

HOMELAND SECURITY GRADUATE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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Program Code	CLHLS
Campus(es)	World Campus

In this 12-credit graduate certificate program, students will learn about the origins and organization of the Homeland Security Enterprise, including relevant congressional acts, presidential policies, and national strategies, as well as the roles and shared responsibility of key agencies and partners at federal, state, and local levels, and from the private sector. They will apply that knowledge to current situations and select scenarios based on an all-hazards and whole-community approach to homeland security and emergency management.

Courses taken in the certificate program may be applied toward a graduate degree, subject to restrictions outlined in GCAC-309 Transfer Credit (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-309-transfer-credit/>). Certificate students who wish to have certificate courses applied towards a graduate degree must apply and be admitted to that degree program. Admission to the graduate degree program is a separate step and is not guaranteed.

The certificate program offers a viable opportunity for those who seek advanced education but do not wish or have not yet determined if they are ready to pursue a full master's degree program. For students in the Intercollege Master of Professional Studies in Homeland Security (iMPS-HLS), this program may be pursued to earn an embedded certificate as an additional credential.

Effective Semester: Summer Semester 2026
Expiration Semester: Summer Semester 2031