Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security

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The Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security is a 15 semester hour interdisciplinary course of study based in the Intelligence and National Security Studies Program. The Graduate Certificate is aimed at professionals with a bachelor’s or master’s degree who wish to expand their knowledge in the areas of emergency response, counterterrorism, critical infrastructure protection and other security-related issues applicable to the private and public sectors. The Graduate Certificate can be pursued by itself or concurrently with the Master of Science in Intelligence and National Security Studies or the Master of Public Administration. Students can pursue the Graduate Certificate on a full-time or part-time basis.

Certificate Requirements
The Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security consists of five courses (15 credit hours), one required and four electives. The required course is INSS 5340/PAD 5340 - Pro-Seminar in Homeland Security. This foundation course examines the scope and breadth of homeland security issues. It serves as a professional overview of the field. Students will select an additional four electives (12 credit hours) from the approved course list. Students can pursue graduate courses from other UTEP departments and programs with the approval of the Director. Outside, graduate electives must be related to homeland security.

Certificate Admissions
Admission to the Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security will be based on the applicant’s undergraduate and/or graduate record. Students who enroll in the Graduate Certificate and decide at a later date to pursue a master’s degree may apply to the appropriate graduate program and request the units be incorporated into their degree program at the time of admission. Admissions requirements for the Graduate Certificate include the following:

1. Completion and submission of a graduate admissions application
2. Submission of official transcripts in accordance with the requirements of the Graduate School
3. A bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university. A minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.5 is required for admission to the Graduate Certificate.

Degree Plan
Required Credit Hours: 15

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