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HLSS322

Course Summary

Course : HLSS322 **Title :** Homeland Security Legal and Ethical Issues **Length of Course :** 8 **Faculty :**
Prerequisites : N/A **Credit Hours :** 3

Description

Course Description:

This course provides an overview of legal and ethical issues in homeland security. Homeland security legislation and executive orders will be discussed, as will international law, conventions, and declarations. The central focus of the course is the balance of goals, strategies, and objectives for effective homeland security while preserving civil liberties. Issues surrounding intelligence and the use of surveillance, rights of U.S. citizens and foreign nationals, immigration, transportation security, and cyber security will all be examined.

Course Scope:

As a 300-level course, this course provides a higher level of knowledge building on the material taught at the 200 level. The purpose and scope of this course is to enable the student to build a deeper understanding of the discipline.

Objectives

After successfully completing this course, you will be able to:

CO-1: Describe the major homeland security laws, policies, and executive orders.

CO-2: Recognize the constitutional articles and amendments that provide both the legal authority and limitations of the U.S. Government to protect the homeland.

CO-3: Evaluate the application of law and policy in homeland security.

CO-4: Examine the major international conventions and declarations governing individual and prisoner rights.

CO-5: Justify laws and procedures in times of emergency while remaining within parameters of due process.

Outline

Week 1: Introduction to National Security and the Law

Learning Outcomes

CO-1

Required Readings

See the Week 1 Content.

Assignments

Week 1 Discussion

Week 2: Homeland Security Laws, Policies, & Executive Orders

Learning Outcomes

CO-1

Required Readings

See the Week 2 Content.

Assignments

Week 2 Discussion

Week 3: Constitutional Impact, Civil Liberties, and Individual Rights

Learning Outcomes

CO-2

Required Readings

See the Week 3 Content.

Assignments

Week 3 Discussion

Week 4: Immigration and Border Security

Learning Outcomes

CO-3

Required Readings

See the Week 4 Content.

Assignments

Week 4 Discussion

Midterm Assignment

Week 5: Legal and Ethical Issues in Emergency Management and Critical Infrastructure Protection

Learning Outcomes

CO-2 and CO-5

Required Readings

See the Week 5 Content.

Assignments

Week 5 Discussion

Week 6: Transportation Security

Learning Outcomes

CO-3 and CO-5

Required Readings

See the Week 6 Content.

Assignments

Week 6 Discussion

Progress Assignment

Week 7: Detention and Prisoner Rights

Learning Outcomes

CO-3 and CO-4

Required Readings

See the Week 7 Content.

Assignments

Week 7 Discussion

Week 8: Future Issues

Learning Outcomes

CO-2, CO-3, and CO-5

Required Readings

See the Week 8 Content.

Assignments

Week 8 Discussion

Final Assignment

Evaluation

Discussions – 25 percent

Midterm Assignment - 25

percent Progress Assignment

- 25 percent

Final Assignment – 25

percent

Grading:

Name	Grade %
Discussion	25.00 %

Discussion 1	3.13 %	3.13 %	3.13 %
Discussion 2	3.13 %	3.13 %	3.13 %
Discussion 3	3.13 %		
Discussion 4			
Discussion 5			
Discussion 6			
Discussion 7			
Discussion 8	3.13 %		

Final Assignment	25.00 %
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Final Assignment 25.00 %

Midterm Assignment	25.00 %
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Midterm Assignment 25.00 %

Progress Assignment	25.00 %
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Progress Assignment 25.00 %

Materials

Book Title: Various resources from the APUS Library & the Open Web are used.
Please visit [eReserve](#) to locate the course.

Author:

Publication Info:

ISBN: ERESERVE NOTE

All required readings are located under the Content in the classroom.

Course Guidelines

This course requires a time management plan and the self-discipline to follow it. You are responsible for managing your time, completing assignments on time, completing the readings, and making inquiries as needed to complete the course effectively. This is an 8-week course, which means the material must be learned in a short period of time. This requires dedication and diligence on the part of each student. All assignments must be submitted by the end of the week they are assigned unless otherwise noted.

Citation and Reference Style

Students will follow the [APA Style](#) as the sole citation and reference style used in written work submitted as part of coursework for this course.

Late Assignments

Students are expected to submit classroom assignments by the posted due date and to complete the course according to the published class schedule. As adults, students, and working professionals, I understand you must manage competing demands on your time. Should you need additional time to complete an assignment, please contact me before the due date so we can discuss the situation and determine an acceptable resolution. Routine submission of late assignments is unacceptable and may result in points deducted from your final course grade.

Deductions:

Late Discussion posts can be penalized up to 5 points per day

Late assignments can be penalized up to 5 points per day

After 14 days, no credit will be awarded

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