

## **University of the District of Columbia - M.S. in Homeland Security**

The mission of the M.S. in Homeland Security program at the University of the District of Columbia is to impact the operation of the homeland security enterprise both nationally and internationally through research, education, and training. This degree is part of the University's enduring institutional infrastructure in the Homeland Security STEM area: supporting homeland security science and technology research, education, and awareness. The program prepares diverse professionals with highly interdisciplinary knowledge and skills needed for careers vital to community preparedness and the prevention of and recovery from catastrophic events regardless of cause. The program prepares homeland security practitioners to meet emerging operational and policy challenges. The program prepares homeland security practitioners to meet emerging operational and policy challenges. It is also for students interested in research careers in nonacademic settings, as well as those who are not yet ready to enter a PhD program but may be interested in the pursuit of a doctorate in the future. The core courses provide students with a graduate level understanding of homeland security. Elective concentrations permit students to tailor their program to their specific career or research interest. Incorporated throughout the program is the design, application, and analysis of computer-based models to simulate events or phenomena, as well as spatial analysis using geographic information systems (GIS).

### **Program Requirements:**

A total of 36 credit hours are required for the degree in addition to the 3 credit hour University required graduate writing course for a total of 39 credit hours.

There are 24 credit hours of required core courses which must be taken by all majors:

- Homeland Security
- Individual Rights & Liberties
- Terrorism & Counter-terrorism
- Intelligence & Security
- Ethics & Leadership
- Research Techniques
- Statistics for Homeland Security
- Thesis

An additional 12 credit hours of electives are selected. A sample of elective offerings include:

- Bioterrorism
- Community Disaster Resilience
- Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Cyber Risk Management
- Cybersecurity Law & Policy
- Emergency Management
- Homeland Security & Emergency Management Law
- Internship
- SCADA Control Systems Security
- Security & Global Organizations

Special Topics  
Terrorism Typologies & Profiles  
Urban GIS

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