

HOMELAND SECURITY MAJOR (B.S.)

<https://manchester.unh.edu/program/bs/homeland-security-major>

Description

Beginning in the 2025-2026 academic year, program admission has been paused for the Manchester campus.

Available on both Durham and Manchester campuses, the UNH Homeland Security program is built upon the expertise and advice of subject matter experts from around the nation. Its proven curriculum includes practical experiences, service and experiential learning opportunities, and applied projects and mentored research that together empower students to manage programs and to lead people. HLS provides students with an impressive array of tools including how to do strategic planning, how to build emergency management and continuity plans, how to perform an organization-wide security and risk assessments, and how to design and evaluate exercises. The 4-year curriculum is flexible and incorporates the ability for students to complete coursework of "breadth" as either two minors, a double major, or a minor and study abroad experience. Students transferring with an associate's degree automatically satisfy the breadth requirement. Ultimately, the Homeland Security program empowers students to be successful on the job market or in graduate school in a broad array of security-related fields.

Homeland security is a broad-field, applied liberal arts degree teaching students critical thinking, writing and analysis skills. As a result, HLS creates several graduate school opportunities and opens students to dozens of career paths in both the public sector (i.e., local, state or federal government), and the private sector or the military. Students will find diverse and rewarding career opportunities in cyber security/information assurance, intelligence analysis, civil or Foreign Service, diplomatic security, law enforcement at the local, state or federal levels, emergency and disaster management, immigration, border and transportation security, policy making, corporate security, risk management, critical infrastructure protection, human security and more.

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Minimum Credit Requirement: 128 credits

Minimum Residency Requirement: 32 credits must be taken at UNH

Minimum GPA: 2.0 required for conferral*

Core Curriculum Required: Discovery & Writing Program Requirements

Foreign Language Requirement: No

All Major, Option and Elective Requirements as indicated.

*Major GPA requirements as indicated.

Major Requirements

All courses within the major must be completed with a grade of C- or above and an overall GPA of 2.0 or above in major courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Major Requirements		
HLS 410	Introduction to Homeland Security	4
HLS 415	Fundamentals of Corporate Security	4
HLS 455	Introduction to Cybersecurity	4
HLS 480	Professional Skills in Homeland Security	4
HLS 505	Political Violence and Terrorism	4
HLS 510	Fundamentals of Emergency Management	4
HLS 515	Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience	4
HLS 520	Homeland Security Law and Policy	4
HLS 580	Environmental and Human Security	4
HLS 605	Disaster Research Methods	4
or JUST 501	Research Methods	
or PSYC 502	Research Methods in Psychology	
HLS 650	Topics in National Security Intelligence	4
HLS 760	Strategic Planning and Decision Making	4
HLS 770	Internship in Homeland Security	4
or HLS 799	Senior Thesis in Homeland Security	
HLS 790	Capstone in Homeland Security	4
Total Credits		56

Breadth Requirement

In addition to the core HLS courses, students must complete 40 additional credits from either Durham or Manchester campuses, or both, in one of five ways:

1. two minors;
2. a minor and a "coherent block"/self-designed concentration (i.e., ROTC credits, or credits earned from another major). The coherent block needs to be approved by the HLS coordinator;
3. a second major or a UNH dual degree;
4. an associate's degree transferred in to UNH;
5. some other combination of coursework with consent of the HLS program coordinator.

Degree Plan

This degree plan is a sample and does not reflect the impact of transfer credit or current course offerings. Undergraduate students will develop individual academic plans with their professional advisor during the first year at UNH.

Sample Course Sequence

First Year

Fall		Credits
ENGL 401	First-Year Writing	4
HLS 410	Introduction to Homeland Security	4
	Discovery Course	4
	Breadth Area Course	4
Credits		16

Spring

PSYC 402	Statistics in Psychology	4
HLS 415	Fundamentals of Corporate Security	4
HLS 455	Introduction to Cybersecurity	4
	Discovery Course	4
Credits		16

Second Year

Fall		
HLS 480	Professional Skills in Homeland Security	4

HLS 505	Political Violence and Terrorism	4
HLS 605 or JUST 501 or PSYC 502	Disaster Research Methods or Research Methods or Research Methods in Psychology	4
Breadth Area Course		4
Credits		16
Spring		
HLS 510	Fundamentals of Emergency Management	4
HLS 515	Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience	4
Breadth Area Course		4
Discovery Course		4
Credits		16
Third Year		
Fall		
HLS 520	Homeland Security Law and Policy	4
HLS 650	Topics in National Security Intelligence	4
Discovery Course		4
Breadth Area Course		4
Credits		16
Spring		
HLS 580	Environmental and Human Security	4
HLS 770	Internship in Homeland Security	4
Discovery Course		4
Breadth Area Course		4
Credits		16
Fourth Year		
Fall		
HLS 760	Strategic Planning and Decision Making	4
Breadth Area Course		4
Discovery Course		4
Breadth Area Course		4
Credits		16
Spring		
HLS 790	Capstone in Homeland Security	4
Breadth Area Course		4
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Credits		16
Total Credits		128

- Recognize the concepts of ethics and professionalism in the homeland security enterprise.

Student Learning Outcomes

Program Learning Outcomes

- Conduct research and work collaboratively to deliver professional, written papers, presentations, and briefs.
- Demonstrate knowledge of contemporary or emergent threats, challenges or issues including natural manmade and technological hazards.
- Apply knowledge and tools gained throughout the HLS program to complete a capstone project.
- Complete an internship in HLS (or a senior thesis in HLS).