



Wayne County Community College District

COURSE SYLLABUS

HLS 100 Introduction to Homeland Security

CREDIT HOURS: 3.00

CONTACT HOURS: 45.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to introduce the above mentioned audience to fundamental components and concepts of homeland security. Topic that will be taught are: the origin, causes and history of terrorism; domestic and international terrorism; the government's response to terrorist incidents; identifying and protecting critical infrastructure; national security strategies and organizations; and an introduction to weapons of mass destruction.

PREREQUISITES: NONE

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:

1. Understand where terrorism originated and the problems leading to it.
2. Know the methods and weapons used to rage terrorism.
3. Be familiar with what action can be expected from the government
4. Know the various departments within the Department of Homeland Security.
5. Be aware of the legal issues relating to homeland security
6. Be familiar with how the private sector plays a role in homeland security.
7. Know how risk management interacts with emergency management
8. Understand how life safety is built into standards and how the various emergency services support life safety
9. Know how a security organization plays a role in protection of facilities.
10. Understand the importance of protecting the critical infrastructure and key assets.
11. Be familiar with border and transportation issues as they relate to homeland security
12. Will have a better appreciation for anticipating the future: terrorism, technology, research, and education.

ASSESSMENT METHODS:

Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

GRADING SCALE:

90%-100% = A
80%-89.9%= B
70%-79.9%= C
60%-69.9%= D
<60% = E