

HOMELAND SECURITY

Graduate Program Head	Eileen Ahlin
Program Code	HLS
Campus(es)	World Campus (M.P.S.)
Degrees Conferred	Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.)
The Graduate Faculty	View (https://secure.gradsch.psu.edu/gpms/?searchType=fac&prog=HLS)

The intercollege Master of Professional Studies in Homeland Security (MPS-HLS) degree program is designed to prepare professionals and develop leaders for the field of homeland security by providing exceptional graduate education that includes an integrated curriculum, expert faculty, and student interaction. The program is comprised of courses from several Penn State colleges and delivered via distance education through the Penn State World Campus to accommodate the needs and careers of professionals who are already active in homeland security and related fields of civil security, or those interested in transitioning into the field. The program provides select graduate students with an integrated, cross-disciplinary curriculum that is focused on a set of unified educational goals to help them understand and manage the complexities of homeland security in a global environment. Within the degree program and in addition to its common core curriculum, students choose one of six specialization areas that represent main elements, capabilities, and risk-informed priorities of the homeland security mission space:

1. Base Option;
2. Agricultural, Environmental, and Food Systems Security Option;
3. Counterterrorism Option;
4. Cyber Threat Analytics and Prevention Option;
5. Intelligence and Geospatial Analysis Option;
6. Public Health Preparedness Option.

The participating academic units for this collaborative program are: Penn State Harrisburg, the College of Medicine (in collaboration with the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center), the College of the Liberal Arts, the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, the College of Agricultural Sciences, and Penn State Great Valley.