



Homeland Security Fundamentals

SMGT321 (all sections)
Southwestern College Professional Studies

COURSE SYLLABUS

I. Course Catalog Description

A diverse group of topics related to homeland security are covered. Topics include, but are not limited to, critical infrastructure sectors and protection, weapons of mass destruction, planning and response strategies, national security, and public management. There is also a review of the essential coordination and communication between government agencies and private entities.

II. Required and Supplementary Instructional Materials

Bullock, J., Haddow, G., & Coppola, D. P. (2013). *Introduction to homeland security: Principles of all-hazards risk management* (4th ed.). Waltham, MA: Elsevier.

III. Course Delivery

There are two forms of course delivery:

- **Ground courses**, or those that meet face-to-face on a weekly basis, also have an online component, which means some of the course content is delivered online. Southwestern College utilizes the Blackboard (Bb) learning management system.
- **Online courses** typically contain a blend of synchronous (real-time) and asynchronous (not real-time) material. Depending on the course, you may be required at times to interact “live,” which might mean attending a scheduled Collaborate session. You may also be required to view or listen to a lecture or other video on a specific date and time. Of course, if there are circumstances that prohibit you from logging in to a scheduled synchronous activity, an alternate assignment will be provided. Please refer to the [Course at a Glance](#) section which will note any synchronous activities.

IV. Learning Outcomes

Learning outcomes describe the knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes that learners gain as the result of a particular learning experience. Southwestern College Professional Studies has learning outcomes specific to each course and each [undergraduate](#) and [graduate](#) program of study, as well as [institution-wide outcomes](#) related to the mission and vision of the college. Outcomes can help learners and instructors focus on the big picture of the learning experience and can help inform potential employers about a graduate’s knowledge and skills.

Upon successfully completing this course, the learner will be able to:

1. Relate a historic overview of terrorist threats that have precipitated the development of homeland security and discuss statutory authority designed to defend against homeland threats.
2. List and discuss organizational actions to defend against homeland threats.
3. Recognize and explain various hazards that pose threats to our homeland and describe the governmental safety and security apparatus that has been established to counter homeland threats.
4. Describe and illustrate the concepts of mitigation, prevention, and preparedness.
5. Express and describe the concepts of response and recovery as they relate to homeland security and discuss the current state of homeland security communications.
6. Explain homeland security technology efforts and discuss future issues facing homeland security.

At the end of the course, learners may vary in their ability to achieve these outcomes. You are more likely to achieve these outcomes only if you attend class and/or online activities as required by the syllabus, complete the requirements for all assignments to the best of your ability, participate actively in class activities and group work as directed, and study diligently for exams.

V. Course Policies

Students are expected to read and abide by the course policies found in the instructor-specific syllabus located in the Blackboard course.

VI. Course Requirements:

Requirements	Number of Assignments	Points Possible	Percent of Grade
Introductions Discussion Forum	1	10	1%
Unit/Weekly Discussion Forum	6	420	42%
Midterm Exam	1	80	8%
Final Exam	1	30	3%
Final Paper Outline	1	50	5%
Final Paper Rough Draft	1	100	10%
Final Paper Final Paper	1	160	16%
Final Paper Power Point and Classroom Presentation	1	150	15%
Total Points		1000	100%

VII. Course at a Glance:

Unit	Reading & Preparation Activities	Graded Work Due
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Read <i>Bullock</i> Introduction & Chapters 1-2Review Chapter PDF Power Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 1 DiscussionFinal Paper Outline
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Read <i>Bullock</i> Chapters 3-4Review Chapter PDF Power Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 2 Discussion
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Read <i>Bullock</i> Chapters 5-6 & 7Review Chapter PDF Power Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 3 DiscussionUnit 3 Midterm ExamFinal Paper Rough Draft
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Read <i>Bullock</i> Chapters 8 & 9Review Chapter PDF Power Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 4 Discussion
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Read <i>Bullock</i> Chapters 10 & 11Review Chapter PDF Power Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 5 DiscussionFinal Paper: Final Draft
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Read <i>Bullock</i> Chapters 12 & 13Review Chapter PDF Power Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 6 DiscussionFinal Paper: PowerPoint and Class PresentationUnit 6 Final Exam

VIII. Other Policies and Requirements

Follow this link to the Southwestern College Professional Studies [Standard Syllabus](#) in Blackboard. You may be required to log in.