Course Description

Covers relationships abroad, the mission of federal, state, and local government at home, and the best way to provide for the common defense. Examines HLS and emergency management, FEMA's place in public policy, law, and management, HLS initiatives, and new partnerships for HLS covering the government, private sector and higher education. Discusses civil rights issues, the USA Patriot Act; future challenges and roles of intelligence agencies; foreign policy aspects and views. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with detailed knowledge of the history, scope, and implications of the Homeland Security Agency, its constituent departments, and its affect on national security.

Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites

Prerequisite is ADJ 111 or division approval.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Relate the historical circumstances leading to the USA Patriot Act and to the establishment of the Homeland Security Agency, its constituency agencies, and its current status.
- Comprehend HAS’s roles in national security and emergency situations
  - Discuss the impact of 9/11 on intelligence activity and the current status of threats worldwide.
  - Discuss the Patriot Act’s controversies and effects post 9/11
- Analyze the agency’s impact on civil rights and legal rights, its relationship with intelligence agencies and various branches of government, and its position in conflicts between government agencies and responses to threats.
- Evaluate HAS’s roles in formulating and implementing domestic and foreign intelligence operations and in formulating and implementing foreign policy and views.
- Examine risk management and risk management theories.
- Explain police tactics in response to attacks and equipment used.
- Evaluate counterterrorism tactics and Weapons of Mass Destruction fears.

Major Topics to be Included

- Pre- and post-9/11 history affecting HAS
- U.S.A. Patriot Act
- National Homeland Strategies
- Cohesive security approaches among state and federal agencies
- Organization and management for HAS
- Police tactics and threats to public security
- Weapons of Mass Destruction
- HazMat threats and Counterterrorism