

Hauptseminar: Homeland Security

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Dienstag 14-16, Anhalter Zimmer (except for 15.11 and 29.11 Tulpe Musukzimmer)

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Course Description:

This is a hauptseminar focusing on issues related to American homeland security policy. The course will be somewhat unusual for several reasons. Because this is a new and very unpredictable policy area, there are no systematic textbook treatments of it available. Most of the research is published and distributed electronically and very little material has yet appeared in traditional academic journals. As a result, most of the course readings will come from electronic sources and students making class presentations and preparing papers will have to rely on electronic sources of information for their research. An extensive listing of internet sites dealing with homeland security issues will be distributed at the first class meeting and an internet group site is set up to help people distribute electronic information they locate among members of the class. Send an email message to the following address to join this group: MLU-Homeland-Security@googlegroups.com

Reading: As noted above, most of the course readings will be electronic in form. At the beginning of the semesters, ***all students are required*** to read the *final report of the 9/11 Commission*, the special study unit set up by the President and Congress to study failures in government policy that contributed to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. *The report can be found here:* <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/911>

Course Requirements:

Students are expected to attend regularly and to participate in classroom discussions. Starting about the fourth week of the semester, a student or group of students will deliver an opening presentation of about 20 minutes length setting forth the background on the issue and identifying key issues related to this particular policy topic. The remainder of the class period will be devoted to further questions and answers related to the topic and lecture comments by the instructor amplifying issues raised in the presentation. All students should sign up for topics the first or second weeks of the class.

Students wishing to take the course for a grade must also prepare a course paper, either on the topic of their class presentation or on another topic approved by the professor. Students are encouraged to submit a brief one- or two-page paper proposal to the professor in which they describe the subject of their paper and the sources they intend to use in preparing it. Course papers should be submitted no later than March 15, 2006, so that they can receive a grade from the professor before the beginning of the summer semester.

Class Topics:

October 25	Course overview and class organization meeting.
November 1	Lecture: The policy environment leading up to September 11.
November 8	Lecture: The work and report of the 9/11 Commission
November 15	Lecture: The initial work of the White House Office
November 22	Establishment of the Department of Homeland Security
November 29	Reorganization in Congress to hand Homeland Security matters.
December 6	Continuity of Government planning: keeping government function in times of catastrophe.
December 13	The USA PATRIOT Act: Hunting for terrorists domestically and internationally. The initial passage of law, and proposed 2005 changes in the act.
December 20	Domestic Emergencies: Planning and Rebuilding in the wake of the New Orleans and Texas hurricanes.
January 10	Immigration: Keeping secure while permitting immigration in an immigrant-receiving nation.
January 17	Transportation security: keeping secure while preserving commerce.
January 24	Intelligence policy: reorganizing and reforming post-modern spies. Concluding comments.