WHAT CAN I DO WITH A HOMELAND AND CORPORATE SECURITY DEGREE?

If you want to secure people, infrastructure and assets in either the public or private sectors, then homeland or corporate security (private security/organizational security) is the perfect major. Most entry-level homeland security professionals protect national infrastructures, including airports, borders, seaports and waterways; prepare for and respond to natural disasters and terrorist acts; or gather and analyze financial, geospatial or open-source intelligence in both private and public sector work environments. You may find work in federal, state and local law enforcement; the military; public safety roles; and other state and local governmental agencies. Employers may include the Department of Homeland Security, FBI, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Custom Services, U.S. Coast Guard, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Air Marshal, ATF, CIA, Secret Service, or the Transportation Security Administration.

The corporate security/organizational security concentration at SRU prepares you for a variety of careers in private security management. Positions include security specialist, chief security officer, legal investigator, special agent/FBI agent, private investigator, director of loss prevention, security consultant/director and management officer. The corporate security/fraud concentration prepares you for a variety of careers in both the private and public sectors. Positions include fraud examiner, fraud analyst, fraud investigator, bankruptcy analyst, U.S. postal inspector, compliance officer, special agent/FBI agent, intelligence, and internal auditor.

HOMELAND AND CORPORATE SECURITY AT SRU

As a homeland security major, you will take classes in a variety of disciplines, from engaging in risk assessment, planning and analysis, to protecting critical infrastructure and key assets. Disciplines also include gathering and analyzing intelligence; assessing domestic and international terrorist threats; preventing and detecting weapons of mass destruction; and establishing appropriate critical incident response and management. In addition, you will take classes in the sociocultural aspects of human conflict.

For corporate security majors, the curriculum will prepare you to critically analyze an organization’s security needs and find creative solutions to solve complex security issues. You will take classes needed to perform risk assessments, secure physical infrastructure, engage in personnel/executive protection, provide emergency plans and business continuity, prevent and detect fraud, and investigate security breaches.

WHY CHOOSE SRU HOMELAND AND CORPORATE SECURITY STUDIES?

1. National and state ranked program: Our homeland security program was ranked sixth in nation in the “Top Bachelor’s Degree Programs in Homeland Security” by Study.com, and it ranked in Source 2021 Best Colleges Niche as one of the Best Colleges with Homeland and Security and Disaster Management Degrees in Pennsylvania.

2. Experienced Faculty: You will be taught by faculty who are academically qualified and work in security-related disciplines. Faculty will offer real-life examples, industry experience, and research to enhance your learning experiences. Our faculty-practitioners also mentor students for careers, graduate school, and internships.

3. Our partnerships and hands-on experience: Our department partners with outside agencies to enhance the student’s learning and provide direct application of material learned. We were selected by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners as a participant in the ACFE’s Anti-Fraud Education Partnership.

4. Specialized Security Degrees are in Demand: Homeland security and private security employers now require specialized knowledge and skills-post 9/11 not offered by course offerings in other academic disciplines.
INTERNET OPPORTUNITIES
Our students have completed internships at the following locations:
- Amazon
- Boeing
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- FedEx Ground Corporate Headquarters
- Gateway Health Plan
- Pfizer, Inc.
- Pinkerton
- Tesla
- The Rivers Casino
- U.S. Marshals Service
- Zero Trafficking

CAREER OUTCOMES
Graduates have secured jobs in the following areas:
- Stadium Operations and Security Trainee, Atlanta Braves
- Digital Loss Prevention Analyst, Dick’s Sporting Goods
- Risk Detection Specialist, First National Bank
- Physical Security, Lockheed Martin
- Detection and Investigation Analyst, PNC Bank
- Intelligence Analyst, U.S. Army Intelligence
- Border Agent, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Protective Detail, U.S. Supreme Court Justices
- Customs Agent, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Intelligence Analyst, Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency
- Officer, NYPD Counterterrorism Unit
- Audit Evaluator, USPS Office of Inspector General
- Special Agent, U.S. Secret Service
- Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Secured Space Coordinator, Amazon Protective Services
- Federal Air Marshal

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS
- Security Studies Club
- SRU Project to End Human Trafficking
- Order of the Sword and Shield National Honor Society for Homeland Security, Intelligence, Emergency Management, and all Protective Security Studies Disciplines - SRU Chapter

In addition to the classroom, the department provides a Security Studies Speakers Series where you will network with professionals from the security industry. We also provide spring break trips, field trips and Saturday certification programs. Below is a representative example of activities provided by the department:
- Global Security Exchange Conference (GSX) Atlanta, fall 2022 and Chicago, fall 2019
- Spring Break 2018: Washington D.C., ASIS International Headquarters, George Washington University School of Law, Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction
- Heinz Field Security Operations field trip
- PPG Paints Arena Security Operations field trip
- Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Security Operations field trip
- PNC Park Security Operations field trip
- David L. Lawrence Convention Center Security Operations field trip
- Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium
- Allegheny County Emergency Services Facility Security Operations field trip
- Iron Mountain field trip
- Pittsburgh International Airport field trip
- Saturday Certificate programs in:
  - Fundamentals of Personnel Security
  - IED Search and Identification
  - Stop the Bleed!
  - Suspicious Activity Reports
  - CPR

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