I. FSM Mission Statement: The Fire and Homeland Security program will be designed to meet the needs of the fire service professional. The increased demand for a highly educated professional fuels the demand for this program not only from current and former students but also the industry itself. The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) has developed a Chief Officer Designation (CFOD) and professional model matrix. These two programs along with a higher demand for fire personnel to have a master’s degree to hold the fire chief’s position make this program in high demand among the fire service. Currently there are only 7 programs in the country that afford fire personnel this opportunity. This academic setting of this program will foster creative thinking and communication skills in our pursuit of excellence.

II. Course Description: This course examines historical and contemporary theories, principles, and practices of Emergency Management, particularly the all-hazards approach and the related processes of mitigation, preparedness, Response and recover. Using a case study approach, the course considers the evolution of Emergency Management and its practical application within government and private-sector institutions. The roles, responsibilities, and duties of Emergency Managers at various levels of government are discussed, as are the relationships between the agencies, organizations, and individuals involved. The course acquaints students with the National Response Plan and such contemporary emergency management systems as the National Incident Management System (NIMS), with specific attention paid to the applicability to crises that include terrorist events, natural and man-made disasters, and other hazards.

III. Prerequisite: None

IV. Text, Reference Material, and Supplies:

V. Course Outcomes/Objectives:

TOPICAL OUTLINE