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College of Arts and Sciences

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The programs below were approved by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education following the publication of the 2021-22 Undergraduate Academic Catalog. Please refer to the 2021-22 College of Arts and Sciences catalog section for additional degree and certificate options, or the 2021-22 Minors catalog section for minor options.

Program Name	Degree(s) Available		Certificate Available
Homeland and Corporate Security	BS		
Pre-Health			Yes

The current listings of [Faculty and Staff in the College of Art and Sciences](#) and [Faculty and Staff in the University Library](#) can be found on the Athens State University website.

College of Arts and Sciences – General Information

Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences prepare students for careers or for continuing education in graduate or professional school. Our mission in the College of Arts and Sciences is to assist students in developing:

- Competencies in written and oral communication;
- Appreciation of their cultural heritage and understanding of their world;
- A knowledge base conducive to self-growth and enriched life experiences; and,
- Fundamental knowledge, research skills, and computer literacy essential to lifelong learning.

Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences support the mission of Athens State by empowering students “to make valuable contributions in their professional, civic, educational, and economic endeavors.”

The Department of Behavioral Sciences offers courses in seven areas of study: Behavioral Science, Psychology, Sociology, Criminal Justice, Health Science, Health & Wellness Management, Homeland & Corporate Security, and Public Safety and Health Administration. Programs in the Department employ an interdisciplinary approach aimed at developing a strong academic background to prepare students for employment in the areas of health, criminal justice, mental health, social work, counseling, substance abuse, sociology, and psychology. In addition, the programs prepare students for graduate or professional studies. Programs in Behavioral Sciences help students develop: (1) a knowledge base in psychology, sociology, criminal justice, or health fields; (2) scientific inquiry skills; (3) a sense of ethical and social responsibility in a diverse world; (4) communication skills; and (5) professional skills and goals.

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences offers courses in four areas of study: English, History, Religion, and Social Science. Programs in the Department help students develop a strong academic background in preparation for careers, graduate or professional programs, or certification as secondary education teachers. Department programs: (1) enhance the student’s understanding of the world, society, and community through a broad knowledge base in the humanities and social sciences; (2) foster respect and appreciation for diversity of people and opinions; (3) cultivate life-long learning through proficient use of technology and information; and (4) develop critical thinking, analytical, and communication skills. Students pursuing teaching certification or licensure will complete additional requirements from the College of Education.

The Department of Fine and Performing Arts offers courses in three areas of study: Art, Drama and Theatre Arts, and Music. Programs in the Department emphasize individual commitment to creating art and provide students with the opportunity to shape the future of the art community, emphasizing the importance of art in society. Graduates of the program find themselves with a deepened artistic appreciation, knowledge-base, and skill-set that will allow them to pursue a graduate school education and/or that will enhance career opportunities. Department programs: (1) enhance the student’s understanding of the world, society, and community through broad knowledge in fine and/or performing arts; (2) foster respect and appreciation for a diversity of people and opinions; (3) develop critical thinking, analytical, and communication skills; and (4) instill strong ethical standards.

The Department of Mathematical, Computer and Natural Sciences is committed to providing students with a strong academic background within the context of an increasingly technology-driven society. The mathematics, computer science, and information technology programs allow students the flexibility to explore a wide range of applied and theoretical areas of mathematics, computing, and logic suitable for diverse employment environments in business, industry, and government, or for further studies. The curriculum is designed to include an interdisciplinary approach where students can combine mathematics, information technology, and/or computer science courses with other disciplines, as well as gain certification for teaching mathematics at the secondary school level. The mathematics, information technology, and computer science programs: (1) enhance the student’s knowledge of mathematics and computer science; (2) cultivate analytical and problem-solving skills; (3) instill an appreciation for ethical principles to face the challenges posed by the development and uses of new technology and advanced scientific inquiry; and (4) develop critical thinking, analytical, and communication skills.

The natural science programs include biology and chemistry. The biology and chemistry programs employ an interdisciplinary approach to the natural sciences, providing a comprehensive science education background obtained through rigorous coursework, laboratories, and field experiences. Structured to prepare students for career opportunities in science, government, industry, and education or for pursuing graduate studies, the natural sciences: (1) enhance the student’s knowledge of the fundamental principles of biology, chemistry, and related life sciences and their interrelationships; (2) cultivate analytical and problem solving skills through the active teaching of the scientific method; (3) instill an appreciation for ethical principles in the conduct of scientific inquiry and use of new technology; and (4) develop critical thinking, analytical, and communication skills. Students pursuing secondary teaching licensure in mathematics, biology or chemistry will complete additional requirements mandated by the College of Education.

Majors leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree are offered in the disciplines of Art, Drama & Theatre Arts, English, English/Language Arts, History, Psychology, Religious Studies, and Sociology. Majors leading to a Bachelor of Science degree are offered in the disciplines of Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Health and Wellness Management, Information Technology, Mathematics, Psychology, and Sociology. The disciplines of Psychology and Sociology sponsor an interdisciplinary major in Behavioral Science leading to a Bachelor of Science degree. The College of Arts and Sciences, in cooperation with the College of Education, offers majors with a minor in Education in Biology, Chemistry, English/Language Arts, History, Mathematics, and Social Science for those students who are interested in

teaching grades 6-12. Completion of these programs will lead to Class B Certification in middle and high school education. Completion of the Bachelor of Arts Art Major with a minor in Education will lead to Class B Certification in grades P-12. In cooperation with the College of Business and the College of Education, the College sponsors interdisciplinary majors in Health Science and Public Safety and Health Administration leading to the Bachelor of Science degree.

Certain College of Arts and Sciences curricula require courses to be completed in a particular sequence. Therefore, it is important that Arts and Sciences students meet with their Faculty Advisor, as assigned by the Transfer Student Success Center Counselor for the College of Arts and Sciences, as soon as possible. It must be noted, however, that the student bears individual responsibility to schedule and complete all requirements for the degree and a particular program of study. To fit a specific student's need, a special program of study may be devised which varies from published requirements. However, under no circumstances are alterations to a particular curriculum permitted without prior approval of the student's faculty advisor and completion of a Curriculum Adjustment Form.

Distance Education

The College of Arts and Sciences offers online degree programs in the following majors: Religion, Psychology, and Individualized Degree Program. All coursework for these majors may be completed via distance learning. For additional information on distance education, refer to the Academic Policies section in the Introduction and General Information portion of the catalog or the University website.

Interdisciplinary Programs

Pre-Law Program

Many Athens State University students express an interest in attending law school after graduation. Athens State graduates have attended law school at The University of Alabama, The Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, The University of Tennessee, The University of Florida, George Washington University, Memphis State University, and Southern Illinois University.

To be admitted to an accredited law school, students typically must have a bachelor's degree, an acceptable score on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), and certain GPA requirements. Although no law school requires a specific major, the American Bar Association recommends degrees in English and history as preparation for law school.

Pre-Health Programs

Students interested in pre-health programs should contact the chief Pre-Health programs advisor, Dr. Sara Cline (sara.cline@athens.edu). Pre-health programs include:

Pre-medicine (osteopathic and allopathic)	Pre-veterinary	Pre-podiatry
Pre-dentistry	Pre-pharmacy	Pre-naturopathic
Pre-optometry	Pre-chiropractic	Pre-physician assistant
Pre-occupational therapy	Pre-physical therapy	

Students receive guidance in planning individual academic programs that will help prepare them for graduate programs in health and medicine. Though many students pursue biology or chemistry degrees, medical schools generally do not require or recommend any particular field of study as long as the following courses are completed:

- English composition and literature (12 hours)
- General chemistry with laboratory (8 hours)
- Organic chemistry with laboratory (8 hours)
- Biochemistry (recommended) (3 hours)
- General biology with laboratory (8 hours)
- General physics with laboratory (8 hours)
- Mathematics (calculus recommended) (6 hours)
- Additional biology electives (recommended): genetics, embryology, cell biology, and physiology

Degree Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences

General University Requirements for Graduation

Every student planning on completing an undergraduate degree/major program at Athens State University must satisfy all University requirements and meet all financial obligations before a degree is awarded.

To be eligible to receive an undergraduate degree, a student must:

- Complete a minimum of 124 semester hours with at least 25 percent of the degree requirements earned at Athens State University.
- Complete all of the general education and pre-professional courses (Areas I-V) required for the degree or major(s).
- Apply no more than 64 semester hours from a community college, excluding remedial courses (all courses taken will be transferred in but only 64 semester hours from a community college will be applicable toward an undergraduate degree).
- Complete all course requirements for the degree or major(s).
- Complete a minimum of 15 semester hours of upper level (300-400 level) coursework in the major at Athens State University, not including courses taken by reciprocal or visiting arrangements. **College or departmental regulations may require completion of more than 15 semester hours of coursework in the major at Athens State University. These degree-specific requirements are published in the appropriate degree/major section of the University catalog.**
- Attain a minimum institutional grade point average of 2.0 on all coursework attempted at Athens State University, and at least a 2.0 in the major field. **College or departmental regulations may require grade point averages higher than 2.0. These degree-specific requirements are published in the appropriate degree/major section of the University catalog.**
- When applicable, complete all course requirements for a minor with a minimum of six (6) semester hours of upper-level coursework in the minor from Athens State University. College or departmental regulations may require completion of more than six (6) semester hours of coursework in the minor at Athens State University. These specific requirements are published in the appropriate Minors section of the University catalog.
- Apply no more than 64 semester hours of non-traditional/non-graded college credit toward the degree.
- Complete the requirements for teacher certification (when applicable).

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HOMELAND AND CORPORATE SECURITY (HCS)

The Homeland and Corporate Security program is intended to provide students with the knowledge and training needed to prepare them for positions in homeland security, crisis management, and first response in both the public and private sectors. Students will gain an understanding of key areas of homeland security, including national security, security management, critical infrastructure protection, intelligence, risk management, legal and ethical issues, border security, and interagency and intergovernmental relations.

Bachelor of Science – Homeland and Corporate Security

EACH STUDENT MUST ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR KNOWING THE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE THAT IS BEING PURSUED.

Program components for the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Homeland and Corporate Security:

Applicable General University Requirements

Students earning the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree with a major in Homeland and Corporate Security must satisfy all general University requirements and meet all financial obligations before a degree is awarded.

General Education Requirements

Area	Discipline/Course	Hours
I	Written Composition	6
II	Humanities/Fine Arts (12 hours total)	
	At least one fine arts course	3
	At least one literature course*	3
	Other courses in humanities or fine arts	6
III	Mathematics and Natural Sciences (11 hours total)	
	Finite math <u>or</u> higher mathematics course	3
	Natural sciences (lab-based)	8
IV	History/Behavioral and Social Sciences (12 hours total)	
	At least one history course*	3
	Other courses in history or behavioral/social science	9
	*Students must complete a 6 hour sequence in either Literature (Area II) or History (Area IV).	
	Total General Education Requirement Hours:	41

Major Prerequisite (Pre-Professional) Course Requirements (Area V)

	Discipline/Course	Hours
	CRJ 100 Intro to Criminal Justice <u>or</u> CRJ 110 Intro to Law Enforcement	3
	CRJ 167 Industrial Security <u>or</u> CRJ 168 International Security <u>or</u> CRJ 171 Security Risk Management	3
	CIS 146 Microcomputer Applications <u>or</u> ITE 301 Problem Solving with Computers	3
	Total Major Prerequisite Requirement Hours:	9
	Total General Education and Major Prerequisite Requirement Hours:	50

Professional Course Requirements

	Program Core Courses	Hours
	UNV 300 Pathways to Success	3
	CJ 375/375L Cyber Criminology and Cyber Criminology Lab	4
	CJ 455 Ethics in the Public Sector	3
	HCS 300 Introduction to Homeland Security	3
	HCS 320 Organization and Management	3
	HCS 460 Threat System Management	3
	MCO 411 Cybersecurity Strategic Management	3
	PSHA 448 Managing the Public Safety and Health Emergency	3
	UNV 400 Career Seminar	1
	HCS 465 Senior Research Project (Capstone)	4
	Total Program Core Requirement Hours:	30

Additional Program Requirements

In addition to the Professional Courses above, Homeland and Corporate Security majors must complete **one of the following**:

- The Concentration in Corporate Security, **OR**
- The Concentration in Homeland Security.

Concentration in Corporate Security		Hours
	HCS 310 Security and Private Security	3
	HCS 430 Physical Security Assessment and Systems Integration	3
	HCS 450 Surveillance and Investigative Techniques	3
	HCS 455 Current Topics in Global Security	3
	MCO 412 Cybersecurity Management of Business Contingency & Resilience Planning	3
	OHSM 350 Risk Management & Security in the Workplace	3
	Total Corporate Security Concentration Requirement Hours:	18

Concentration in Homeland Security		Hours
	CJ 326 International and Domestic Terrorism	3
	HCS 330 Drugs and Human Trafficking	3
	HCS 410 Incident Command and Disaster Recovery	3
	HCS 420 Weapons of Mass Destruction	3
	HCS 445 Intelligence and Espionage	3
	HCS 455 Current Topics in Global Security	3
	Total Homeland Security Concentration Requirement Hours:	18

General Electives

	Elective hours as needed to meet minimum 124 hour requirement and all other general University requirements	26
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	Total Minimum Hours Required for Completion of Homeland and Corporate Security Major	124

College of Arts and Sciences Certificate Program

Pre-Health

This Pre-Health certificate is flexible enough to cover the pre-requisites for most Pre-Health professional programs, including Medical (MD and DO), PT, PA, OT, pharmacy, dental, nurse practitioner, veterinary, podiatry, chiropractic, optometry, athletic training, anesthesiologist assistant, audiology, and psychiatry. It also includes the classes necessary to prepare for the MCAT, DAT, and PCAT. In this 1-year (3-semester) certificate, students transfer to Athens State from a community college either in the Fall or Spring semester after completing Chemistry I&II, Physics I, and Physics II (if necessary).

Students must complete a minimum of 11 hours at Athens State to earn this certificate.

Requirements for the Certificate in Pre-Health (**a grade of "C" or better must be achieved on all required courses; please consult course descriptions for possible prerequisites**):

	Course	Hours
	CHM 111 College Chemistry I	4
	CHM 112 College Chemistry II	4
	PHY 213 General Physics with Calculus I (Recommended - PHY 201 Accepted)	4
	CHM 221 Organic Chemistry I <u>or</u> CH 311/311L Organic Chemistry I and Lab	4-5
	CH 409 Biochemistry	3
	BIO 104 Principles of Biology II <u>or</u> BI 304/304L Diversity and Adaptations and Lab	4
	BIO 201 Human Anatomy & Physiology I <u>or</u> BI 361/361L Human Anatomy and Lab	4
	One of the following electives: BI 312/312L Biostatistics and Lab MTH 265 Elementary Statistics <u>or</u> MA 331 Applied Probability and Statistics MTH 125 <u>or</u> MA 303 Calculus I PHY 214 General Physics with Calculus II* (Recommended - PHY 202 Accepted) PS 341 Statistics with Advanced Topics in Behavioral Science <i>*Pharmacy does not require Physics II</i>	3-4
	Two of the following electives: BI 202 Human Anatomy and Physiology II BI 220 General Microbiology <u>or</u> BI 415/415L Microbial Diversity and Human Interactions and Lab BI 312/312L Biostatistics and Lab BI 423/423L Histology and Lab BI 424/424L Advanced Physiology and Lab BI 425/425L Developmental Biology and Lab BI 427 Parasitology (3 Sem. Hrs.) BI 429/429L Immunology and Lab CHM 222 Organic Chemistry II <u>or</u> CH 312/312L Organic Chemistry II and Lab VET 242 Animal Nutrition & Laboratory Animals (3 Sem. Hrs.)	7-8
	Two of the following electives: PSY 200 General Psychology SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology PS 352 Abnormal Psychology SO 301 Gender and Multicultural Studies SO 312 Majority/Minority Group Relations SO 361 Social Analysis HS 320 Biomedical Ethics HWM 327 Physiology of Exercise HWM 450 Introduction to Epidemiology Exercise Science or Kinesiology Elective (PTA 220, HWM 325, or as approved by Advisor)	6
	Total Required Hours:	43-46

College of Business

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Athens State University’s College of Business is nationally accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), 11520 West 119th Street, Overland Park, KS 66213.

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Program Name	Degree(s) Available		Certificate Available
Forensic Accounting			Yes

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College of Business – General Information

The mission of the College of Business is to offer programs of study to students that will prepare them for positions in business, finance, or government; enhance the professional development of those already employed; and provide an academic framework for graduate study leading to professional positions. The purpose of the College of Business is to provide quality education for all students, teaching them to think critically, to use technology efficiently, to be effective leaders, decision makers, and communicators; to maintain ethical standards, and to understand the global economy. To carry out its mission and support its purpose, the College of Business has established the following goals:

- Provide for continuous improvement of the programs within the College of Business in keeping with the standards set by Athens State University, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), and the Accreditation Council of Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).
- Place excellence in teaching as the number one priority for serving students and for evaluating faculty.
- Encourage growth and diversity in the faculty and student body.
- Seek community and business relationships for advice and support of student and curriculum needs.
- Maintain cooperative relationships with other educational institutions to facilitate student transfer, maximize resource utilization and provide quality programs.
- Support a quality-based, equivalent learning environment for all students in all settings.
- Produce graduates who will be academically and professionally prepared by the quality teaching programs of the College of Business for work in an increasingly diverse, global environment.

Athens State University, through its College of Business, is nationally accredited by the Accreditation Council of Business Schools and Programs to offer the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree with majors in accounting, acquisition and contract management, advanced manufacturing management, human resource management, information assurance, logistics and supply chain management, management, management of technology, and occupational health and safety management. The College of Business curriculum complies with the Common Professional Component (CPC) recommended by the ACBSP. Instruction offered by the College of Business is designed to assist in the preparation of competent and effective professionals in the areas of accounting and management. Students completing a degree program offered by the College of Business will possess the following skills and competencies:

- Demonstrated knowledge of core business concepts, theories and applications in the areas of accounting, finance, management, marketing, management information systems, global business, strategic management, and production.
- Demonstrated proficiency in the use of technology as it relates to business.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively apply critical-thinking skills to analyze business issues and financial data.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the global economy including an appreciation of diversity as it relates to business.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively communicate orally and in writing.
- Demonstrated understanding and appreciation of ethical issues as it relates to business.
- Demonstrated understanding and ability to use effective managerial, leadership and group interaction techniques.

Distance Education

All College of Business majors are available online. All professional coursework for these majors may be completed via distance learning. However, if students have not completed all general education and pre-professional course requirements, the University cannot guarantee that all courses will be available in online formats. For further information regarding distance education, refer to the Academic Policies section in the Introduction and General Information portion of the catalog or the University website.

Assessment (Pre- and Post-Testing)

The College of Business, as a part of its continuous evaluation process, has implemented a program to assess the business knowledge levels of incoming students. This will be accomplished through a pre-test to be administered in a required course, MG 320 Organizational Communication. This course should be taken during a student's first term at Athens State University. A post-test will be administered in the capstone course, MG 420 Business Policy, which should be taken during a student's last term. An external benchmark post exam is administered in MG 480 Seminar in Business. In addition to the pre- and post-assessment related to knowledge of the core professional courses, business majors will also take a pre- and post-assessment designed to measure knowledge related to their specific major(s).

LiveText is a software platform used for creating an electronic portfolio, and is required in all "core" business courses (AC/MG 302, MG 320, MG 346, MG 350, MG 352, MG 390, MG 420, MG 480, and MK 331). Specified assignments in these courses will be placed in this portfolio and will be used in assessing student progress. This program will also provide students a digital professional development resource and a workspace for building and maintaining an online personal portfolio reflecting educational achievements, and may be used for developing career credentials. There is a one-time cost for this membership. Membership is available for up to five years.

Advising and Scheduling Information

Academic Advising

An Academic Advisor is assigned to each College of Business major by the Student Success Coach for the College of Business. After a student's transcript(s) have been received, a plan of study which reflects the transferred credit and the requirements for degree completion is available to the student and the advisor in Degree Works via the student's Athens State Online account. Students are encouraged to read **all** the information regarding degree requirements on the plan of study. Students should contact an advisor for any questions about the degree plan. Office hours are available on the College of Business website, along with telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. Students may also contact the College of Business staff whenever assistance is needed.

Scheduling

Degree programs in the College of Business are developed to ensure that students who complete the programs possess the skills and competencies for successful careers or further academic study. To obtain the maximum benefit from the programs, some sequencing of courses is necessary.

Most business courses are offered each term, particularly the common core courses which are required in all College of Business majors (AC/MG 302, MG 320, MG 346, MG 350, MG 352, MG 390, MG 420, MG 480, and MK 331). However, some courses (particularly those which are required in only one program or minor) are offered less frequently. Observing the following guidelines will help you in efficient scheduling.

- Those courses in most demand (common core courses) are generally offered each term in multiple formats.
- Courses which are specific to only one program (or minor), may not be offered every term and/or in all formats.
- Sequential courses (especially accounting and statistics) must be taken in order, and may be offered on a rotating or alternating basis.

Students should plan accordingly and not wait until they are nearing the end of their program to begin scheduling the less frequently offered courses or sequential courses.

Special Scheduling Requirements

First Term:

The following course, which is required for all Business majors, MUST be taken in the student's first term at Athens State. MG 320 Organizational Communication (3 semester hours). This course includes an initial assessment as part of our required outcomes assessment plan.

The following courses, which are required for all Business majors, should be taken in the student's first term at Athens State. The content in these courses is essential preparation for other courses in the curriculum.

AC/MG 302 Management Information Systems (3 semester hours).

MG 346 Principles of Management and Leadership (3 semester hours).

Accounting majors should take AC 321 Intermediate Accounting I during the first term in which they are eligible to take the course at Athens State University.

Last Term:

The following courses (which are required in all Business majors) should be taken during the student's last term at Athens State.

MG 420 Business Policy (3 semester hours). This course is the capstone course which integrates content from all other core business courses. The required Assessment Exam is given in this course.

MG 480 Seminar in Business (2 semester hours). This course is taken at the end of a student's program. An external benchmark exam (post) is administered, and the electronic portfolio in LiveText is completed.

Prerequisites

Observance of prerequisites will ensure that students have the background knowledge to obtain the maximum benefit from the curriculum. Please consult the course descriptions section of this catalog for information on course prerequisites.

Degree Programs in the College of Business

General University Requirements for Graduation

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College of Business Certificate Program

The College of Business at Athens State University offers the following specialized certificate. **A grade of “C” or better must be achieved on all required courses.**

Certificate in Forensic Accounting

	Course	Hours
	AC 312 Law for Accountants	3
	AC 442 Advanced Auditing and Fraud Examination	3
	AC 451 Forensic Accounting I	3
	AC 452 Forensic Accounting II	3
	One course from the following: AC 362 Federal Tax Accounting II AC 431 Advanced Accounting AC 435 Governmental Accounting AC 441 Special Topics in Accounting GBA 314 Business Ethics MCO 409 Management of Cybersecurity	3
	Total Required Hours:	15

Course Descriptions

The courses below were approved for implementation following the publication of the 2021-22 Undergraduate Academic Catalog. Please refer to the 2021-22 Course Descriptions catalog section for additional course information.

Criminal Justice (CJ)

- CJ 330 Drugs and Human Trafficking (3 Sem. Hrs.) (Also listed as HCS 330)**
This course introduces the student to the establishment and evolution of drugs and human trafficking in the United States and abroad. The course will examine the connection between organized crimes committed independently and dependently of organized drug and human traffickers and trafficking rings and enterprises. This course will discuss state and federal laws and policies created to reduce, detect, investigate, and apply regarding drugs and human trafficking, immigration, human smuggling and victimization. The skill of identifying drug and human trafficking enterprises and smuggling are also discussed.
- CJ 440 Homeland Security (3 Sem. Hrs.) (Also listed as HCS 440)**
This course is designed to provide criminal justice students with an introduction to homeland security training and procedures. This course will prepare students interested in federal as well as state laws, practices, and procedures related to investigation, detainment, and prosecution of domestic as well as foreign threats to national security to the United States. This course will explore the management, assessment, supervision of homeland security to all federal agencies authorized by our government.
- CJ 445 Intelligence and Espionage (3 Sem. Hrs.) (Also listed as HCS 445)**
This course introduces the student to the relationships between the U.S. intelligence community and the homeland security enterprise. In doing so, a historical perspective will be provided to highlight the increasingly important role intelligence has played and will play in securing the homeland. The course presents the evolving relationship between intelligence and the homeland security enterprise, with particular emphasis on the roles, capabilities and challenges of intelligence support to the homeland security enterprise.

Homeland and Corporate Security (HCS)

- HCS 300 Introduction to Homeland Security (3 Sem. Hrs.)**
This is an introductory course to discuss the transition from the creation of homeland security to the formation of the current modern-day homeland security agency and system. This course will discuss more modern and innovative technologies utilized in homeland security to assist agents with apprehension, investigation, prevention and security measures, critical infrastructure protection, intelligence, risk management, legal and ethical issues, border security, and interagency and intergovernmental relations.
- HCS 310 Security and Private Security (3 Sem. Hrs.)**
This homeland security course will examine the organization and management of the security function in industry, governmental agencies, and homeland security. The exploration of methods to protect personnel, facilities, and other major assets, loss prevention, control, cybersecurity, and risk management are also discussed in relationship to homeland security and other government agencies and systems.
- HCS 320 Organization and Management (3 Sem. Hrs.)**
This course will provide general knowledge and understanding of the basic structure, organization and management of homeland security agencies in order to examine personnel; theoretical, traditional, and modern management styles; and approaches utilized to solve problems and create innovative approaches of the agency administration.
- HCS 330 Drugs and Human Trafficking (3 Sem. Hrs.) (Also listed as CJ 330)**
This course introduces the student to the establishment and evolution of drugs and human trafficking in the United States and abroad. The course will examine the connection between organized crimes committed independently and dependently of organized drug and human traffickers and trafficking rings and enterprises. This course will discuss state and federal laws and policies created to reduce, detect, investigate, and apply regarding drugs and human trafficking, immigration, human smuggling and victimization. The skill of identifying drug and human trafficking enterprises and smuggling are also discussed.
- HCS 410 Incident Command and Disaster Recovery (3 Sem. Hrs.)**
This course is designed to provide the student with the requisite skills to create strategic emergency management plans with a hazard-specific focus. Learn a cohesive approach to emergency management that includes operations plans to prepare, prevent, protect, respond and recover. This strategic hazard-specific plan will integrate the Planning Cycle method to maintain a high-level of continual preparedness. This course will also integrate the knowledge acquired in subsequent EMCP courses in developing functional operations planning to manage and coordinate complex natural, technological and political emergencies.
- HCS 420 Weapons of Mass Destruction (3 Sem. Hrs.)**
The student will be introduced to the basic understanding of terrorism and how to effectively plan how to protect their communities from attack involving weapons of mass destruction. Upon completion, the student will be able to define and discuss terrorism and weapons of mass destruction. They will learn to formulate protective strategies and to implement tactical procedures to protect their communities from terrorist attacks.

- HCS 430 Physical Security Assessment and Systems Integration (3 Sem. Hrs.)**
 This course will focus on the development and implementation of a Vulnerability Assessment program. Students will look at the Vulnerability Assessment's role in the Risk Assessment process and learn how to support the development of the Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Site Physical Security Program. Students will also learn the CARVER system, which is a step-by-step approach to Vulnerability Assessment, and identify the application of the program. The student will learn to apply a research methodology for gathering information, conducting investigations, conducting interviews, briefings with state, federal, and private clients. This course will explore physical structures of facilities, cyber security, and physical securities for assessment management and tests. Personnel access, traffic control and other mitigation measures are covered.
- HCS 440 Homeland Security (3 Sem. Hrs.) (Also listed as CJ 440)**
 This course is designed to provide criminal justice students with an introduction to homeland security training and procedures. This course will prepare students interested in federal as well as state laws, practices, and procedures related to investigation, detainment, and prosecution of domestic as well as foreign threats to national security to the United States. This course will explore the management, assessment, supervision of homeland security to all federal agencies authorized by our government.
- HCS 445 Intelligence and Espionage (3 Sem. Hrs.) (Also listed as CJ 445)**
 This course introduces the student to the relationships between the U.S. intelligence community and the homeland security enterprise. In doing so, a historical perspective will be provided to highlight the increasingly important role intelligence has played and will play in securing the homeland. The course presents the evolving relationship between intelligence and the homeland security enterprise, with particular emphasis on the roles, capabilities and challenges of intelligence support to the homeland security enterprise.
- HCS 450 Surveillance and Investigative Techniques (3 Sem. Hrs.)**
 An examination of basic police surveillance and counter-surveillance procedures and methods, including foot and vehicle; one-, two- and three-person or ABC surveillance; aerial platform; and electronic and stationary surveillance operations. Hand on training includes topic definition and history of surveillance, four basic methods of surveillance, foot surveillance operations, vehicle surveillance procedures, stationary surveillance methods, aerial platform surveillance, counter-surveillance operations, detecting and eluding surveillance operatives, and presentation of surveillance evidence in court.
- HCS 455 Current Topics in Global Security (3 Sem. Hrs.)**
 This course will engage its students with a broad range of global political topics implicated in the challenging security environment of the 21st century. Beginning with an intensive survey of the disciplinary approaches to the study of security common throughout the 20th century, it quickly transitions into a topical course exploring contemporary security issues through multi- and interdisciplinary lenses. This methodological pluralism, a strength of security studies as a program of inquiry, will prepare students not only to contemplate security as a complex and contested concept in the language of the academy, but also to address discrete, pressing issues in the realm of practical public policy. Informed by theories of international relations, fundamental issues such as the globalization of security studies and evolving relationships between security and environmental, economic, and social issues are critically explored.
- HCS 460 Threat System Management (3 Sem. Hrs.)**
 This course examines analytical and policy skills used to frame the issues of risk so that other participants in local, national and international policy processes will understand the global need for disaster reduction, and act in constructive ways. Topics include the scope of risk to human communities that is emerging on a global scale from natural and man-made disasters, a critical review of the consequences of terrorism for metropolitan regions around the world, policy issues involved in coping with the political, social and economic consequences of disasters, and the interdependence of these issues with other forms of development, the range of perspectives - scientific, economic, political, organizational and social - that are involved in understanding the consequences of disaster for human communities, the links between the vulnerability of communities to disaster and the consequences of political and economic instability that lead to civil conflict. In addition, decision making processes that illustrate the conflicting interests among multiple policy audiences in recovery from hypothetical disasters are also explored.
- HCS 465 Senior Research Project (Capstone) (4 Sem. Hrs.)**
Prerequisites: Senior standing and permission of instructor
 This course provides a capstone experience for senior Homeland Security Majors. This course is available only to Homeland Security majors and is taken during their last term in the degree program. This course consists of four elements: (1) an observation experience at an office or agency engaged in the application of theories and concepts in a subfield of Homeland Security; (2) an approved thesis and issue paper on a contemporary issue facing homeland security leaders at the national, state, or local levels and presentation of this research to selected full-time faculty at Athens State University; (3) a supervised review of selected professional literature; and (4) a sufficient score on an externally validated exit exam. Students should consult with their academic advisor prior to registration for this course.

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- MG 482 Space Mission Planning, Communications, and Control (3 Sem. Hrs.)**
 This course addresses the concepts of space mission conceptualization, planning, communications, and control while operating in near Earth and planetary orbits. Previous mission planning from NASA missions such as those used during International Space Station, Space Shuttle, Project Apollo and other sources will be utilized as well as un-crewed missions such as the Mars Perseverance Rover. Students will develop and simulate a typical mission in a team environment, including communications and data management utilizing a simulated world-wide deep space network using ZOOM. The team mission will be published as part of the class.