

BS in Homeland Security

The Bachelor of Science (BS) in homeland security from Wichita State provides students with a foundation in security combined with specialized learning in emergency management, terrorism studies or cybersecurity. This four-year program also offers a completely online option. Graduates are well prepared for careers in the security industry at the operational, management and policy levels.

Program Requirements

A minimum total of 120 credit hours is required for the BS in homeland security and includes at least 36 credit hours (33 credit hours of core courses and 3 credit hours of electives) in the major (but not more than 50 credit hours will count toward the BS degree) that must be completed with a minimum grade point average of 2.000. A minimum grade of a 2.000 must be achieved in all homeland security core and homeland security elective courses. In addition to meeting the requirements of the WSU General Education Program (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/undergraduate/academic-information/general-education-program/>) and the requirements of Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (including the world language requirement of 12 credit hours or SPAN 212 Spanish for Law Enforcement - 5 credit hours), students in the BS in homeland security must take the below classes, which includes the additional requirement of ENGL 210 and the 3 credit hours of electives. Students may take 14 additional credit hours beyond the 36 credit hours required for the major (for a total of 50 credit hours).

Course	Title	Hours
General Education		
Select courses to meet General Education requirements ¹		34-35
College Requirements		
Select courses to complete all LAS Competency Areas ¹		24
Core Courses for Major		
HLS 190	Introduction to Homeland Security	3
HLS 310	Emergency Management	3
HLS 312	Risk Assessment	3
HLS 320	Border Security	3
HLS 330	Legal Issues in Homeland Security	3
HLS 401	Cyber Security	3
HLS 403	Physical Security	3
HLS 405	Intelligence Process	3
CJ 407	Introduction to Research Methods	3
HLS 420	Terrorism	3
HLS 450	Homeland Security Capstone	3
Major Electives		
Select 3 credit hours from the following		3
HLS 435	Cybercrime	
HLS 470	Special Topics	
HLS 470A	Immigration Policy and Politics	
HLS 470B	The History of U.S. Homeland Security	
HLS 470C	Jihadist Terrorism	
HLS 470D	Insider Threat: Identification, Mitigation, Deterrence and Prevention	
CJ 315	Criminal Law	
CJ 320	Criminal Procedure	
CJ 343	Special Investigations	

CJ 420	Criminal Evidence: Mock Trials	
CJ 510	Crime and Transportation	
CJ 516	Profiling	
CJ 581R	Aspects of Interview and Interrogation Techniques	
CJ 601	Digital Investigations	
Additional Requirements		
ENGL 210	Composition: Business, Professional and Technical Writing	3
SPAN 212	Spanish for Law Enforcement	5
In lieu of SPAN 212, students may take another world language through 204.		
Open Electives		
Select enough electives to reach 120 credit hours		17-18
Total Credit Hours		120

¹ Required major courses may also count towards General Education and/or LAS Competencies. Students will need to select additional electives to reach 120 credit hours required for graduation with assistance from an advisor.

Applied Learning

Students in the BS in homeland security program are required to complete an applied learning or research experience to graduate from the program. The requirement can be met by successfully completing HLS 450 Homeland Security Capstone.