CERTIFICATE IN HOMELAND SECURITY

The Certificate in Homeland Security requires a minimum of 18 semester hours. The courses are listed as AHLT, CRJS, PHLT, and PLA. Courses are open to any undergraduate or graduate student meeting program and course prerequisites. Whether a course can be used to fulfill major requirements will be determined by department in which the student is a major, and students may be required to take courses outside the student's major program of study as university electives to complete the certificate. This certificate can be earned in one or two semesters based on the availability of courses assuming the student is taking 12-18 credits per semester.

Transfer students must complete a minimum of 6 hours in residence.

Undergraduate students must earn 18 credits as described from the list below.

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
Required courses:		
CRJS 1500	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
PHLT 1531	Fundamentals of Public Health	3
or PHLT 1568	Healthy Lifestyles	
Select 4 other courses from the ones below (12 hours):		**12**
AHLT 5807	Epidemiology	
CRJS 5840	Critical Incidents and Homeland Security	
CRJS 4807C	CE Criminal Justice Internship	
CRJS 5841	Terrorism and Countersurveillance	
FSCI 3720	Forensic Fire and Explosion Investigation	
PHLT 5810	Agents of Mass Casualty	
PHLT 5812	Crisis Management in Public Health	
PLA 3700	Prior Learning Assessment Upper Division Credit	
POL 2660	International Relations	
SOC 2650	Human Trafficking	
Total Semester Hours		**18**

PLA 3700 (or another number, if the PLA director so chooses) allows up to 3 credits from FEMA independent study courses and amateur (ham) radio operation. Because of variations of certification content, determination of academic credit for any individual certificate will be determined by the PLA director.

- Identify principal hazards affecting public safety, including but not limited to natural disasters, environmental crises, epidemics, and terrorism.
- Summarize principles and processes of emergency preparedness and prevention, including the use of countersurveillance and emergency preparedness and mitigation plans.
- Describe key activities used in response to critical incidences.
- Discuss ethical considerations related to countersurveillance and emergency response.
- Participate in training activities related to emergency response, homeland security, and emergency communications, including access to appropriate certificates, when available.