COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course is an overview of homeland security, including an evaluation of the progression of homeland security issues throughout Texas and the United States. The roles undertaken and methods used by governmental agencies and individuals to respond to those issues are examined. Upon successful completion of this course the student should be able to list the key events and people that have affected homeland security, outline the specific roles that individuals and governmental agencies play in homeland security, and prepare a summary of programs and methods used to meet the homeland security needs of Texas and the United States.

COURSE TEXT:

COURSE GOALS / OBJECTIVES:
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:
• identify issues associated with homeland security;
• discuss terrorist acts committed against the United States;
• define terrorism;
• demonstrate a basic understanding of al Qaida and other terrorist organizations;
• identify the problems and issues associated with cyberterrorism and cybersecurity;
• identify various laws passed in response to global terrorism.

Participation Statement: For Online courses, students MUST actively participate by completing an academic assignment by the official census date. Students who do not do so, will be dropped from the course.

Each student should anticipate at least one hour out of class preparation for each lecture hour, plus study time preparing for examinations. Attendance is important in this class.

Portable cellular phones, beepers, and similar paging devices may be disruptive to the class, and you are encouraged NOT to bring them into the classroom. If you do bring them to class, please make sure they are turned off. Should they become a nuisance, you may be asked to remove them from the classroom. The wearing of hats and the consumption of food are not allowed in during class, and, pursuant to Midland College Policy 5:14:02, the use of tobacco products (smoking, dipping, chewing, etc.) is prohibited in the building, including the classroom.

Students missing a major examination must make the exam before the next class period unless special arrangements are made. Make-up examinations may be the same as, or different from, the examination given in class. Make-up examinations will cover the same material as the scheduled examination. Failure to make up an examination will result in a grade
of zero for the missed exam. No make-up opportunity is available for the final exam. Final exams are not given early or late. The instructor reserves the right to give quizzes, announced or unannounced, at any time. There is no opportunity to make up quizzes that are missed.

The instructor cannot drop students from courses. It is your responsibility to drop a class if you no longer plan to attend and complete the semester. Check the Midland College catalog for the last day to drop a course. You may be limited in the number of courses you can drop, and you may not be entitled to a tuition refund if you drop a course.

**EVALUATION OF STUDENTS:**
Students are evaluated on the completion of quizzes, assignments, papers and examinations. Specific information on the grading and weight of each item considered in the final grade will be provided at the beginning of the semester.

Final course grades are posted on Campus Connect by the instructors. They must be posted by noon on Friday of the final exam week. To find your course grade, you have to log on to Campus Connect. Only the course grade (A,B,C,D,F,W) is available on Campus Connect. To find out your final exam grade you have to contact your instructor.

**COURSE SCHEDULE:**
This class is offered as a web-based course, and there are no class meeting times.

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**ADA Statement:** Any student who because of a disabling condition may require some special arrangements in order to meet course requirements should contact the Counselor/Disability Specialist at 432-685-5598 as soon as possible. The Counselor/Disability Specialist is located in the Scharbauer Student Center Building. These conditions may include documented physical or educational disabilities. Please be aware that services or accommodations are not automatic. Each student must request them and secure the proper authorizations/documentation.