

# BACHELOR OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES WITH A MAJOR IN HOMELAND SECURITY

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The subject of homeland security is at the forefront of study by law enforcement officials, security professionals, military personnel, intelligence analysts, and government contractors. GW's bachelor's degree completion program in homeland security provides students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities they need to succeed in such positions. Program graduates are equipped with greater potential for career advancement, whether they are searching for a new job in the marketplace, reaching for a promotion, or exploring a second career.

One of the unique features of the program's cutting-edge education and training is its methodology. Each course follows an organized and logical flow in which students learn to examine the threat landscape, conduct in-depth analysis of the threat, and assess industry standards and best practices to respond to and mitigate the threat.

Visit the program website (<https://www.cps.gwu.edu/homeland-security-bachelors-degree-completion-program/>) for additional information.

## ADMISSIONS

Admission deadlines: Fall Priority Deadline - May 15; Fall Final Deadline - July 15

Recommendations required: Two letters of recommendation (academic or professional) required.

Prior academic records: Transcripts are required from all institutions attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended should be uploaded to your online application. Official transcripts are required only of applicants who are offered admission.

Transcripts from institutions outside the United States must be accompanied by an official transcript evaluation from an accredited independent evaluating agency. Please be sure you request a detailed evaluation that includes all course titles, credit hours, grade-point average (GPA), United States degree equivalency, and date of degree conferral. Please see the list of acceptable foreign credential evaluation services: <http://www.naces.org/members> (<http://www.naces.org/members/>).

Statement of purpose: Please submit a 250-500 word essay on your purpose for applying to study at GW. Please describe your relevant qualifications and academic objectives and address the specific program you are applying to as well as any concentration, if applicable. This is an opportunity to expand upon or address anything not covered in the rest of your application.

International applicants only: This program is ineligible for international students requiring a visa.

### Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

College of Professional Studies – Office of Admission  
George Washington University  
805 21st Street, NW  
Suite 301  
Washington DC 20052

### Contact for questions:

CPS Office of Admission  
[applycps@gwu.edu](mailto:applycps@gwu.edu) ~ 571-553-0025 (phone) ~ 202-242-1047 (fax)  
8:30 am – 5:00 pm EST, Monday through Friday

## REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 120 credits, including 22 credits in general education courses and 38 credits in elective courses, which can be completed at any regionally accredited institution; and 60 credits in core courses, which must be taken at GW.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>General education *</b>		
A minimum of 22 credits in general education coursework, including the following:		
3 credits in arts or humanities		
6 credits in behavioral or social science		
6 credits in written communication or composition		
4 credits in physical or natural science with lab		
3 credits in quantitative and logical reasoning (must be in mathematics or statistics)		
One approved course in oral communication **		
<b>Electives</b>		
38 credits in elective courses.		
<b>60 credits in core courses for the major, which must be completed at GW.</b>		
PSHS 3150	Transnational Threats and Security	

PSHS 3151	Combating Domestic Terrorism
PSHS 3152	Cyber Terrorism
PSHS 3160	Crisis and Emergency Planning
PSHS 3161	Intelligence Data Analysis
PSHS 3162	Crime Scene Investigation
PSHS 3170	Infrastructure Protection
PSHS 3171	Introduction to Forensic Science
PSHS 3172	Computer Crime Investigation
PSHS 4180W	Security Threat Assessments
PSHS 4181	Incident Management
PSHS 4182	Emergency Public Health Issues
PSHS 4190	Capstone Project **
PSHS 4191	Ethical Dilemmas in Policing
PSHS 4192	Media, Public Relations, and Crisis Communication

\* General education and elective courses may be completed at any regionally accredited institution. A minimum grade of C is required for transfer credit to be approved; grades of C- and below are not acceptable. General education and elective coursework must be completed before beginning the bachelor's degree program.

\*\*PSHS 4190 Capstone Project fulfills the general education requirement for one approved course in oral communication.