

# HOMELAND/CORPORATE SECURITY STUDIES

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## Programs

All first-year students who enter SRU in the Summer and Fall terms of 2019 and after will follow Rock Studies. Students who entered SRU before Spring 2019 will follow Liberal Studies. All new transfer students beginning Summer 2019 and after will follow Liberal Studies. We anticipate that transfer students will begin to enter under Rock Studies during the Summer/Fall term of 2021.

## Majors

- Corporate Security, Bachelor of Science (BS) - Concentration in Fraud (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/homeland-corporate-security-studies/corporate-security-bs-concentration-fraud/>)
- Corporate Security, Bachelor of Science (BS) - Concentration in Organizational Security (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/homeland-corporate-security-studies/corporate-security-bs-concentration-organizational-security/>)
- Homeland Security, Bachelor of Science (BS) (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/homeland-corporate-security-studies/homeland-security-bs/>)

## Minors

- Emergency Management, Minor (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/homeland-corporate-security-studies/emergency-management-minor/>)
- Fraud, Minor (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/homeland-corporate-security-studies/fraud-minor/>)
- Homeland Security, Minor (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/homeland-corporate-security-studies/homeland-security-minor/>)
- Organizational Security, Minor (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/homeland-corporate-security-studies/organizational-security-minor/>)

## Certificates

- Emergency Management, Certificate (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/homeland-corporate-security-studies/emergency-management-certificate/>)
- Fraud, Certificate (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/homeland-corporate-security-studies/fraud-certificate/>)
- Homeland Security, Certificate (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/homeland-corporate-security-studies/homeland-security-certificate/>)
- Organizational Security, Certificate (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/homeland-corporate-security-studies/organizational-security-certificate/>)

## Courses

### CSS Courses

#### CSS 100 - Modern Security

This course will explore the ever-changing security environment confronting domestic governments in securing its homeland, for-profit and non-profit organizations, and individuals. This course will discuss the history of security, the sub-topics of security, and whether insecurities can be eliminated, prevented, or merely managed. Students will apply risk assessment procedures, devise solutions to complex security issues, and weigh the strengths and weaknesses of those solutions. The student will be able to assess the complexity of solving modern day security problems when confronting economic limitations, policy and legal implications, and the feasibility of providing security to diverse populations.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall & Spring Terms

Enrollment limited to students with the ROCK STUDIES STUDENT attribute.

#### CSS 120 - Introduction to Private Security

This course will provide an overview of the private security field and the numerous complexities within it. Topics include but are not limited to an overview of private security, the basic goals and responsibilities of the industry, the challenges facing security, and various security systems for infrastructure, institutional and commercial organizations.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall & Spring Terms

#### CSS 139 - University Seminar

University Seminar serves as the entry point to the Slippery Rock University general education program. With its strong faculty-student interaction, the course promotes intellectual inquiry, critical and creative thinking, and academic excellence. Through varied content, the course introduces students to academic discourse and information literacy while exploring topics such as diversity and inclusion and global awareness. This course will set students along the path to becoming engaged with issues and scholarship important to a 21st century education while they learn about themselves and their place in the world.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Freshman 1 or Freshman 2.

Enrollment limited to students with the ROCK STUDIES STUDENT attribute.

#### CSS 190 - Experimental

A unique and specifically focused course within the general purview of a department which intends to offer it on a "one time only" basis and not as a permanent part of the department's curriculum.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

#### CSS 195 - Workshop

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Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

#### CSS 198 - Selected Topics

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

#### CSS 210 - Physical Security

This course discusses the methods, processes, and policies surrounding the security protection of the workplace. Students will study the historical roots of physical protection of assets, cultural contexts and interpretations of security efforts, as well as the way modern technology is changing the methods and focus of protection programs. The important elements of physical barriers, electronic controls and surveillance, and procedural efforts to secure assets will be examined. The role of the Security Manager in regulated workspaces will be discussed.

Prerequisite: CSS 120<sup>D</sup>

<sup>D</sup> Requires minimum grade of D.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring Terms

#### CSS 240 - Security Management

This course will examine the security department's role and function within an organization and the activities associated with operating and managing the department. This course will also look at how to manage various relationships security professionals encounter both internally and externally.

Prerequisite: CSS 120<sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

#### CSS 290 - Experimental

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

**CSS 295 - Workshop**

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Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

**CSS 298 - Selected Topics**

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

**CSS 300 - Personnel Security**

This course discusses the structures, processes, and regulations surrounding the security protection of people in the workplace. Students will study and weigh the advantages and legal restrictions of background checks as a condition of employment. Protection of workers in general, as well as programs to safeguard executives, workers in controversial industries/fields, and the design of policies and programs providing protection for workers with special issues outside the workplace will be examined. Defining, preventing and reacting to workplace violence will be explored.

Prerequisites: CSS 120<sup>D</sup> or HSS 120<sup>D</sup>

<sup>D</sup> Requires minimum grade of D.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

**CSS 320 - Security Risk and Emergency Management**

This course will provide guidance how to conduct risk assessments, handle emergencies and develop and implement business contingency and disaster recovery plans. students will learn how to develop and use risk surveys and other information gathering techniques, and design and implement controls by understanding cost/benefit analysis, crime prediction, response planning and business impact analysis.

Prerequisite: CSS 240<sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

**CSS 351 - Fraud**

Approximately 5% of U.S. organizations annual revenues are lost to fraud each year. This course explores the historical and social problems created by fraud, the ethical and legal issues fraud presents to organizations and our economy; and the principles of fraud detection, examination, and prevention organizations employ to combat fraud in order to minimize both economic losses and a loss of jobs.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall, Winter, & Summer

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

**CSS 352 - Law & Ethics in the Workplace**

This course explores the historical, legal, ethical and practical implications of legal rights of workers in organizational relationships. This course will provide the historical evolution of protective legislation for workers and the continual refinement of common law to workers' rights. Ethical issues not addressed by the law will be explored as well as the importance of diversity in order to provide maximum growth for society and all individuals.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Winter, Spring&Summer

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

**CSS 354 - Risk Assessment and Fraud Prevention**

Every level of today's organizations must make ethics and organizational integrity a priority. Controlling for risk and preventing fraud are critical skills leaders in every organization will be called upon to exercise. Focus must be placed on fraud prevention, internal controls, compliance with regulations and other risk exposure. Students will apply course concepts to their own disciplines.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring Terms Even

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

**CSS 360 - Specialized Fraud Schemes**

This course will examine specialized frauds such as identity theft, financial institution fraud, payment fraud, insurance fraud, healthcare fraud, contract and procurement fraud, tax fraud, and bankruptcy fraud. A thorough analysis of money laundering and its place in specialized fraud schemes will be reviewed. For each type of specialized fraud, we will explore the various types of fraud schemes within these specialized frauds and the controls that can be implemented to prevent or detect them.

Prerequisites: CSS 351<sup>D</sup> and ACCT 209<sup>D</sup>

<sup>D</sup> Requires minimum grade of D.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms Even

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to students with a program in CERT - Fraud, Fraud or Organizational Security.

**CSS 370 - Fraud Law and Report Writing**

This course will examine both domestic and international laws surrounding fraud. We will discuss the special non-governmental agencies assisting in the fight against fraud domestically and worldwide and their recommended compliance guidelines. In this class we will also discuss how to write an effective fraud report for various audiences. Ethical responsibilities of a fraud examiner will also be examined.

Prerequisite: CSS 351<sup>D</sup>

<sup>D</sup> Requires minimum grade of D.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring Terms Odd

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Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Fraud.

**CSS 390 - Experimental**

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Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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**CSS 395 - Workshop**

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Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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**CSS 398 - Selected Topics**

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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**CSS 420 - Fraud Examination**

This course will expose the student to an in-depth analysis of the fraud schemes perpetrated by those within and external to organizations. The elements of fraud schemes, the red flags associated with each scheme and how the scheme can be prevented and detected will be analyzed. This course will also emphasize financial statement fraud, and external fraud schemes from customers, vendors and unrelated third parties. Corporate espionage will also be covered.

Prerequisite: CSS 351<sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms Odd

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Corporate Security.

**CSS 430 - Corporate Security Law**

This course will cover the pertinent security laws surrounding an investigation and developing a case for prosecution. It will also cover the various laws security professionals can breach while conducting security investigations.

Prerequisite: CSS 351<sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Corporate Security, Fraud or Organizational Security.

**CSS 440 - Corporate Security Investigation**

This course will provide the fundamentals of corporate security investigations, the methods used in an investigation, how to build a case, apply investigative strategies, use investigative technology and write an effective report. The course will also emphasize the ethics, values and laws one must consider when conducting an effective investigation.

Prerequisite: CSS 351<sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Corporate Security, Fraud or Organizational Security.

**CSS 450 - Internship**

Supervised placement and research in selected public and private agencies.

Credits: 3-9

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

**CSS 460 - Corporate Security Capstone**

Student will apply and demonstrate prior knowledge, skills and abilities to a major project which will be communicated both in written and oral forms. This course will cover current topics in corporate security and current global issues challenging security. A discussion of professional ethics, proper etiquette and interviewing skills, negotiation and conflict resolution skills will also be discussed.

Prerequisites: CSS 440<sup>C</sup> and CSS 430<sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring Terms

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Senior 1 or Senior 2.

Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Corporate Security.

**CSS 490 - Independent Study**

Independent Study courses give students the opportunity to pursue research and/or studies that are not part of the university's traditional course offerings. Students work on one or in small groups with faculty guidance and are typically required to submit a final paper or project as determined by the supervising professor.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

**CSS 495 - Workshop**

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Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

**CSS 498 - Selected Topics**

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

**HSS Courses****HSS 120 - Introduction to Homeland Security**

This course is a general introduction to the foundations of homeland security, counter-terrorism, infrastructure protection, intelligence operations and other mechanics of the homeland defense field. This course also includes an overview of the legal, sociopolitical and criminal justice aspects of homeland security.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall & Summer Terms

**HSS 130 - Principles of Emergency Management**

This course will introduce the foundations of emergency management and discuss the emergency management cycle. The concept of the whole community approach will be emphasized along with the tools and resources used in emergency management situations. An emergency exercise will be assigned and special topics unique to emergencies will be explored.

Credits: 3

**HSS 139 - University Seminar**

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Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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Enrollment limited to students with the ROCK STUDIES STUDENT attribute.

**HSS 190 - Experimental**

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

**HSS 195 - Workshop**

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Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

**HSS 198 - Selected Topics**

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

**HSS 210 - Fundamentals of Terrorism**

This course will explore the complex issues surrounding terrorism. In terms of terrorism, the topics addressed may include: complexities of defining it, types of terrorists, causes of terrorism, methods used to achieve their goals, environments, funding and support, structure and counter-terrorist measures, and the issues the criminal justice system faces when trying to prevent, detect, and investigate it.

Prerequisites: HSS 120<sup>C</sup> or CSS 120<sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring Terms

Enrollment limited to students with department of Homeland/Corporate Sec Studies.

**HSS 230 - Risk Analysis and Strategic Planning**

This course provides an overview of principles of risk analysis and management, including vulnerability and threat identification, assessing risk threats, security survey methodology, emergency management and response strategies.

Prerequisite: HSS 120<sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

**HSS 250 - Managing Natural, Man-Made and Technological Disasters**

This course will discuss the history of natural, technological and manmade (intentional) disasters. (e.g., 1918 Pandemic, Great Flood of 1923, 1994 Northridge Earthquake, Coronavirus 19, September 11th). Students will analyze the complex nature of disasters, identifying overriding themes while examining lessons learned and best practices to handle specific types of disasters.

Credits: 3

**HSS 260 - Emergency Management Planning**

This course will provide an in-depth analysis of planning methodologies and constructs as well as pitfalls and limiting factors in the development and execution of emergency management plans at the strategic, operational and tactical levels. The origins of emergency management planning, applicable policies and legislation will be reviewed. The course will also examine historical incident review and analysis, contemporary and emerging planning doctrine, and advanced planning concepts.

Prerequisite: HSS 130<sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

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Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

**HSS 295 - Workshop**

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Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

**HSS 298 - Selected Topics**

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

**HSS 300 - Terrorist Organizations and Lone Wolves**

This course will allow students to study the ideological evolution, the behavioral indicators, recruitment styles, organizational styles, financing methods, and tactics for specific domestic and international terrorist organizations. Issues such as the radicalization and behavioral indicators of both terrorist organization and lone wolves will be discussed as well.

Prerequisite: HSS 210<sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

Enrollment limited to students with department of Homeland/Corporate Sec Studies.

**HSS 310 - Weapons of Mass Destruction**

This course will examine the threat and use of nuclear, biological, chemical, and radiological weapons and their implications to the Homeland. The course will evaluate means of proliferation and countermeasures overseas and within the Homeland.

Prerequisite: HSS 210<sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring Terms

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**HSS 320 - Protecting Infrastructure and Key Assets**

This course focuses on the protection of critical infrastructure, including information and telecommunication systems, water supply, energy, first responders, transportation, health/medical and other key assets.

Prerequisite: HSS 230<sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

**HSS 330 - Intelligence Operations**

This course encompasses the development and use of national security and policing intelligence, and includes theoretical and practical models of intelligence in governmental and private security environments.

Prerequisite: HSS 320<sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

**HSS 340 - Intelligence for Homeland Security**

This course will examine intelligence operations for the Homeland Security Enterprise at the state and local level, within the Department of Homeland Security, and within the private sector. The course will utilize intelligence tradecraft to assess current threats, trends, hazards, and vulnerabilities in the Homeland. The course will also prepare students to write intelligence briefs.

Prerequisite: HSS 330<sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

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Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Homeland Security.

**HSS 350 - Securing Virtual Infrastructure**

This course will examine the implications of the growing cybersecurity environment. The course will discuss targeted systems, threat adversaries, attack methods, and recovery and mitigation processes.

Prerequisite: HSS 230<sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring Terms

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**HSS 360 - Social Dimensions of Disaster**

This class will analyze how individuals, groups, families, organizations, communities and countries, handle disasters before, during, and after they occur. The vulnerability of various social groups will be explored as well as reactions to disasters the stressors associated with disasters. Methods to reduce vulnerabilities and build local capacity will be covered.

Prerequisites: HSS 250<sup>C</sup> or HSS 260<sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

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Enrollment is limited to students with a program in CERT - Emergency Management, Emergency Management, Corporate Security, Homeland Security, Fraud or Organizational Security.

**HSS 370 - Research in Disasters and Emergency Management**

This course will describe in detail how research is conducted in disasters and emergency management how to read and understand scholarly work; and apply related studies from the field of disaster research. Students will be taught how to evaluate open-source data for construction of research projects. The basic foundations of how to conduct qualitative research studies geared towards disaster research will be provided.

Prerequisite: HSS 250<sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

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**HSS 380 - Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication**

Disasters mandate effective communication. This course will analyze communication theory to examine common challenges and best practices encountered in emergency, crisis and risk communication situations by public information officers, public authorities, first responders, and health professionals. It will explore the opportunity to develop strategies and communication solutions in interpersonal, mediated, social media, and public contexts.

Prerequisite: HSS 250<sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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**HSS 441 - Terrorism, Law and National Security**

This course will discuss terrorism-its structure, causes, and illegal financing and the evolution of domestic and international laws evolving to deal with terrorism and national security.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

**HSS 450 - Internship HS**

Supervised placement and research in selected public and private agencies. Permission of instructor.

Credits: 3-9

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

**HSS 460 - Capstone in Homeland Security**

The Capstone class applies student professional proficiency, communication skills, ethical understanding, cultural awareness and critical thinking towards the completion of a capstone project that demonstrates competency in multiple aspects of homeland security and defense.

Prerequisite: HSS 340<sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring Terms

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Senior 1 or Senior 2.

Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Homeland Security.

**HSS 490 - Independent Study**

Independent Study courses give students the opportunity to pursue research and/or studies that are not part of the university's traditional course offerings. students work on one or in small groups with faculty guidance and are typically required to submit a final paper or project as determined by the supervising professor.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

**HSS 495 - Workshop**

A workshop is a program which is usually of short duration, narrow in scope, often non-traditional in content and format, and on a timely topic. The course outline will be determined by the instructor based on key developments, trends or specialized content within homeland security. Permission of instructor.

Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

**HSS 498 - Selected Topics**

A Selected Topics course is a normal, departmental offering which is directly related to the discipline, but because of its specialized nature, may not be able to be offered on a yearly basis by the department.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.