

HOMELAND SECURITY, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

The Homeland Security minor provides for development of familiarity with homeland security and defense issues, including emergency management, homeland security policy, and the structure of homeland security operations. Students will come to understand the "all hazards" approach to homeland security and defense. Students will be able to develop familiarity with such aspects of homeland security as counterterrorism, emergency management, security administration, border security, critical infrastructure protection, and intelligence through taking elective courses. Recipients of the minor would be positioned to enter the workforce in entry-level positions or to prepare for transition to graduate school.

What is Homeland Security?

Homeland Security is an area of study that focuses on security policy, planning and operations dedicated to the protection of U.S. territory, assets, infrastructure, institutions and citizens from external threats. It is concerned with national security policy, government relations, intelligence, law enforcement, security technology, communications and information technology, disaster planning, and applications to specific threat scenarios.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You enjoy helping others or doing something for the greater good.
- You want to serve society and have good people skills.
- You are interested in working for a local, state, or federal agency that is involved with homeland security.

Program Requirements

Requirement	Credits
Requirements for the Minor	18

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At least six credits must be at the 400 level. This means that students must choose at least one elective at the 400 level.

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10>). In addition, at least six credits of the minor must be unique from the prescribed courses required by a student's major(s).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
PUBPL/HLS 201	Introduction to Homeland Security	3
PUBPL/HLS 306	Introduction to Crisis and Emergency Management	3
PUBPL/HLS 483	Seminar in National Security Policy	3

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better

Select 9 credits from the following (course substitution possible with permission of adviser):¹ 9

CRIMJ 304	Security Administration
CRIMJ 435	Border Security
PUBPL/HLS 475	Critical Infrastructure Protection
PUBPL/HLS 476	Homeland Security Intelligence
PLSC/CRIMJ 439	The Politics of Terrorism
SRA 421	The Intelligence Environment

¹ At least 3 credits in supporting courses must be at the 400 level: this rule also applies in case of course substitutions.

Academic Advising

The objectives of the university's academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee's unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/>)

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