The online MS in Homeland Security and Emergency Management at Idaho State University (ISU) is unique for its inclusive perspective. It integrates homeland security and emergency management while most programs focus on one aspect such as terrorism, criminal justice, or emergency management. This program covers a full spectrum of topics for public safety managers and executives to effectively prevent and deter intentional acts and build strong capabilities to respond and recover from all hazards that threaten the U.S.

The MS in HSEM degree program consists of nine courses for a total of 30 credits including a choice between a six-credit research thesis or capstone project, contributing to the growing academic discipline. The degree can be completed in as few as 16-months. Academic activities include research activities, engaging with multimedia learning materials, participating in robust online discussions with faculty members and peers, and preparing work related issue papers, decision briefing documents, policies and legislative proposals, and projects.
Sample Courses

Critical Issues and Systems Thinking:
Analyze complex systems surrounding traditional and emerging issues unique to the homeland security and emergency management enterprise and apply critical thinking to develop inclusive, whole community actions.

Health and Medical Disaster Management:
Evaluate public health emergency systems and capabilities related to crises such as pandemics, chemical and bioterrorism threats, contamination, and mass casualty incidents.

Cyber Threats and Security:
Synthesize cyber security vulnerabilities and apply leadership skills necessary to prepare a new generation of strategic thought leaders to secure the country’s digital infrastructure.

Intelligence, Terrorism, and Domestic Violent Extremism:
Apply the intelligence tradecraft framework and analytic and research skills used to disrupt terrorist plots and acts of extreme violence by lone wolves or violent extremists.

Real World Experience
Candidates select a Capstone or Thesis project to apply their analytic and critical thinking skills to assist local government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private sector businesses to present research findings, or propose a project, program or initiative aimed at reducing risks that could disrupt operations, and threaten lives or property. Capstone projects may be with a current employer, or can be with a new project sponsor, creating a strong portfolio piece for graduates when seeking advancement opportunities.

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