

Course Title: *Seminar in Homeland Security (MSBS N5010)*

Semester Schedule: Spring 2011 - Mondays (January 24 through May 2)
5:00pm - 7:00pm
ADMC 201A

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General goals: The course will review relevant literature, including current events to discuss emerging trends, themes, issues, and other topics related to national and homeland security. Possible discussions could include technology transfer from military applications, funding for end-users, public health infrastructure, emergency preparedness, and the role of universities in national security and homeland defense. In addition, the seminar will help to lay a foundation for a new generation of citizen-scientists; special attention will be paid to development of well-rounded ideas related to homeland security and domestic preparedness.

Course structure: The consists of lectures on topics of national and homeland security and defense relevant for scientists, as well as discussions of news and other noteworthy events that have recently occurred, and other events in the history of national and homeland security; students are expected to read, watch, and listen to news and other sources to gather information to share with the class regarding biological weapons and other forms of weapons of mass destruction. A major part of the semester will deal with the concept of dangerous experiments and their implications for scientists, governments, and the public at large. In addition, the course will have a running conversation on select agent research, focusing on safety, security, and the many incidents that have occurred in laboratories around the globe. Students will also be asked to read a selected scholarly paper each week and be ready for discussion.

Method of Evaluation: In-class presentations and participation (50%), culminating paper (45%), “other” (5%) – all via evaluation by the instructor.

Class Discussions: Class discussions are for academic purposes only and are not intended for attribution.