



The Online Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security from the George Bush School of Government & Public Policy

Homeland security is a concern to business, medicine, agriculture, engineers, educators, the technology sector, and government servants at all levels, from city to national. Paired with this concern is a need for educational opportunities in areas of homeland security that are flexible, affordable, delivered by an experienced and knowledgeable faculty, and backed by a strong reputation.

The Bush School offers the Certificate in Homeland Security (CHLS) to meet these demands while complementing, from a strategy and policy perspective, the first responder programs being developed nationwide.

The CHLS is available completely online, via a password-protected course delivery system. Students may begin the program in fall, spring, or summer terms. The program consists of 15 graduate credit hours:

- One 3-credit Homeland Security Fundamentals course (BUSH 656-701).
- Three elective courses (3 credits each, 9 credits total).
- One 3-credit hour capstone project.

The coursework combines a broad understanding of homeland security strategies and policies at the national level with an in-depth analysis of key security issues affecting federal, state, and local government, as well as private business. The final capstone project will allow each student to work one-on-one with a professor in developing a special in-depth report or product related to homeland security.

All fall and spring online education courses are offered on a 15-week semester schedule, (Summer courses are offered in a 10 week format) including clear deadlines for written work and tests. Students may choose from a menu of courses updated each term.

Available Courses

Scheduled for delivery Spring 2008
Starts January 14

- BUSH 602: Homeland Security & DoD
- BUSH 614: Critical Infrastructure Protection
- BUSH 618: Government and Homeland Security
- BUSH 656: Homeland Security Fundamentals*
- BUSH 657: Terrorism in Today's World**
- BUSH 679: Homeland Security and Business
- BUSH 689: Strategic Planning and Budgeting
- BUSH 689: Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- BUSH 689: Cyber Security
- BUSH 689: Homeland Security and Law
- BUSH 685: Homeland Security Capstone

*Required courses

**May be taken as an entry-level course in place of the HLS Fundamentals course. Students who start with Terrorism in summer will then be required to enroll in BUSH 656: HLS Fundamentals for their next semester's course.

Admission to the program requires acceptance into the Texas A&M University graduate studies program as well as separate acceptance into the Bush School.

For more information, including specifics on course offerings, policies, admissions and costs, please visit the Bush School online at:

- bush.tamu.edu/academics/distance/chls/

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