



HOMELAND SECURITY POLICY AND PRACTICE

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COMBINED SYLLABUS
ONLINE

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Course Text

Textbook you need to purchase:

Understanding Homeland Security, Edition 2, by Gus Martin. Copyright 2017 by Sage Publications, Inc. ISBN 978-1-5063-7

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand the contemporary concept of Homeland Security
- Be familiar with historical national security challenges
- Understand and evaluate current domestic security policies and laws
- Be aware of past challenges to domestic security that influenced contemporary homeland security principles
- Be familiar with current agency roles and responsibilities in Homeland Security
- Be familiar with the different roles and responsibilities of all levels of government, with regard to national security

Course Description

This course is designed to introduce students to the concept and application of homeland security policies and their influence on US domestic policy.

Course Structure

This is a distance-learning (DL) Course. As such, coordination and general communications with students will be managed through Blackboard at:

<http://www.campus.fsu.edu/>

In order to participate fully you will be expected to have an e-mail account and access to the Internet (free to Florida State students). If you do not have an e-mail account, please inform me so that I can assist you in getting signed up.

Additional readings on the weekly topics are encouraged. *The instructor retains the right to assign additional readings during the course of the semester.*

Course material will be presented to the student in a variety of ways, but may include lecture notes, slides, video lectures, and discussion board activities.

The course schedule (see the last section) is based on weeks that start on Monday and run through Sunday night. Unless otherwise indicated, assignments (to include discussion boards, homework, papers, etc.) are due on the Sunday following the week they were assigned.

The course schedule lists the date the week starts, and the topic for the week. Cheating, including using papers, reports, or tests from other students, will be penalized to the full extent allowed by the Student Handbook.

Attendance

This is a distance-learning (DL) course, therefore there are no set class times or attendance expectations. I do, however, expect you to check Blackboard often for information, assignments, and instructions. Distance learning can be very rewarding, but it can also be a nightmare if you get behind. **Do not let this happen.**

It is also important to note the cutoff dates, published by the registrar, for dropping the class, late withdrawal. Incomplete grades (I) will not be issued after the midpoint of the semester without extenuating circumstances and instructor approval.

Grades and Grading Scale

Midterm Exam	30 pts.
Final Exam	30 pts.
Short Response Papers (2)	20 pts.
Homework	20 pts.
Total	100 pts.

Grade	Top	Bottom	Spread
A	100	94	7
A-	93	90	4
B+	89	86	4
B	85	82	4
B-	81	79	3
C+	78	76	3
C	75	72	4
C-	71	69	3
D+	68	66	3
D	65	63	3
D-	62	60	3
F	59	0	59

Note: Final grades will be rounded to the closest whole number.

Assignment Details

Exams

There will be two exams during the semester – a midterm and a comprehensive final. These will be based on all information presented in the class – lecture, discussion and readings.

Short Response Papers

You will be given a question of controversy that you will have to choose a position on and defend that position using research and citations. An example might be “What are the Homeland Security concerns with regard to the growing global influence of ISIS.”

Purpose of these papers:

- Upon completion of your research, you will have a masterful understanding of your position.
- Showcase your knowledge of the concepts, theories, and facts surrounding issues in domestic and international policies.

Formatting:

- Page count does not include the title page, abstract, or the references.
- Refer to the grading rubric for the ‘Response Paper’ – this is the rubric used to evaluate and grade your response papers. (The Grading Rubric will be posted in BlackBoard)
- APA format for the entire paper, including abstract, title page, references and in paper citations.
- Graduates will write 6-7 pages, 1.5 spaced, with 1” margins in TNR 12pt font.
- Undergraduates will write 4-5 pages, 1.5 spaced, with 1” margins in TNR 12pt font.
- Spacing between paragraphs should be set to zero

Homework

Each week students will be asked to complete a homework assignment through Blackboard. These assignments will vary, and will be described in weekly Blackboard announcements.

Syllabus Change Policy

"Except for changes that substantially affect implementation of the evaluation (grading) statement, this syllabus is a guide for the course and is subject to change with advance notice."