

B.S. in Homeland Security

The Bachelor of Science in Homeland Security (BSHS) degree is based on the needs of the U.S. government and its citizens and the needs of the private sector. The BSHS degree combines the University's General Education requirements with a solid core of homeland security courses and minors in international relations, cybersecurity, or several other minors available to the student. In addition, this degree allows the student to take maximum advantage of transfer credits and electives to explore breadth in related areas of study.

The Homeland Security program is the first BS in Homeland Security program in the nation accredited by The Council for the Accreditation of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Education (CAEMHSE).

Students will earn the FEMA | Emergency Management Institute Professional Development Series (PDS) certificate as part of this program.

The Homeland Security degree is designed for students interested in obtaining a solid foundation in many of the domains of the growing homeland security enterprise. It includes terrorism studies, law and policy, emergency management, risk analysis, intelligence, physical security, environmental security, asymmetric warfare, and decision making/strategic planning. Students can choose how to specialize their homeland security bachelor's degree by taking two minors, or choose one minor and at least a 15-credit "coherent block of study" from transferred military credits, FAA licenses, or approved college credits (with permission from the BSHS program coordinator). Senior capstone project requires students to work with local organizations to solve real homeland security or emergency management challenges. Internships or cooperative work experiences optimize the student's professional preparation and credentials.

The goal of the degree is to produce highly marketable graduates with entry-level skills such as the ability to perform risk analyses, write emergency management and continuity of operations plans, design and evaluate exercises, design and perform physical security evaluations, design and deliver professional briefings, and understand how to identify and protect critical infrastructure. Graduates of this program will find employment opportunities in federal or state government, universities, and the military or private sectors. In addition, the BSHS program is ideal preparation for further study in graduate school, including law, public policy, or emergency management, intelligence analysis, business, criminal justice, political science, national security studies, international affairs, and other related fields.

B.S. in Homeland Security students who wish to continue to a master's degree may enroll in the BSHS to MSHSR 4+1 program as outlined in this program.

Estimated Cost of Attendance