

Tulane's Homeland Security online master's program receives high marks

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Tulane University's [Homeland Security online master's program](#) recently received high marks from OnlineMasters.com, including the third-best online master's program and the top program for intelligence officers for 2019.

According to OnlineMasters.com, it identifies the top programs in the nation based on curriculum quality, program flexibility, affordability and graduate outcomes.

"The Tulane Homeland Security Studies program is proud to be included in this list," said Michael M. Wallace, professor of practice and director of Tulane's Emergency and Security Studies. "The program's courses are tailored for the current and future practitioner and draw heavily from the expertise developed in New Orleans, a U.S. municipality that has a great amount of experience in dealing with homeland security issues."

Since its online debut in 2016-17, Tulane's master's in homeland security program, which is offered through the Tulane School of Professional Advancement, is ideal for individuals with front-line experience, including first responders, community volunteers, veterans or active-duty military members.

The program prepares students to work in the fields of emergency management, intelligence analysis, counterterrorism analysis, cybersecurity, border protection and security and infrastructure protection at all levels of government and in the private sector.

Tulane's courses range from domestic and international terrorism and intelligence research methods to examinations of emergency management and border security. The curriculum dives deep into the policies and strategies used in today's advanced homeland security sector.

Students have the opportunity to build on real-world experience to develop the strategic and analytical skills to plan for and prevent emergencies within complex organizations such as corporations, government agencies and nonprofit organizations.

"The School of Professional Advancement at Tulane has a range of excellent education programs focused on the security of people, places and data – our nationally-ranked Homeland Security program is the oldest and most established of these," said Suri Duitch, Dean of Tulane's School of Professional Advancement. "We

are pleased to have it recognized for its quality.”

The national Department of Homeland Security was created in response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks in the United States and is now considered one of the most important federal agencies. Currently, its stated missions involve anti-terrorism, border security, immigration and customs, cybersecurity, disaster prevention and management.