NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
ADJ 243 – HOMELAND SECURITY AND LAW (3 CR.)

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/Corequisites

Prerequisite: ADJ 111 or division approval

Course Objectives

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

a) discuss the impact of 9/11 on intelligence agencies and the current status of threats worldwide.
b) analyze homeland security's impact on legal rights and its relationship with various intelligence agencies.
c) examine the United States Freedom Act of 2013 and the implications of the legislation on law enforcement, intelligence agencies, and society.
d) evaluate counterterrorism tactics and weapons of mass destruction (WMD's).
e) explain law enforcement tactics in response to terrorist attacks.

Major Topics to be Included

a) explain hazmat threats and responses
b) define weapons of mass destruction (WMD's)
c) discuss the role of FEMA in society
d) discuss tactics used in response to emergency situations
e) compare and contrast the Freedom Act and The Patriot Act
f) explore organizational structure of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

Extra Topics (Optional)

The course may include related topics at the discretion of the instructor.