

Auburn University
Center for Governmental Services

***Planning and Preparedness
for Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Post 9/11 and Post Katrina
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Course Description: This course is the first in a series of courses offered online through Auburn University's Center for Governmental Services. Dr. Paula D. Gordon is the instructor for the first of the online courses to be offered as a part of the Center's Emergency Management Certificate Program. Many of Dr. Gordon's contributions to the fields of homeland security and emergency management can be found at <http://GordonHomeland.com> and <http://GordonPost9-11.com>.

The course is designed to help those currently in roles of public responsibility develop a deeper understanding of how to address some newly emerging challenges in homeland security and emergency management, challenges that have been unfolding since 2001. The course will be of particular interest to those already in practitioner or policymaking roles, while also being of interest to those interested in preparing for such roles. Those developing and teaching homeland security and emergency management courses are also likely to find the course of value.

The course will focus on a wide array of issues and concerns involving practical aspects of 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:

- Lessons learned and to be learned from 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina as well other more recent disasters, including the 2010 Gulf Oil Spill;
- An all-hazards approach to homeland security and emergency management designed to address an increasing array of threats and challenges;
- Real world examples of the cultural divide that can exist between those in the fields of homeland security and emergency management and examples of public sector efforts that have bridged such a divide and integrated a focus on public safety with a concern for homeland and national security;
- Approaches to nurturing a culture of preparedness that includes an emphasis on awareness and mitigation, along with the development of requisite skills and capabilities, including proactive contingency planning skills;
- Approaches to planning and preparedness that help minimize impacts and help ensure community and societal resilience; and
- Exemplary efforts aimed at developing disaster resistant communities and regions, and the role that public/private partnerships have played and can play in achieving such goals.

The course is taught in asynchronous time utilizing a wide assortment of reports, articles, videos, and other instructional material all accessible without cost online.

For information concerning enrollment in this course, contact the Center for Governmental Services at (334) 844-1918 or see <http://www.auburn.edu/outreach/cgs/> and click on Training and Professional Development.