

# HERZING

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HOMELAND SECURITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY WITH NO MINOR OR CONCENTRATION (BSHSPSN)

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This program provides students with a comprehensive academic knowledge of public safety, including criminology, law enforcement, courts, fire science, corrections, and industrial security, as it relates to the coordination of homeland security activities between public safety agencies at various levels of government as well as the skills and techniques used in these disciplines.

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of their program, the student should be able to:

1. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of law enforcement practices and the legal basis for decision-making.
2. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of emergency response including the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS) managed by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).
3. Demonstrate proficiency in identifying and developing coordinated responses to all risks and hazards.
4. Exhibit a detailed understanding of coordinated emergency response to all acts of terrorism and natural disasters and the role of both public and private responders to such incidents.
5. Analyze, define, and articulate organizational, social, and ethical issues impacting law enforcement, the fire service, and private security.
6. Examine and differentiate between the different levels of trauma and the management of stress for public safety responders.
7. Utilize and analyze financial information for fiscal budgeting and budget preparation.
8. Differentiate between the distinguishing elements of homeland security and public safety by demonstrating knowledge of emergency preparedness, planning, and response as applied in both the public and private sector.
9. Demonstrate proficiency in understanding criminalistics and evidence forensics.
10. Think critically at a conceptual level and by using mathematical analysis as well as the scientific method; write and speak effectively; use basic computer applications; and understand human behavior in the context of the greater society in a culturally diverse world.

### POTENTIAL JOB POSITION TITLES

Potential entry-level job position titles include law enforcement personnel (local, state, and federal), corrections personnel, security specialist, fire science personnel, emergency management specialist, and other Department of Homeland Security-related positions. This degree can also provide advancement opportunities for law enforcement personnel requiring a bachelor's degree when applying for or advancing within the profession. (Some states, including Minnesota, may require state certification or academy completion before being hired in a law enforcement position.)

### PROGRAM CONTENT

A minimum of 125.00 semester credit hours is required for graduation.

### REQUIRED COURSES IN HOMELAND SECURITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY

All courses, 44.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisite	Credit Hours
CJ 105	Introduction to Criminal Justice	None	3.00
CJ 115	Criminal Law	None	3.00
CJ 120	Introduction to Criminology	None	3.00
CJ 130	Introduction to Law and Judicial Process	None	3.00
CJ 140	Report Writing and Communications	CJ 105	3.00
CJ 200	Introduction to Corrections	None	3.00

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisite	Credit Hours
CJ 210	Law Enforcement Security	CJ 130	3.00
CJ 220	Ethics in Law Enforcement	CJ 105	3.00
CJ 230	Evidence Forensics	CJ 130	4.00
CJ 250	Juvenile Justice	None	3.00
FS 100	Introduction to Fire Service	None	3.00
or	or		
FS 101	Introduction to Fire Science and Emergency Management		
HS 100	Introduction to Homeland Security	None	3.00
HS 205	Domestic and International Terrorism	None	4.00
HS 320	Critical Incident Stress Management	PS 101	3.00

### OPEN ELECTIVE COURSES

A minimum of 38.00 semester credit hours of open electives is required. At least 12.00 semester credit hours must be at the upper level (300- or 400-level courses).

### REQUIRED CAPSTONE OR INTERNSHIP

4.00 credit hours are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisite	Credit Hours
HS 491	Homeland Security Capstone Project	Final semester	4.00
HS 494	Internship	Final semester and PD 214	4.00

### REQUIRED COURSES IN GENERAL EDUCATION

Students enrolled in this bachelor's degree must complete a minimum of 37.00 semester credit hours in general education distributed among the following disciplines. A minimum of 9.00 semester credit hours must be upper level (300- to 400-level courses). Refer to the General Education section of the catalog for Herzing University courses that would satisfy these requirements. \*

- 1.00 Semester Credit Hour in Information Literacy
- 6.00 Semester Credit Hours in English Composition or Literature
- 3.00 Semester Credit Hours in Speech
- 4.00 Semester Credit Hours in Computer Applications ♦
- 7.00 Semester Credit Hours in Mathematics (College Algebra or Above)
- 4.00 Semester Credit Hours of Natural Science With a Lab Component
- 3.00 Semester Credit Hours in Social or Behavioral Science
- 3.00 Semester Credit Hours in Humanities With a Critical Thinking Focus \*\* ♦
- 3.00 Semester Credit Hours in Cultural Diversity
- 3.00 Semester Credit Hours of General Education Electives ♦

\* Transfer students may transfer courses that are within 1.00 semester credit hour of the courses listed above to meet these discipline requirements. Any resulting deficiency in the total of 37.00 semester credit hours required in general education may be made up with general education electives from any of the listed disciplines.

\*\* A course with a critical thinking focus would be a course that addresses the theories and application of critical analysis with an emphasis on developing sequential reasoning skills. Examples may be courses in critical thinking, philosophy, logic, or science.

♦ The state of Minnesota requires a minimum of 30.00 semester credit hours of general education for bachelor's degrees, not counting computer applications. However, all Herzing University students in the BSHSPSN program must complete a minimum of 37.00 semester credit hours in general education, including computer applications, to complete the requirement for graduation from this bachelor's degree program. Minnesota students must complete at least 4.00 semester credit hours of general education in the humanities.

## PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

2.00 semester credit hours are required. Students taking the HS 494 Internship must also take PD 214.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisite	Credit Hours
PD 121	Professional Development I	None	1.00
PD 202	Professional Development II	None	1.00
PD 214	AS/AAS/BS/Diploma Internship Preparation	None	0.00

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.herzing.edu/academics/homeland-security-and-public-safety>