


FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY – GRADUATE PROGRAM

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HOMELAND SECURITY (MSHS)

Off-Campus and Online Program

The Master of Homeland Security (MSHS) Program is a 36-credit off-campus and online graduate program conducted through the School of Administrative Science (SAS) of Petrocelli College of Continuing Studies. The program focuses on practical and theoretical aspects of enforcing and ensuring homeland security. The curriculum provides three areas of study that provides masters level studies for the non-traditional students involved in homeland security. In addition, the program encourages the development of high-quality, applied research for the practitioners in the field of homeland security.

The degree is particularly suited for working adults who are interested in enhancing their credentials.

The MSHS degree offers concentrations in: Homeland Security – Terrorism and Security Studies; Homeland Security – Emergency Management; and Homeland Security Leadership. Students who complete six courses in a particular area of concentration will be awarded a certificate that signifies completion of that course of study.

The School of Administrative Science has had many years of experience in online learning. Courses in the MSHS will be offered in person and online. The online program is designed to meet the needs of police, firefighters, first responders, military personnel and others who are unable to attend classes in person because of their work demands. Students have the ability to take courses in a specialization that focuses on their specific areas of responsibility. The online program is offered in an asynchronous mode, which fits the work schedules of many in government and the emergency services community.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The MSHS program is designed for individuals who are working in the field of homeland security. Events throughout the world have increased those employed in the discipline, and new demands in the jobs have required students to increase their level of education.

FACULTY

All full-time and adjunct faculty have advanced degrees as well as practical application in their particular areas of expertise. Full-time faculty possess an earned doctorate, and a number of the adjuncts also have doctorate degrees.

COURSE WORK

The MSHS degree requires students to complete four required courses (Homeland Security and Constitutional Issues; Research and Policy Analysis; Weapons of Mass Destruction/Terrorism Awareness; and Strategic Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation). The capstone course is the Strategic Planning course and requires a thesis.

In person classes are held one night a week for twelve weeks or on five Saturdays. Online coursework is completed in a 10-week term. Terms start in September, January, April, and the end of June.

CLASS SIZE

The general class size is small with an average size of 12 students in the in person classes. The online classes are generally less than 25 students per class.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete an application form and provide transcripts from accredited colleges or universities for a completed Bachelors degree. A 1,000 word essay that explains the applicant's responsibilities must be included along with an updated resume. Two letters of reference from previous instructors who will verify the student's ability to complete graduate work and one reference from an employer that indicates the individual is employed in an area of homeland security are also required. There is no GRE or GMAT requirement.

Applications and detailed information can be found on our website: www.fdu.edu/mshs

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