

# BACHELOR OF ARTS, MAJOR IN HOMELAND SECURITY STUDIES

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Code	Title	Hours
<b>Bachelor of Arts, Major in Homeland Security Studies</b>		
<b>Core Curriculum</b> ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/</a> )		
Component Area I (Communication)		6
Component Area II (Mathematics) <sup>1</sup>		3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science)		8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) <sup>2</sup>		3
Component Area V (Creative Arts)		3
Component Area VI (U.S. History)		6
Component Area VII (Political Science/Government)		6
Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences)		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option) <sup>2</sup>		4
<b>Degree Specific Requirements</b>		
Foreign Language <sup>2</sup>		14
Select four of the following:		12
CRIJ 2364	Fundamentals Of Criminal Law	
CRIJ 2367	Police Systems & Practices	
CRIJ 2368	Criminal Investigation	
CRIJ 2394	Courts And Criminal Procedure	
ECON 2300	Introduction To Economics <sup>3</sup>	
PHIL 2303	Critical Thinking <sup>3</sup>	
SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology <sup>3</sup>	
<b>Major: Foundation</b>		
SCST 2363	Introduction to Homeland Security	3
SCST 2364	Homeland Security Research Methods	3
SCST 2365	Introduction to Emergency Management	3
SCST 3380	Law and Ethics in Homeland Security	3
SCST 3393	Public Health in Homeland Security	3
SCST 3394	Global Terrorism & Homeland Security	3
SCST 4363	Homeland Security Intelligence	3
SCST 4365	Border Security	3
SCST 4367	Critical Infrastructure Security	3
SCST 4379	Comparative Homeland Security	3
<b>Major: Prescribed Electives</b>		
Select 8 from the following:		24
SCST 2366	Introduction to Cybersecurity	
SCST 2368	Transportation Security	
SCST 3381	Climate and Security	
SCST 3383	Energy Security	
SCST 3384	Water Security	
SCST 3385	Bioterrorism and Biowarfare Preparedness and Response	
SCST 3386	Health Access and Homeland Security	
SCST 4301	Chemical and Energy Sector Resilience	
SCST 4302	Healthcare Sector Resilience	
SCST 4303	Transportation Sector Resilience	

SCST 4304	Global Health Security
SCST 4305	Binational Health Challenges
SCST 4362	United States Security Post 9/11
SCST 4364	Homeland Security and Emergency Management
SCST 4368	Technology and Homeland Security
SCST 4370	Intelligence Analysis
SCST 4373	Homeland Defense and Civil Support
SCST 4377	Special Topics in Security Studies
SCST 4386	Crisis and Risk Communications in HS
SCST 4387	Strategic Planning for Homeland Sec

**Electives: General**

General Electives	4
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**Minor: Not Required** <sup>4, 5</sup>**Total Hours** **120**<sup>1</sup> MATH 1342 or MATH 1332 recommended.<sup>2</sup> Semester Credit Hours must be completed in a single Foreign language. In addition, WOLC 2311 and WOLC 2312 satisfy the Core Curriculum requirements for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) and 3 SCH of Component Area IX (Component Area Option), respectively.<sup>3</sup> If one or more of these courses are taken to fulfill Core Curriculum requirements, degree specific elective courses must be taken to fulfill the Degree Specific Elective course requirement.<sup>4</sup> A minor is not required for this degree program; however, a student has the option to add a minor, but to do so, additional semester credit hours will be needed above the degree program's stated total semester credit hours.<sup>5</sup> All minors can be paired with this degree program.**Notes**

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Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area II ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii</a> ) <sup>1</sup>		3 Component Area V ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav</a> )	3
ENGL 1301 <sup>2</sup>		3 Component Area IX ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix</a> )	1
HSTY 1301 <sup>3</sup>		3 ENGL 1302 <sup>2</sup>	3
SCST 2363		3 HSTY 1302 <sup>3</sup>	3
SCST 2365		3 SCST 2364	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>

**Second Year**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area III ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii</a> )		4 Component Area III ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii</a> )	4

Foreign Language <sup>4</sup>	4 Degree Specific Requirements <sup>6</sup>	3
POLS 2305 <sup>5</sup>	3 Foreign Language <sup>4</sup>	4
SCST 3394	3 POLS 2306 <sup>5</sup>	3
	SCST 4365	3
<b>14</b>		<b>17</b>

**Third Year**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Foreign Language <sup>4,7</sup>		3 Component Area VIII ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii</a> )	3
Prescribed Electives <sup>8</sup>		6 Foreign Language <sup>4,7</sup>	3
SCST 3380		3 Prescribed Electives <sup>8</sup>	6
SCST 3393		3 SCST 4363	3
<b>15</b>			<b>15</b>

**Fourth Year**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Degree Specific Requirements <sup>6</sup>		3 Degree Specific Requirements <sup>6</sup>	6
General Electives		4 Prescribed Electives <sup>8</sup>	6
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SCST 4367		3	
<b>16</b>			<b>15</b>

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The BA in Homeland Security Studies is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Think critically, conduct analysis, derive conclusions based on evidence, and communicate effectively.
- Understand strategic policy-making to address homeland security challenges.
- Understand the interagency environment, the legal frameworks, and the international context in which the homeland security enterprise operates.