

To complete the online program in 16 months, students typically take three courses per semester, each lasting 16 weeks. Our online program requires a total of 36 credits of coursework.

The curriculum is organized as follows:

SEMESTER ONE

PSSL 6240: Political Violence and Terrorism (3 credits)

The evolution of terrorism and politically motivated violence. Shifts in the operational tactics of guerrilla, terrorist and insurgent groups and rogue states. Approaches to the formulation of counterterrorist strategies.

PSSL 6241: Globalization of Threats and International Security (3 credits)

The conduct of national and international threat assessment. The various international legal and strategic options available to public safety agencies.

PSSL 6242: Security and Civil Liberties (3 credits)

Issues that arise as states attempt to reconcile the maintenance of civil liberties and human rights with the control of crime, prevention of terrorism and protection of its citizens.

SEMESTER TWO

PSSL 6243: Intelligence and Strategic Analysis (3 credits)

The structure and components of the intelligence and law enforcement communities. International intelligence cooperation. Analysis of counterterrorism policies and strategies at the international, national and regional levels.

PSSL 6244: Information Systems Protection (3 credits)

The various types of cyber crime and the vulnerability of government computer systems and information networks. Mitigation strategies for the protection of information and computer systems.

PSSL 6260: Methods of Analysis in Security (3 credits)

Methods and problems of data collection in security fields, with emphasis on analytical design, instrument utilization, sampling and measurement.

SEMESTER THREE

PSSL 6250: Strategic Planning and Budgeting (3 credits)

The adaptation of strategic planning and performance measures beyond budgeting for the requirements of government agencies that deal with long-term security issues.

PSSL 6251: Interagency Cooperation (3 credits)

Cooperation initiatives across agencies through mutual assistance agreements and regional, national and international structures. Issues of technology interoperability and legal and interorganizational challenges.

PSSL 6252: Emergency Management and Crisis Communication (3 credits)

Basic principles of emergency planning, including development of an across-the-board response plan involving all levels of government and the private sector. Strategies for ensuring that communication channels are open and secure during a crisis situation.

SEMESTER FOUR

PSSL 6253: Managing the Politics of Leadership (3 credits)

An in-depth look at the role of power and influence in organizations. Case studies demonstrate the necessity of mobilizing the political support and resources needed to implement objectives.

PSSL 6254: Strategic Change Leadership (3 credits)

The challenges, techniques, burdens, and successes associated with initiating and implementing change within an organization. The process of organizational change from multiple theoretical vantages.

PSSL 6270: Capstone Project (3 credits)

Development of a research project integrating theoretical and analytic perspectives applied to improving organizational effectiveness in public safety agencies.

**Course list subject to change*