

HOMELAND SECURITY, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BS)

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

- **Critical Thinking and Problem Solving in Homeland Security:** Students will be able to identify complex homeland security issues; gather, analyze, and evaluate pertinent information; in order to make decisions to prevent, mitigate, resolve, and recover from man-made, technological, and natural disasters. UO 2
- **Professional Proficiency in Homeland Security:** Students will acquire the knowledge, skills, abilities, and current field-based best practices demanded by the homeland security profession. UO 5
- **Law and Ethics in Homeland Security:** Students will be able to recognize legal and ethical issues confronting homeland security professionals, apply and follow the appropriate laws, and recognize the consequences and impact of their actions on other stakeholders. UO 8
- **Professionally Communicate in Homeland Security**
Contexts: Students will develop the skills and knowledge to communicate effectively in homeland security settings. This will, among other relevant things, involve learning how to communicate about how to protect infrastructure and key assets and develop intelligence products. This also entails the development and implementation of plans, particularly ones related to preventing, mitigating, and/or recovering from man-made, technological, and natural disasters. UO 5

Related Links

Homeland Security, BS Program Page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/homeland-security/>)

Professional Licensure/Certification Page (<https://www.sru.edu/students/student-consumer-information/professional-licensure/>)

Curriculum Guide

GPA Requirement

Major GPA: 2.0 or higher

Overall GPA: 2.0 or higher

Summary*

Code	Title	Hours
Rock Studies 2 Requirements		42
Other Basic Requirements		0-3
Major Requirements		60
Electives		18

* All undergraduate degree programs require a minimum of 120 credits. Some courses meet multiple requirements, but are only counted once toward the 120 credit total required to graduate.

Rock Studies 2 Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
The Rock		
SUBJ 139	Foundations of Academic Discovery ¹	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3

MATH 117	Quantitative Reasoning	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLS 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
Subtotal		15
Integrated Inquiry		
<i>Creative and Aesthetic Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Humanities Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Social Science Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Natural Sciences Inquiry</i>		
SCI 101	Science of Life	3
<i>Physical Sciences Inquiry</i>		
SCI 102	Understanding the Physical World	3
Subtotal		15
Thematic Thread		
Select 12 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/) ²		12
Total Hours		42

¹ Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject.

² One course from each category; six credits must be 300-level or above; no more than 4 credits from one subject area; specific courses required in first major, regardless of prefix of course, cannot be used to satisfy thread requirements; any course with same prefix as first major cannot be used to satisfy thread requirements, even if it is not a course in the first major.

Basic Math Requirement

Check with your adviser or a current degree audit report to see if you have been exempted from this course. The credit earned in this course will not be counted toward the 120 credit hour minimum needed to earn a degree.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		0-3
Meet required minimum SAT or ACT math score OR		
ESAP 110	Beginning Algebra	
Total Hours		0-3

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION REQUIREMENT

Students must take and pass a course with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation prior to graduation. Students can meet this requirement by taking any DEI - designated course in any program at any time during their undergraduate career.

Major Requirements

- 30 major credits must be taken at SRU or PASSHE
- 30 major credits must be taken at the 300 level or above

Code	Title	Hours
Required		
CSS 210	Physical Security ¹	3
CSS 300	Personnel Security ¹	3
CSS 351	Fraud ¹	3
CSS 352	Law & Ethics in the Workplace ¹	3
CSS 354	Risk Assessment and Fraud Prevention ¹	3
Subtotal		15
Major Core Courses		
HSS 120	Introduction to Homeland Security ¹	3
HSS 130	Principles of Emergency Management ¹	3
HSS 210	Fundamentals of Terrorism ¹	3
HSS 230	Risk Analysis and Strategic Planning ¹	3
HSS 260	Emergency Management Planning ¹	3
HSS 300	Terrorist Organizations and Lone Wolves ¹	3
HSS 310	Weapons of Mass Destruction ¹	3
HSS 320	Protecting Infrastructure and Key Assets ¹	3
HSS 330	Intelligence Operations ¹	3
HSS 340	Intelligence for Homeland Security ¹	3
HSS 350	Securing Virtual Infrastructure ¹	3
HSS 441	Terrorism, Law and National Security ¹	3
HSS 460	Capstone in Homeland Security ¹	3
Subtotal		39
Major Electives		
Select two of the following:		6
HSS 190	Experimental ¹	
or HSS 290	Experimental	
or HSS 390	Experimental	
HSS 195	Workshop ¹	
or HSS 295	Workshop	
or HSS 395	Workshop	
or HSS 495	Workshop	
HSS 198	Selected Topics ¹	
or HSS 298	Selected Topics	
or HSS 398	Selected Topics	
or HSS 498	Selected Topics	
HSS 250	Managing Natural, Man-Made and Technological Disasters ¹	
HSS 360	Social Dimensions of Disaster ¹	
HSS 370	Research in Disasters and Emergency Management ¹	
HSS 380	Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication ¹	
HSS 450	Internship HS ¹	
HSS 490	Independent Study ¹	
CSS 240	Security Management ¹	
CSS 360	Specialized Fraud Schemes ¹	
CSS 370	Fraud Law and Report Writing ¹	
CSS 420	Fraud Examination ¹	
CSS 430	Corporate Security Law ¹	
CSS 440	Corporate Security Investigation ¹	
MS 302	Advanced Military Skills ²	
MS 401	Leadership Dimensions and Concepts ²	

Subtotal	6
Total Hours	60

- ¹ Course counts for 50% of Major requirements and Major GPA
² Course counts for 50% of Major but not Major GPA
³ The number of language credits earned above will determine the number of credits needed in this section.
⁴ See adviser for guidance, also refer to your MyRock Audit
* Some courses may require pre-requisites. Please see course descriptions to determine if there are any pre-requisites for that specific course.

Co-curricular and Experiential Learning

Students are encouraged to explore additional curricular and co-curricular opportunities. There is a strong correlation between long-term student success and participation in the following types of programs and activities:

1. Internships
2. Job Shadowing
3. Security Studies Club
4. Project to End Human Trafficking Club
5. Security Studies Speaker's Series
6. Department of Homeland/Corporate Security Studies Field Trips and Spring Break Trips

Important Curriculum Guide Notes

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. *The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University.*

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HOMELAND SECURITY (BS) (51HS)

This program is effective as of Summer 2023

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Recommended Four-Year Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
HSS 120	Introduction to Homeland Security	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ESAP 101	FIRST Seminar *	1
SUBJ 139	Foundations of Academic Discovery ³	3
Creative & Aesthetic Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Humanities Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Hours		16

Spring		
HSS 130	Principles of Emergency Management	3
HSS 210	Fundamentals of Terrorism	3
CSS 210	Physical Security	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
MATH 117	Quantitative Reasoning	3
Hours		15

Second Year

Fall		
HSS 230	Risk Analysis and Strategic Planning	3
HSS 260	Emergency Management Planning	3
SCI 101	Science of Life	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLS 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
Free Elective		3
Declare a Thematic Thread ²		
Hours		15

Spring		
CSS 352	Law & Ethics in the Workplace	3
HSS 350	Securing Virtual Infrastructure	3
SCI 102	Understanding the Physical World	3
Free Elective		6
Hours		15

Third Year

Fall		
CSS 300	Personnel Security	3
CSS 351	Fraud	3
HSS 300	Terrorist Organizations and Lone Wolves	3
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Hours		12

Spring		
HSS 310	Weapons of Mass Destruction	3
HSS 320	Protecting Infrastructure and Key Assets	3
HSS 330	Intelligence Operations	3
CSS 354	Risk Assessment and Fraud Prevention	3
Social Science Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Hours		18

Fourth Year

Fall		
HSS 340	Intelligence for Homeland Security	3
HSS 441	Terrorism, Law and National Security	3
Major Elective		3
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Free Elective		3
Hours		15

Spring		
HSS 460	Capstone in Homeland Security	3
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Major Elective		3
Elective		6
Hours		15

Total Hours**		121
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- ¹ The prerequisites for ENGL 205 are ENGL 102 & ENGL 104.
- ² Work with your Academic Adviser to declare a Thematic Thread by the end of your fall semester in your second year.
- ³ Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject.
- * Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject.

- HS Organizational Security Major requires 60 Credit Hours (36 Core + 9 General + 9 Culture + 6 Electives).
- The number of free electives will depend on Liberal Studies (LS) courses taken and/or Minor.
- The number of LS courses will depend on how much overlap there is between major courses and LS courses.

*** This document is meant to serve as a guide. Some planners may show more than 120 credits because faculty have created flexibility in choosing courses. However, only 120 credits are required to obtain a degree. Please consult with your academic adviser and refer to your curriculum guide prior to registering for courses. This plan should be reviewed, and verified, by you and your academic adviser at least once each academic year.*

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