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**Latest news concerning the development of a Master's Degree
in Homeland Security at Texas A&M University**

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Regents Approve Process to Create MS in Homeland Security

This is the beginning of a process that will take 12- 24 months. The Curriculum Advisory Committee will meet soon and the Texas A&M faculty will be consulted as the process continues. We will keep the public posted on our progress and advise when the degree is ready for student applicants.

Texas A&M University will establish a graduate program in homeland security, the board of regents has decided. The program initially will offer an interdisciplinary master's degree and eventually a doctoral degree. The regents approved the process to create the program during their meeting last Friday.

The process will involve three committees:

- Curriuclum Advisory Committee comprised of advisors from existing programs at Texas A&M that offer education in homeland security issues
- Interested faculty at Texas A&M
- Deans at Texas A&M

Links to the ICHS press release and newspaper coverage of the establishment of a

masters program in homeland security can be found on our [web page](#).

Threat & Risk Assessment Course

A threat & risk assessment course will be held at the Wheelock Civic Center on December 12-14 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. This is a free course taught by TEEX/NERRTC. For more information or to register, please contact Jerry Henry at 979-828-5911 or saddle@txcyber.com.

Local Government Education Programs

The City of Bryan, the City of College Station, and Brazos County Government offer citizens a chance to become more involved in their community and learn about local government through various citizen academies. Applications are being accepted now for most of these programs. Courses begin in early January and are free of charge to those who qualify. For more information on the various citizen academies, please visit our website where a [powerpoint presentation](#) is available.

College Station offers three courses: Citizens University, Citizen Police Academy, and Citizens Fire Academy.

Bryan also offers a Citizen Police Academy for residents who qualify.

Citizens of Bryan, College Station, and the rest of Brazos County can learn more about county government through the county's Citizen's Sheriff Academy.

Stough Named Fellow Of Disaster Mental Health Research Mentoring Program

Laura Stough, associate professor of special education in the Department of Educational Psychology, has been selected a Fellow in the Disaster Mental Health Research Mentoring Program. The program, funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, seeks to increase the quality and utility of disaster research by informing, instructing, advising and mentoring disaster researchers. Stough will be working with Carol North, professor of psychiatry from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, on a longitudinal study of 543 individuals exposed to a series of natural and environmental disasters in the Midwest.

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