

Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security (CHLS) Available Online

The graduate Certificate in Homeland Security (CHLS) is designed for students from a wide variety of academic and professional backgrounds. It combines a broad understanding of homeland security issues and strategies at the national level with an in-depth analysis of key security issues affecting federal, state, and local government, as well as the private and nonprofit sectors.

Overview

- 15 Credit Hour Graduate Certificate Program
- Courses Offered Online or On Campus
- Fall and Spring Fifteen-Week Courses, Summer Ten-Week Courses
- Successful Completion Appears on Texas A&M Transcript
- Can Often Transfer Credits to a Degree-Seeking Master's Program
- 12 Hours Transferrable to a Bush School Master's Degree

Course Format

Online courses offer a flexible and interactive format over a traditional fifteen-week semester in fall and spring (ten-week semester in summer) typically requiring online discussion several times a week. All online courses fall under 700 section numbers.

On-campus courses at College Station are offered during a traditional fifteen-week semester, typically meeting once a week for three hours. Note: On-campus courses often fill up quickly since priority goes to Bush School degree-seeking master's students.

Curriculum

To receive a graduate Certificate in Homeland Security (CHLS), a student must be admitted into the program prior to beginning course work for the certificate and complete 15 credit hours of CHLS courses with an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher.

One core curriculum course is required: **PSAA 656/INTA 656 Fundamentals of Homeland Security**. Students have the option of selecting an emphasis area (see below). Those who do not select an emphasis area may tailor their own certificate and choose four electives from a variety of options.

Note: Students may take one approved Certificate in Advanced International Affairs (CAIA) course to count toward their CHLS. If the CAIA course you wish to take is not listed below, please consult with an advisor for approval prior to registering for the course.

Optional Emphasis Areas

CHLS students have the option of choosing an area of emphasis. Though selecting an emphasis area is not required, doing so may prove beneficial for future employment since the emphasis will be noted on The Bush School certificate upon successful completion of the CHLS program.

Students who choose an emphasis are required to take the core course and four emphasis-specific courses listed under the area they have chosen.

Students may obtain multiple emphasis areas by completing six additional hours of electives (two courses) while maintaining a 3.0 GPA or better. Additional courses taken for multiple emphasis areas are not financial aid eligible.

Emphasis Options

- National Security Policy and Management
- Emergency Management and Crisis Preparedness
- Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Border Security

Certificate Courses

Please note that each course is not offered every semester, which may affect completion time for an optional emphasis.

Core Course

- PSAA 656/ INTA 656 Fundamentals of Homeland Security (*required for all students*)

Electives (*listed by emphasis area*)

National Security Policy and Management

- PSAA 605 Homeland Security Policies, Strategies and Operations
- PSAA 607 Research Methods for Homeland Security Studies
- PSAA 620 Safeguarding the Nation's Maritime Gateways
- PSAA 651/INTA 602 Homeland Security and Homeland Defense
- PSAA 652/INTA 614 Protection of the Nation's Critical Infrastructure
- PSAA 655/INTA 687 Domestic Intelligence Operations: Legalities, Policies and Procedures
- PSAA 657/INTA 657 Terrorism in Today's World
- PSAA 660 Domestic Terrorism: The Internal Threat to America (in-residence only)
- PSAA 668/INTA 612 U.S. Law and Homeland Security
- INTA 659 Transnational Security Issues (CAIA course)

Emergency Management and Crisis Preparedness

- PSAA 604/INTA 639 Emergency Management and Homeland Security
- PSAA 605 Homeland Security Policies, Strategies and Operations
- PSAA 607 Research Methods for Homeland Security Studies
- PSAA 651/INTA 602 Homeland Security and Homeland Defense
- PSAA 652/INTA 614 Protection of the Nation's Critical Infrastructure
- PSAA 658 Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity
- PSAA 668/INTA 612 U.S. Law and Homeland Security
- PSAA 660 Domestic Terrorism: The Internal Threat to America (in-residence only)

Critical Infrastructure Protection

- PSAA 605 Homeland Security Policies, Strategies and Operations
- PSAA 607 Research Methods for Homeland Security Studies
- PSAA 608 Cyber Security for Managers
- PSAA 652/INTA 614 Protection of the Nation's Critical Infrastructure (*highly recommended*)
- PSAA 653/INTA 619 Weapons of Mass Destruction
- PSAA 655/INTA 687 Domestic Intelligence Operations: Legalities, Policies and Procedures
- PSAA 660 Domestic Terrorism: The Internal Threat to America (in-residence only)
- PSAA 668/INTA 612 U.S. Law and Homeland Security

Border Security

- PSAA 620 Safeguarding the Nation's Maritime Gateways
- PSAA 651/INTA 602 Homeland Security and Homeland Defense
- PSAA 654/INTA 683 U.S. Border Security: Policies, Strategies and Issues (*required*)
- PSAA 658 Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity
- PSAA 660 Domestic Terrorism: The Internal Threat to America (in-residence only)
- PSAA 668/ INTA 612 U.S. Law and Homeland Security
- INTA 659 Transnational Security Affairs (CAIA course)

Contact an enrollment advisor for upcoming semester course offerings:
bushschoolonline@tamu.edu or 1-866-988-2874.

Federal Financial Aid Opportunities

Students admitted to the Bush School Certificate in Homeland Security program are eligible to receive federal financial aid for the one core/required course and four elective courses.

Students may take additional courses for their certificate (or for multiple emphasis areas). However, additional courses are not financial aid eligible.

Application Instructions

1. Submit Application

New students complete the Apply Texas Application and fill in all fields, including work history. Apply Texas Application: <http://www.applytexas.org/>.

Current Texas A&M University Students (U4, U5 or Graduate Classification) concurrently enrolled in a degree-seeking program while pursuing the certificate must complete the Certificate Program Internal Application. Do **NOT** complete the Apply Texas application.

Internal Application:

https://tamu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9ZWB2J8iNAmWRGR.

2. Personal Statement (*all applicants*)

Applicant must include a statement of approximately 500 words indicating personal interest in some area of homeland security and how s/he might use an enhanced knowledge of this subject. Applicant must also include any courses taken that dealt with homeland security.

Applicant should include a description professional experiences in any of these areas: emergency management, military, national security, crisis preparedness, cyber security etc.

Personal statements can be submitted via fax or e-mail to the Office of Extended Education:

E-mail: bushschoolonline@tamu.edu

Fax: 979-862-3196

3. Resume (*all applicants*)

Resumes can be submitted via fax or e-mail to the Office of Extended Education.

E-mail: bushschoolonline@tamu.edu

Fax: 979-862-3196

4. Send Official Transcripts for Undergraduate Course Work

Official transcripts from all four-year colleges/universities attended for undergraduate course work **must** be sent directly from the issuing university to the Office of Graduate Admissions at Texas A&M University:

Graduate Admissions Processing
Texas A&M University
P.O. Box 40001
College Station, TX 77842-4001

Official transcripts for graduate course work and/or from junior colleges are not needed.

Electronic transcripts can be processed much faster than paper transcripts. Texas A&M will accept transcripts sent electronically through PARCHMENT, SPEEDE, eScrip-SAFE or National Clearing House to admissions@tamu.edu
Transcripts from any other vendor will not be accepted.

Domestic Transcripts: Copies of unofficial transcripts from U.S. institutions may be sent to the Office of Extended Education for preliminary review while waiting for delivery of official transcripts to the Office of Graduate Admissions. E-mail (bushschoolonline@tamu.edu) or fax (979-862-3196) unofficial copies to the Office of Extended Education for preliminary consideration.

International Transcripts: Unofficial transcripts from international institutions cannot be accepted for review. Official international transcripts must be sent to the Office of Graduate Admissions to begin applicant review.

All new students: You will not be able to register for classes until your official transcripts are received by the Office of Graduate Admissions at Texas A&M University

5. Test Scores *(all applicants)*

GRE Scores are required ONLY if bachelor's GPA is below a 3.0 in the final 60 hours of course work. GMAT is also accepted.

International Applicants are required to provide proof of English proficiency before materials can be reviewed. Acceptable forms of proof can be found at <http://admissions.tamu.edu/nondegreeseeking>

Questions? Contact an enrollment advisor today!

Email: bushschoolonline@tamu.edu

Toll-Free Number: 1-866-988-2874 | Local Number: 1-979-862-7810

Website: <http://bush.tamu.edu/certificate/chls/>

For more information about completion rates, career options, and other important topics, please visit our websites:

[*Certificate in Advanced International Affairs*](#)

[*Certificate in Homeland Security*](#)

[*Certificate in Nonprofit Management*](#)

[*Certificate in Public Management*](#)

[*Executive Master of Public Service and Administration*](#)