Course Name: Introduction to Homeland Security

Course Number: CJS*E106

Credits: 3

Catalog description:

This overview course will address the history of homeland security, emergency preparedness and terrorist threats. Students will learn about the problems and prospects of establishing aggressive intelligence and counterintelligence, and focus on specific issues relating to emergency management. The principles and practices of emergency planning and management will be emphasized in this course, along with an examination of current government reorganization and restructuring initiatives. The future of homeland security will also be discussed within the context of evolving technology, communications and modern security hazards.

Prerequisite, Corequisite, or Parallel: CJS*E101 Introduction to Criminal Justice (Prerequisite)

General Education Competencies Satisfied:

HCC General Education Requirement Designated Competency Attribute Code(s): None

Additional CSCU General Education Requirements for CSCU Transfer Degree Programs: None

Embedded Competency(ies): None

Discipline-Specific Attribute Code(s): None

Course objectives:

General Education Goals and Outcomes: None

Course Specific Objectives:

1. Develop a functional understanding of American homeland security and emergency preparedness agencies and objectives.
2. Learn about specific issues relating to emergency management and emergency response.

3. Define the specific roles of government agencies and institutions in the implementation of homeland security and emergency management.

4. Understand and identify specific issues impacting the future of American homeland security.

Course Content:

I. Historic Overview of American homeland security
- A. History of emergency preparedness
- B. Historical overview of domestic/international terrorist threat

II. Statutory Authority
- A. Legal precedents
- B. Roles and functions of federal, state and local agencies

III. Hazards
- A. Chemical
- B. Biological
- C. Cyber attacks

IV. Mitigation, prevention and preparedness
- A. Protection of critical infrastructures
- B. Conducting risk analysis
- C. Developing incident command

V. Response and recovery
- A. Critical incident management
- B. Effective emergency response plans
- C. Effective relief and recovery efforts

V. The future of homeland security
- A. Issues in technology
- B. Issues in communications
- C. New security hazards facing America

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