

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN HOMELAND SECURITY STUDIES

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Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Science in Homeland Security Studies		
Core Curriculum		
	Component Area I (Communication)	6
	Component Area II (Mathematics) ¹	3
	Component Area III (Life and Physical Science)	8
	Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture)	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)	4
Degree Specific Requirements		12
Select four of the following:		
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 ²	
PHIL 2303	Critical Thinking ²	
SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology ²	
Major: Foundation		
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
Major: Prescribed Electives		12
Select four of the following:		
SCST 2366	Introduction to Cybersecurity	
SCST 2368	Transportation Security	
SCST 3381	Climate and Security	
SCST 3383	Energy Security	
SCST 3384	Water Security	
SCST 4301	Chemical and Energy Sector Resilience	
SCST 4302	Healthcare Sector Resilience	
SCST 4303	Transportation Sector Resilience	
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	Interagency and Public Communications in HS	
SCST 4387	Strategic Planning for Homeland Sec	
Electives: General		
General Electives ³		6
Minor: Not Required		
Minor ^{4,5}		18
Total Hours		120

¹ MATH 1332 or MATH 1342 are recommended.

² 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.

³ Students will need at least 6 SCH of General Electives to meet the 120 total hours minimum required for graduation.

⁴ 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.

⁵ All minors can be paired with this degree program.

Notes

Students must earn a 2.0 minimum overall GPA in all coursework.

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First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area II ¹		3 Component Area V	3
ENGL 1301 ²		3 Component Area IX	1
HIST 1301 ³		3 ENGL 1302 ²	3
SCST 2363		3 HIST 1302 ³	3
SCST 2365		3 SCST 2364	3
		15	13

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area III		4 Component Area III	4
Component Area IV		3 Component Area IX	3
Component Area VIII		3 Degree Specific Requirement ⁵	3
POLS 2305 ⁴		3 POLS 2306 ⁴	3
SCST 3394		3 SCST 4365	3
		16	16

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Degree Specific Requirement ⁵		3 Degree Specific Requirement ⁵	6
Prescribed Electives ⁶		6 Prescribed Electives ⁶	6
SCST 3380		3 SCST 4363	3
SCST 3393		3	
		15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
General Electives or Minor ^{7, 8, 9}		6 General Electives ⁷	6
Prescribed Electives or Minor ^{6, 8, 9}		6 Prescribed Electives or Minor ^{6, 8, 9}	6
SCST 4367		3 SCST 4379	3
	15		15

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² Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area I (Communication).

³ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).

⁴ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government).

⁵ See, Degree Specific Requirement course list below.

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The BS 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.