

HOMELAND SECURITY: POLICY AND PRACTICE

**PAD 4890 // 5895
CLASSROOM**

COURSE INSTRUCTOR

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Required Textbook

Terrorism and Homeland Security: Perspectives, Thoughts, and Opinions. Edited by Dale L. June.
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There may be other assigned readings, and they will be posted to Blackboard.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand the contemporary concept of Homeland Security
- Be familiar with historical national security challenges
- Understand and evaluate current domestic security policies and laws
- Be aware of past challenges to domestic security that influenced contemporary homeland security principles
- Be familiar with current agency roles and responsibilities in Homeland Security
- Be familiar with the different roles and responsibilities of all levels of government, with regard to national security

Course Description

This course is designed to introduce students to the concept and application of homeland security policies and their influence on US domestic policy.

Grades and Grading Scale

Test A	20 pts.
Test B	20 pts.
Final Exam (cumulative)	30 pts.
2XPrompt Papers (12.5 pts ea.)	25 pts.
Participation	5 pts.
Total	100 pts.

Note: Final grades will be rounded to the closest whole number.

Grade	Top	Bottom	Spread
A	100	94	7
A-	93	90	4
B+	89	86	4
B	85	82	4
B-	81	79	3
C+	78	76	3
C	75	72	4
C-	71	69	3
D+	68	66	3
D	65	63	3
D-	62	60	3
F	59	0	59

Tests

There are three tests during the semester. These tests are designed to test your comprehension on the assigned material. I give you two weeks to order your textbook, but you should be aware that the tests will have questions from the textbook and your readings. Tests will be multiple choice, fill in the blank, true-false, short answer, multiple answer, and essays. The tests will be based on **all** material presented, discussed, and assigned. The final exam is cumulative for the entire semester.

Short Response Papers

You will be given a question of controversy that you will have to choose a position on and defend that position using research and citations. An example might be “What are the Homeland Security concerns with regard to the growing global influence of ISIS.”

Purpose of these papers:

- Upon completion of your research, you will have a masterful understanding of your position.
- Showcase your knowledge of the concepts, theories, and facts surrounding issues in domestic and international policies.

Formatting:

- Page count does not include the title page, abstract, or the references.
- Refer to the grading rubric for the ‘Response Paper’ – this is the rubric used to evaluate and grade your response papers. (The Grading Rubric will be posted in BlackBoard)
- APA format for the entire paper, including abstract, title page, references and in paper citations.
- Graduates will write 5-5 1/2, 1.5 spaced, with 1” margins in TNR 12pt font.
- Undergraduates will write 3-3 1/2 pages, 1.5 spaced, with 1” margins in TNR 12pt font.
- Spacing between paragraphs should be set to zero

Late Work Policy

I don't accept late work.