

SEC 310 – Homeland Security Organization and Administration

Course Description

This course covers the structure of a homeland security organization at the local, regional, and national levels. This course provides an explanation of the homeland security administration functions that must be performed at the different levels.

Instructional Materials

Gaines, L.K., Kappeler, V. (2012). *Homeland Security*. New Jersey: Pearson.

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Describe the foundations of homeland security.
2. Compare and contrast homeland security agencies at the federal, state, and local levels.
3. Explain the national infrastructure plan in the context of strategic targets.
4. Describe counterterrorism and anti-terrorism laws in the United States.
5. Compare and contrast terrorism, terrorist groups, organized crime, and their financing activities and practices.
6. Analyze the role of intelligence and counterterrorism activities among federal agencies.
7. Describe the types and uses of weapons of mass destruction.
8. List and describe the various types of and practice of cybercrime.
9. Explain the role of policing in homeland security.
10. Summarize border security and immigration issues.
11. Describe the practice and policies at the local, federal, and state level in homeland security response.
12. Describe future trends in homeland security and terrorist activities.
13. Evaluate the ethical concerns that homeland security practices raise in society and the impact of information technologies on crime, terrorism, or war.
14. Investigate the mission, goals, and strategy of the National Security Agency / Central Security Services (NSA / CSS) in regards to the protection of national security interests.
15. Use technology and information resources to research issues in homeland security.
16. Write clearly and concisely about topics related to Homeland Security Organization and Administration using proper writing mechanics and technical style conventions.