

B.S. in Homeland Security

BSHS to MSHSR 4+1 Program, A Unique Opportunity

The BSHS to MSHSR 4+1 program is designed for exceptional students who are committed to continuing their education at the master's level. This fast-paced program offers an accelerated path from a Bachelor of Science in Homeland Security (BSHS) to a Master of Science in Human Security & Resilience (MSHSR), completing both degrees in five academic years. The 4+1 option allows qualifying students to substitute three MSHSR graduate courses that cover similar concepts and principles for three required undergraduate courses.

Students accepted into the 4+1 program spend three academic years in undergraduate-level study. At the beginning of their senior year (having earned at least 75 credit hours with a 3.00 CGPA), they may take up to three graduate-level courses that will meet undergraduate and graduate program requirements (when a B grade or better is achieved). Students must complete a minimum of 120 undergraduate/graduate course credits for their Bachelor of Science degree.

Upon completion of the BSHS requirements, students will be enrolled in graduate school and can complete their MSHSR degree in one year. In any graduate course taken by an undergraduate student, the student must earn a grade of B or better. If the student earns a grade of C or F in any of the MSHSR graduate courses taken for BSHS credit, the student will be removed from the 4+1 program, have credit awarded to the BSHS degree only, and may continue to complete the BSHS degree.

Students have the flexibility to substitute certain courses. MHSR 530 (Environmental Security) may be taken instead of HLSD 290 (Environmental Security). Similarly, MHSR 520 (Principles of International Conflict Resolution) can replace HLSD 320 (Homeland Security Law and Policy). For the third MHSR course option, students may choose either MHSR 515 as an alternative to SCTY 488 or MHSR 540 in place of EMGY 310. Additionally, with the approval of both the BSHS and MHSR program chairs, other course substitutions may also be permitted.

Students initiate program acceptance through their Academic Advisor or Campus Advisor; to help ensure program criteria are met. Student Advisor will complete the request for processing into the 4+1 program.