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

Homeland Security
Most entry-level homeland security professionals protect our national infrastructures, such as our 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 the private and public-sector work environments. You may find work in public safety roles; federal, state and local law enforcement; the military; 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 Agent, CIA, Secret Service or the Transportation Security Administration.

Corporate Security
The organizational security concentration 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 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 and internal auditor.

HOMELAND AND CORPORATE SECURITY AT SRU

The homeland security program will build your knowledge, skills and abilities to prevent, detect, investigate and remediate security breaches due to terrorism and natural disasters that threaten national security. As a homeland security major you will take classes in a variety of disciplines needed to engage in risk assessment, planning and analysis; protect critical infrastructure and key assets; and establish appropriate critical incident response and management. In addition, you will take classes in the sociocultural aspects of human conflict.

The corporate security program will build your knowledge, skills, and abilities to prevent, detect, investigate and correct private security breaches due to man-made (crime, workplace violence, terrorism, etc.) and natural disasters (fires, floods, etc.) that threaten property, people, information, economic assets and business continuity. As a corporate security major you will take classes in a variety of disciplines needed to critically analyze an organization’s security needs and find creative solutions to solve complex security issues. The organizational security concentration provides the knowledge and skills needed to protect people, property, information and assets, while the fraud concentration provides the knowledge and skills needed to secure both tangible and intangible economic assets.
WHY CHOOSE SRU HOMELAND AND CORPORATE SECURITY STUDIES?

1. Security is one of the nation’s fastest growing industries, generating approximately $400 billion in revenue each year in the United States. An increase in the retirement of officers and agents from the baby-boom generation will provide additional job opportunities in this field.

2. The post-9/11 generation of homeland security employees require specialized knowledge and skills that our degree provides. There is a demand for homeland security specialists at all levels of government and law enforcement as projected by Economic Modeling Specialists International.

3. A study by ASIS International projected there will be a high demand for entry-level security professionals in the next several decades. Western Pennsylvania is on the forefront of security partnerships between universities, businesses and governmental agencies.

4. The demand for fraud specialists continues to grow in the private sector and the public sector needs fraud specialists who are qualified in conducting financial intelligence, complex financial crime investigations, and working with the homeland security experts in stopping the flow of money needed to finance terrorism.

5. Capstone classes involve hands-on projects so you can apply all you have learned.

6. You will be taught by faculty who have worked in the homeland security industry and bring real-life examples and industry experience to enhance your learning experience.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We are quickly growing our internships since the formation of our department in the 2018-19 academic year. Our homeland security and corporate security students have completed internships at the following locations:

- U.S. Marshals Service
- Pittsburgh Office of Emergency Management
- David L. Lawrence Convention Center
- National Cyber-Forensics and Training Alliance

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

There are a variety of professional certifications you may obtain upon graduation. The list below is not inclusive but includes the most popular certifications. We encourage you to research the requirements of these certifications as many of them require the passing of an exam and relevant work experience.

- Certified Homeland Protection Professional
- Certified Homeland Protection Associate
- American Board for Certification in Homeland Security
- Certified Fraud Examiner
- Certified Protection Professional
- Professional Certified Investigator
- Physical Security Professional

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