

Course Expectations Letter

Subject: HMLD 101 Introduction to Homeland Security

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Catalog Course Description:

HMLD 101

Introduction to Homeland Security

Advisory: ENGL 035 or ENLA 100 or appropriate assessment; READ 023 or appropriate assessment.

This course provides first responders and other interested students with the foundational knowledge pertaining to homeland security. This course will include discusses on the policies, organizational relationships, and legal issues in the American context from federal, state and local municipal government perspectives.

3 Units

54 Lecture hours

Student Learning Outcomes for this course are:

- SLO 1: Demonstrate a broad range of federal policies and procedures enacted since the events of September 11, 2001.
- SLO 2: Demonstrate the organizations involved in homeland security.
- SLO 3: Demonstrate how to analyze, evaluate and make inferences of homeland security issues and problems.
- SLO 4: Demonstrate natural or manmade hazards which threaten the safety and security of the United States.

By logging into Canvas you affirm that you are the student who enrolled in the course(s) and are the person who will complete the assigned work. Furthermore, you agree to follow the regulations regarding academic integrity, personal identification and the use of student information as described in [BP 5500 \(Standards of Conduct\)](#) and AP [5520 \(Student Conduct Procedures\)](#) which are the Rio Hondo College student conduct codes that govern student rights and responsibilities. You acknowledge that failure to abide by the regulations set forth in BP 5500 and AP 5520 may result in disciplinary action, including expulsion from the college.

This is **NOT** a self-paced course. There are firm deadlines in this class. There are assignments due on a regular basis. Please plan your time carefully!

Textbook: Please consult the Bookstore for information at (562) 463-7345 or go to [Rio Hondo College Online Bookstore](#)

This course will include regular instructor student contact. Methods of regular instructor student contact include:

Primary Instructional Delivery Methods:

- a) Announcements
- b) Email Correspondence
- c) Discussion Forums
- d) Timely feedback on Assignments
- e) Telephone Contact
- f) Skype as Required
- g) Regular or Phone Office Hours

Use of the following textbook:

"Introduction to Homeland Security" by Jane Bullock, George Haddow and Damon P. Coppola.

- Edition: 5th edition
- Publisher: Butterworth-Heinemann
- ISBN-13: 978-0128020289

Use of the Following Case Study:

"DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY Office of Inspector General: A Performance Review of FEMA's Disaster Management Activities in Response to Hurricane Katrina (2006)"

Additional supplemental reading and study materials include, but are not limited to:

Internet and other electronic sources of data and information. Media coverage includes national, regional, local and international news sources studied from a Homeland Security perspective.

Students are required to participate in the quizzes and in-depth discussion forums. The instructor will participate in the discussion forums to enhance the learning experience. There is also a case study where students will apply knowledge gained from assigned readings to the selected case study. All assignments are graded. Failure to participate will result in a lowered grade. Students may be dropped for non-participation (absences) for three sessions or two consecutive sessions. The instructor will be proactive in the course and respond to all emails within 48 hours excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Legal Holidays..

The instructor may drop you for non-participation.

There will be a one to three business day delay after an add code is used before a student may be able to log on to Canvas.

For students new to online classes, it is highly recommended that you take the Online Orientation through our Online Education website. This will help explain what online classes are like and familiarize you with how the class is laid out. The orientation can be found at: <http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation//>

Email Responses: Instructors will make every attempt to respond to students in a timely fashion. Responses can take up to 48 hours before a response is received, excluding weekends and holidays.

Disability: A Student with a verified disability may be entitled to appropriate academic accommodations. Please contact your instructor and/or the [Disabled Students & Programs](#) office at 562-908-3420 for more information.

Modifications and Disclaimer: The instructor reserves the right to modify the content of the course or any course procedure. It is the responsibility of the student to keep apprised of all changes. If the student wishes to

drop the class he/she is responsible for initiating the drop. Do not take it for granted that you will be dropped. If you stop working and do not drop the course, you may get an undesirable grade.