

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HOMELAND SECURITY STUDIES

## Program Description

The Master of Science in Homeland Security Studies is a unique program that provides a comprehensive security management program to individuals wanting to advance their knowledge, skills, and qualifications within the dynamic field of security. This specialized degree program will produce professionals who are best qualified to meet the intersecting demands of the criminal justice system and homeland security. The broad educational objective of the program is to graduate managers and leaders, individuals who will possess expertise in both theoretical and experiential dimensions of security management.

## Admission

Admission considerations include:

1. Graduate Application (<http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html>)
2. Application fee (<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-studies/application-fee.html>)
3. An undergraduate degree from an accredited academic institution in an allied field
4. Official transcripts of all academic coursework previously undertaken
5. Three letters of recommendation from undergraduate professors referencing the applicant's ability to perform graduate work
6. A current resume
7. A personal essay regarding career background and goals.
8. **International students ONLY:** Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)—a minimum score of 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based), or 79 (internet-based) is required

A holistic review of each student's application will be completed on a competitive basis.

## Degree Requirements

### Master of Science in Homeland Security Studies (Internship)

#### Required Courses

SCST 5339	Foundations of Homeland Secur.	3
SCST 5396	Research Methods - Homeland Security Studies	3
SCST 5344	Unconventional Threats	3
SCST 5336	Law and Ethics in Homeland Security	3
SCST 5348	Critical Infrastructure Protection	3
SCST 5335	Global Perspec in Homeland Sec	3
SCST 5346	Information & Intel Mgmt	3

#### Electives

Select three of the following: 9

Any SCST course with a number higher than 5000

Any CRIJ course with a number higher than 5000 with preapproval

Any POLS course with a number higher than 5000 with preapproval

DFSC 5327 Digital Forensics Investigatn

DFSC 5317 Digital Security

GEOG 5075 Selected Problems in Geography

#### Internship and Capstone

SCST 6370	Internship in Security Studies	3
SCST 6365	Doct/Praxis in Homeland Sec	3

Total Hours 36

### Master of Science in Homeland Security Studies (Without Internship)

#### Required Courses

SCST 5339	Foundations of Homeland Secur.	3
SCST 5396	Research Methods - Homeland Security Studies	3
SCST 5344	Unconventional Threats	3
SCST 5336	Law and Ethics in Homeland Security	3

SCST 5348	Critical Infrastructure Protection	3
SCST 5335	Global Perspec in Homeland Sec	3
SCST 5346	Information & Intel Mgmt	3
<b>Electives</b>		
Select four of the following:		12
Any SCST course with a number higher than 5000		
Any CRIJ course with a number higher than 5000 with preapproval		
Any POLS course with a number higher than 5000 with preapproval		
DFSC 5327	Digital Forensics Investigatn	
DFSC 5317	Digital Security	
GEOG 5075	Selected Problems in Geography	
<b>Capstone</b>		
SCST 6365	Doct/Praxis in Homeland Sec	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>