate policy, make plans and make decisions for both the preparation and response to natural disasters and acts of terrorism. Additionally, students will become well versed in the concepts of deliberate and crisis planning in the context of interagency support and cooperation.

Tulane's Emergency & Security Studies program is a member and participant in the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) and University and Agency Partner Initiative (UAPI), the nation's leading program for establishing and sharing homeland security curricula.

Core Requirements:

HMLS-6150	Emergency Management
HMLS-6250	Health and Medical Issues in Emergency Management
HMLS-6500	Intelligence Analysis/Critical Thinking
HMLS-6600	Homeland Security and Approaches to Counter-Terrorism

Electives (Select 6):

HMLS 7200	Domestic and International Terrorism
HMLS 7300	Maritime and Border Security
HMLS 7500	Intelligence Research, Methods, and Analysis
HMLS 7600	Critical Infrastructure and Interdependencies
HMLS 7700	Transportation and Border Security Strategy
HMLS 7750	Homeland Security: The National Challenge
HMLS 7800	Cyber Threats and Homeland Security
HMLS 7850	Law and National Security

Approved Substitute Courses (in-residence students only):

GEHS 6430	Crisis and Emergency Communication
GEHS 6910	Environmental Aspects of Disaster Response
GEHS 6920	Environmental Sampling, Monitoring, and Analysis in a Disaster
GEHS 6930	Populations Issues During Disasters
GEHS 6940	Environmental Aspects of Disaster Recovery
GEHS 6960	Public Health Law
GEHS 7100	Community Resiliency in Public Health Disasters
GEHS 7910	Environmental Disaster Response Planning and Implementation
GEHS 7930	Special Needs in Disaster Response
INHL 6220	Program Management Skills in Crisis and Transition Settings
INHL 6250	Introduction to Health and Nutrition in Complex Emergencies
SOWK 7070/GE	Psychological Aspects of Disasters
SOWK 7080/GE	Psychological Interventions in Disaster Management
IDEV 6220	Introduction to Human Aspects of Disasters and Complex Emergencies
IDEV 6230	Food Aid and Food Security in Humanitarian Settings
IDEV 6310	Ethnic Conflict
IDEV 6610	Environment and Development
IDEV 6670	International Political and Economic Relations
IDEV 6690	Project Management and Costs
EENS 6050	Natural Disasters
HISU 6500	Emergence of the Modern U.S., 1917-1945
POLI 6630	International Security

Total Required Credits: 30

Internship is optional.

Tulane University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

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