

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

Semester Schedule: Spring 2006, class to meet once each week (Mondays)
16:00-17:00 (4p-5p) in NJDS B-857

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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 homeland security and domestic preparedness. Possible discussions could include technology transfer from military applications, funding for end-users, public health infrastructure, emergency preparedness, and the role of universities in homeland defense and domestic preparedness. 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 course will meet once a week for 15 weeks (1 hour sessions). The course will consist of discussions of news and other noteworthy events that have recently occurred, as well as other events in the history of 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 and other forms of terrorism. Students will also be asked to read a selected scholarly paper each week and be ready for discussion.

Yahoo! Group:

All students are strongly encouraged to join the Center for BioDefense Yahoo! Group, as many of the discussion topics will be taken from news articles distributed via this listserv. To subscribe, send an email to:

umdnj_center_for_biodefense-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Method of Evaluation:

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

Class Discussions:

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