



BAKER COLLEGE
STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES
HLS 1010 Introduction to Homeland Security
3 Semester Credit Hours

Student Learning Outcomes and Enabling Objectives

1. Investigate the concept of homeland security.
 - a. Describe its history, evolution over time and role.
 - b. Discuss the role and authority of government agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the importance of coordination and collaboration among these and various agencies.

2. Explore the various threats faced by the United States, including terrorism, natural disasters, cyberattacks, and pandemics.
 - a. Define extremist groups and who constitutes a terrorist.
 - b. Analyze emergency management principles, including disaster planning, response, and recovery.
 - c. Discuss the roles of federal, state, and local agencies and the importance of interagency cooperation during natural disasters.
 - d. Discuss the protection of critical infrastructure, including energy, transportation, and communication systems, from cyber threats.

3. Explain the concept of emergence preparedness.
 - a. Discuss how to assess threats and vulnerabilities.
 - b. Explain mitigation as it relates to disaster planning.
 - c. Discuss the role of community groups and the private sector during disasters and the mitigation process.

4. Identify the main agencies that make up the intelligence community and global peacekeeping efforts.
 - a. Explain the role each agency plays in gathering information and safeguarding our nation.
 - b. Discuss the importance of the United Nations, NATO and INTERPOL in global security.
 - c. Define counterterrorism as it relates to U.S. threats.

5. Examine issues related to U.S. border security.
 - a. Discuss immigration enforcement and immigration policies.
 - b. Explain the challenges of securing borders while balancing humanitarian concerns.

Big Ideas and Essential Questions

Big Ideas

- DHS and It's Authority
- Global Threats and Risks
- Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure
- Preparedness
- Intelligence Agencies
- Borders

Essential Questions

1. What are the roles of DHS, FEMA, community groups and the private sector during disasters?
2. What currently threatens the security of the United States and its communities?
3. How can we better prepare and mitigate the damage from threats, pandemics and natural disasters?
4. What part does intelligence gathering play in global security and relations?
5. What issues are related to U.S. border security?

These SLOs are approved for experiential credit.

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