

# SHAPE POLICY TO STRATEGICALLY FIGHT GLOBAL TERRORISM

## ONLINE MS IN COUNTER-TERRORISM & HOMELAND SECURITY



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY  
WASHINGTON, DC

Since 9/11, national and homeland security threats have grown increasingly complex as have the responses to counter them successfully. American University's online Master of Science in Counter-Terrorism and Homeland Security is designed to give law enforcement and intelligence professionals specialized preparation in identifying and analyzing these threats and focused expertise in countering terrorism as a social and networked phenomenon. This two-year, 36-credit program is taught by leading experts and covers counter-terrorism through the lenses of policy, intelligence, social science and law.

### COURSEWORK FOCUSED ON THE INTERSECTION OF COUNTER-TERRORISM & HOMELAND SECURITY

Law enforcement and intelligence professionals who possess interdisciplinary skills in counter-terrorism and homeland security are in high demand. Upon completion of the MS in Counter-Terrorism and Homeland Security, you will possess the knowledge and skills to:

- ▶ Analyze and discuss national and homeland security problems through the application of acquired knowledge of criminology, social science, legal systems, policy, terrorism studies, and intelligence analysis
- ▶ Apply empirical and data-driven solutions to analyze domestic threats to US homeland security
- ▶ Formulate, evaluate, and communicate public policies and programs related to counter-terrorism while using acquired analytic frameworks and methodological skills, including statistics, economics, criminology, and law
- ▶ Apply acquired skillsets, expertise, and values to real-world policy problems in a collaborative manner

With this skillset, you will be well-positioned for work opportunities at federal, state, and local government agencies, the Intelligence Community and other organizations in which these focused law enforcement and intelligence analytic skills are in high demand.

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## A PROVEN CURRICULUM FROM A LEADER IN HOMELAND SECURITY

Taught by recognized experts in counter-terrorism and homeland security, the MS in Counter-Terrorism and Homeland Security program builds focused knowledge in the field through expertise in the causes of political violence, intelligence analysis and methods, national security, domestic and international law and policy, cybersecurity, research methods, and real-world residency and internship work. This is a two-year, 36-credit program consisting of 12 courses.

### COURSES

#### ▶ Core Course Toolkit | Six courses at three credits each

JLC 621	Justice in the Face of Terror
JLC 670	Causes of Terrorism and Political Violence
JLC 674	Domestic Terrorism and Political Violence
JLC 684	Intelligence Analysis
JLC 485	Strategic Intelligence
JLC 685	U.S. National Security Law, War Power, and Terrorism – Current Legal Issues

#### ▶ Research Methods | Two courses at three credits each

JLC 680	Introduction to Justice Research I
JLC 681	Introduction to Justice Research II

#### ▶ Residency | One course at three credits

JLC 673	Seminar on National Security Policy
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#### ▶ Selected Topics | Three courses at three credits each

JLC 678	Investigating Terrorism
JLC 682	Crime and Conflict Nexus
JLC 683	Cyber Threats and Security

#### ▶ Non-credit internship requirement, completed in your local area.

American University leads all universities in producing graduates who are finalists for the distinguished Presidential Management Fellows program. The flagship two-year leadership development program in the federal government includes leadership training at a federal agency, a developmental assignment, and eligibility for full-time positions upon completion.

## BY THE NUMBERS

At American University, we are committed to offering programs that facilitate the career success of our graduates. As a result, within six months of receiving their degrees, 92.5 percent of American University grads with graduate degrees report being employed, continuing further studies, or both.

Our programs also earn high rankings for educational quality, including:

#### ▶ U.S. News & World Report America's Best Colleges (2018)

- No. 69 Best National University
- No. 35 Best College for Veterans
- No. 61 Best Value School
- Top 20 School of Public Affairs

#### ▶ Princeton Review Best Colleges (2017)

- The Best 381 Colleges
- A Best Northeastern College
- No. 18 of Top 50 Green Colleges
- No. 4 Politically Active Students

## ABOUT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

At American University, smart, passionate, and engaged faculty and students focus on using their knowledge to create meaningful change. Our historic academic strengths in international service and public affairs inspired our sense of social responsibility and our commitment to cultural and intellectual diversity.

Founded in 1893 and located at the top of Embassy Row in the nation's capital, American University was chartered by Congress as a national university dedicated to serving the public. As a college-centered research university, we are honored to have so many prominent, accomplished, and distinguished experts on our faculty. Through our online programs, American has a greater global reach than ever before.

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