Homeland Security (Graduate Certificate)

Are you passionate about protecting the United States against threats like terrorism, gangs and organized crime? Explore how law enforcement agencies, the military, and other areas of national security collaborate on defense, and acquire the skills and credentials necessary for a career in homeland security.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Homeland Security (certificate)
The graduate certificate program in homeland security is focused on homeland security as a field related to organizational security.

Students can study topics related to current international and domestic terrorism issues, global security, intelligence analysis, cybersecurity issues, crime prevention and law enforcement.

At a Glance

- College/School: Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions
- Location: Online

Degree Requirements

18 credit hours

Required Core (12 credit hours)
CRJ 553 Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction (3)
CRJ 554 Homeland Security (3)
CRJ 557 Seminar in Domestic Terrorism (3)
CRJ 558 Seminar in International Terrorism (3)
Electives or Research (6 credit hours)

Additional Curriculum Information
Students should see the academic unit for available elective and research coursework.

Students may choose to participate in a study abroad experience in counterterrorism in Israel during the summer term that may be used to fulfill elective coursework. Students who choose this option enroll in CRJ 555 Police and International Terrorism and CRJ 556 Etiology of Martyrdom.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in criminology, criminal justice, homeland security, counter-terrorism or a related field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

Applicants are required to submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. letter of intent
4. professional resume
5. two letters of recommendation
6. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of their current residency.

The letter of intent, resume and letters of recommendation are not needed if the applicant is already matriculated in an ASU master's degree program.

Tuition Information

When it comes to paying for college, everyoneâs situation is different. Students can learn about ASU tuition and financial aid options to find out which will work best for them.
Attend Online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program’s ASU Online page for program descriptions and to request more information.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the homeland security graduate certificate program find a strong job market in the public and private sectors. Employment opportunities exist in supervisory and management positions in criminal justice agencies (federal, state and local) including the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the U.S. Secret Service, and local law enforcement agencies.

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