

Auburn University
Center for Governmental Services

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT for GOVERNMENT and the PUBLIC SECTOR
Course Description

Homeland Security and Emergency Management Planning and Preparedness Post 9/11 and Post Katrina, is the first in a series of courses offered online June 22 – July 20, 2009 through Auburn University's Center for Governmental Services. Dr. Paula Gordon is the instructor for the first of the online courses to be offered as a part of this certificate program. The initial course is designed to help those currently in roles of public responsibility develop a deeper understanding of some newly emerging challenges in the homeland security and emergency management arenas, challenges that have been unfolding since Hurricane Katrina occurred in August of 2005.

After 9/11 and before Hurricane Katrina, the Department of Homeland Security appeared to be focusing primary attention on preventing and responding to possible attacks involving weapons of mass destruction. Since Hurricane Katrina, greatly increased attention has been placed on an all-hazards approach to prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery, and continuity of operations. DHS is now emphasizing an all-hazards approach whatever the origin of the disaster. During the course some specific areas will be noted that continue to require attention.

The course has been designed to increase overall awareness and understanding concerning the implications of 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina. The course is designed to introduce those taking the course to a wide array of accompanying issues and concerns involving planning and preparedness for homeland security and emergency management in a post-9/11, post-Katrina world.

The topics that will be addressed in this course include the following:

- the cultural divide between homeland security and emergency management that has evolved since 9/11 and that has become even more apparent in the wake of Hurricane Katrina and the role this cultural divide has played before and after Hurricane Katrina;
- the post-Katrina efforts on the part of DHS to embrace an all-hazards approach to homeland security and emergency management;
- the need to refocus efforts on prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery, and continuity of operations that will help ensure the reliability, resilience, stability, and continuity of critical infrastructure; and
- the need to include an emphasis on the development of disaster resistant communities and regions, including disaster resistant infrastructure within those communities and regions and within the nation as a whole especially in light of the wide range of challenges and threats facing the nation.

For information concerning enrollment in this online course contact The Center for Governmental Services at (334) 844-4899 or access the website linked to: www.auburn.edu/outreach/cgs