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COURSE SYLLABUS

CJUS 380

INTRODUCTION TO HOMELAND SECURITY

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An introduction to the public and private sector dimension of the broad range theoretical and practical aspects of homeland security and emergency management, including: origins of natural and terrorist-caused disasters; local, state, and federal emergency management planning and operations; health infrastructure capabilities, public communication strategies; business community concerns; ethical, legal, and constitutional questions; as well as the social and psychological dimensions of disasters. NRF, NIMS, ICS, IC, and UC will be examined. Further, national and association standards found in agencies and documents such as Presidential Directives, NFPA 1600, IAEM, and IACP will be examined.

RATIONALE

This course cultivates an understanding of different cultures and international actions. It promotes an understanding of Western tradition and American historical aspects of emergency management and fosters university-level competencies in writing, speaking, reading, analytical reasoning, computer literacy, and research. It challenges the student to acquire knowledge independently through research of the sciences and promotes the evaluation of moral and ethical decision making. The student will develop competence in determining an approach to vocation. This course nurtures the maturing of spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical qualities through the synthesis of academic knowledge and Christian values. It cultivates the sensitivity to others with commitment to better humanity and encourages commitment to Christian life while actively communicating the Christian faith, personal integrity, and social responsibility, all achieved through Jesus Christ the Lord and personal Savior

I. PREREQUISITE

For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the [Academic Course Catalog](#).

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASE

Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: <http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm>

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING

- A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
- B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
- C. Microsoft Word

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Identify proven best practices in preparedness and mitigation of hazards.
- B. Evaluate opposing positions related to critical homeland security issues.
- C. Explain potential terrorist hazards within the United States with appropriate responses to these hazards.
- D. Compare the various structures and homeland security initiatives of local, state, and federal organizations.
- E. Identify groups, organizations, and systems involved in response and recovery.
- F. Discuss a historical evolution of emergency management and statutory changes.
- G. Based on past changes in homeland security policies, systems, and procedures, propose the need for future change and improvement.
- H. Discuss the importance of Christian NGO's in response and recovery.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations
- B. Course Requirements Checklist

After reading the Course Syllabus and [Student Expectations](#), the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.

- C. Discussion Board Forums (8)

Discussion boards are collaborative learning experiences. Discussion questions will be posted each module/week. Each thread must be 200–300 words and reference a minimum of 1 source. Unlike the formal written assignments, it is not required that the thread adheres to specific formatting requirements; however, the student must be sure to proofread carefully. Grammar and spelling errors may impact the grading. The student must post at least 2 replies to other classmates' threads with 100–150 words in each reply. A minimum of 1 source must be referenced.

Position Paper 1

The purpose of this position paper is to gain support on a particular issue and to explain the rationale for the student's position. The information provided must be based on a strong foundation of facts. As such, the student must provide evidence from credible academic and scholarly sources. The student will select a topic provided from Chapters 1–4 respectively. After choosing his/her topic, the student will define, refine, and limit his/her issue. At a minimum, the following sections are required for the paper: (a) problem statement, (b) literature review, and (c) conclusion.

The paper must follow strict APA guidelines and must consist of 700–1,050 words. At least 4 sources are required. All sources must be properly cited.

D. Position Paper 2

The purpose of this position paper is to rebut the student’s position in Position Paper 1. The student must convince the readers that the evidence and findings of Position Paper 1 are wrong. As such, the information provided must be based on a strong foundation of facts, with evidence from credible academic and scholarly sources. Remember, peer-reviewed articles are best. At a minimum, the following sections are required: (a) position statement, (b) review of literature, and (c) conclusion. Any references used in Position Paper 1 may be used again; however 3 new references are required. In addition, the textbook must be used as a reference to cite at least 1 countering argument to Position Paper 1.

The paper must follow strict APA guidelines.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

A. Points

Course Requirements Checklist	10
Discussion Board Forums (8 at 75 pts ea)	600
Position Paper 1	150
Position Paper 2	250
Total	1010

B. Scale

A = 900–1010 B = 800–899 C = 700–799 D = 600-699 F = 0–599

C. Late Assignment Policy

If the student is unable to complete an assignment on time, then he or she must contact the instructor immediately by email.

Assignments that are submitted after the due date without prior approval from the instructor will receive the following deductions:

1. Late assignments submitted within one week of the due date will receive a 10% deduction.
2. Assignments submitted more than one week late will receive a 20% deduction.
3. Assignments submitted two weeks late or after the final date of the course will not be accepted.
4. Late Discussion Board threads or replies will not be accepted.

Special circumstances (e.g. death in the family, personal health issues) will be reviewed by the instructor on a case-by-case basis.

D. CJUS Policy

The nature of the criminal justice community demands that persons involved be of a high level of integrity, and education is not merely academic in nature, but is holistic. Students enrolled in CJUS courses will be held to a high standard. Self-control is imperative for CJUS practitioners. If not “merely” to honor Christ, your family, and this academic institution, on a purely pragmatic level, in anticipation of future employability in the career field of your choice, conduct yourselves so as not to place yourselves in difficult and embarrassing situations.

E. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online’s Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport.

COURSE SCHEDULE

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Textbook: Bullock et al., *Introduction to Homeland Security* (2016).

MODULE/ WEEK	READING & STUDY	ASSIGNMENTS	POINTS
1	Bullock et al.: chs. 1–2 2 presentations 1 website	Course Requirements Checklist Class Introductions DB Forum 1	10 0 75
2	Bullock et al.: ch. 4 1 presentation 2 websites	DB Forum 2	75
3	Bullock et al.: ch. 3 2 presentations	DB Forum 3	75
4	Bullock et al.: ch. 5 1 presentation 1 website	DB Forum 4 Position Paper 1	75 150
5	Bullock et al.: ch. 10 1 presentation 2 websites	DB Forum 5	75
6	Bullock et al.: ch. 9 1 presentation 2 websites	DB Forum 6	75
7	Bullock et al.: ch. 11 1 presentation 2 websites	DB Forum 7	75
8	Bullock et al.: chs. 12–13 1 presentation 3 websites	DB Forum 8 Position Paper 2	75 250
TOTAL			1010

DB = Discussion Board

NOTE: Each course week (except Module/Week 1) begins on Tuesday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Monday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on **Friday**.