

Doctor of Professional Studies

Homeland Security



ST. JOHN'S
UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF
PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Doctor of Professional Studies (DPS) in Homeland Security is a professional degree focuses on cooperation, coordination and collaboration among public and private actors and entities within the Homeland Security Enterprise, both domestically and internationally. St. John's University is one of the first traditional, nonprofit educational institutions who currently offers doctoral-level studies in specifically in homeland security.

In the DPS Program, candidates will focus, in particular, on cooperation, coordination and collaboration among public and private actors within the Homeland Security Enterprise, both domestically and internationally. Students will develop the skills necessary for leadership roles within the Homeland Security Enterprise, including the ability to: conduct research effectively, think both analytically and critically, build and manage teams, and make decisions and apply knowledge to effectively solve real-world security challenges.

The DPS will require the completion of 78 credits beyond a bachelor's degree, including the completion and defense of a dissertation, and could be completed in three years with full time study or four to six years part-time. The program is unique in that it is specifically designed for working professionals seeking to pursue a doctoral degree in Homeland Security. The Program is delivered in a limited-in-residency format that require students to be on campus for only one week for each academic year of the Program. The remainder of the coursework may be completed online allowing flexible in delivery to accommodate both traditional students and working professionals, both throughout the United States and abroad.

ADMISSION GUIDELINES

Applicants must submit an online application with the following materials:

- Evidence of a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university with a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 3.0/4.0.
- Scores for the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) General Test. (Applicants with at least 30 credits of graduate work and cumulative G.P.A of 3.5 or greater are exempt from the GRE but submission of scores are strongly recommended.)
- Three letters of reference, at least one of which attests to the applicant's research ability.
- A personal statement of approximately 300 words describing the applicant's reason for seeking admission into the program, professional experience, career goals and research interests.
- An interview may be required at the discretion of the Admissions Committee.



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CURRICULUM: 78 Credits

Required Core Courses: 25 credits

- HLS 101: Homeland Security Enterprise (4 credits)
- HLS 102: Intelligence for Homeland Security: Organizational and Policy Challenges (3 credits)
- HLS 103: Critical Infrastructure: Vulnerability Analysis and Protection (3 credits)
- HLS 104: Disaster Management I: Preparedness and Response (4 credits)
- HLS 105: Disaster Management II Operational Continuity and Recovery (4 credits)
- HLS 106 Ethical Leadership: Principles and Practices (3 credits)
- HLS 107: Theories and Concepts of Security (4 Credits)

Required Research Courses: 14 credits

- HLS 401: Introduction to Research Methods (3 credits)
- HLS 402: Advanced Research Methods I (4 credits)
- HLS 403: Advanced Research Methods II (3 Credits)
- HLS 404: Statistical Analysis in Research (4 Credits)

7 Elective Courses: 21 Credits (3 credits per class)

6 Internship credits: Students who have significant relevant work experience within the industry will not be required to complete an internship.

Qualifying Examination: Upon successful completion of the required core courses and prior to starting their doctoral dissertation, students will be required to pass a comprehensive examination by demonstrating a mastery of the learning objectives of all of the core courses.

Dissertation Research: 12 Credits (3 credits per class)

- HLS 501: Dissertation Research I
- HLS 502: Dissertation Research II
- HLS 503: Dissertation Research III
- HLS 504: Dissertation Research IV

Dissertation: The degree of Doctor of Professional Studies shall be conferred upon completion and successful defense of the dissertation before the candidate's dissertation committee.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The DPS is designed to prepare candidates to fill mid to high-level executive positions in government, law enforcement, the public and private security industries, nongovernmental organizations, and academia. For a current homeland security professional, this program develops the skills necessary for career advancement to leadership roles within the Homeland Security Enterprise.



APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Complete applications must be received by
April 15, 2018

For more information
Visit: stjohns.edu/dhls

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