South and Central Asia Security Studies Program: Overview for the Board of Visitors

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Major CISA Programs

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Night Classes
- Part-time MA programs for US Government National Security Professionals

Resident Programs
- International Counterterrorism Fellowship Program
- Afghanistan – Pakistan “hands” South and Central Asia Security Studies MA Program
- JFK Special Warfare Center and School MA Program
- International Homeland Defense Fellowship Program
- DOE/NNSA WMD Non-proliferation Certificate Program

Short Courses
- Reserve Component National Security Course
- JTF Horn of Africa Planners Course

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Washington, D.C. and Ft. Bragg Programs
## Master of Arts in Strategic Security Studies, South and Central Asia Program

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“Afghanistan-Pakistan Hands” and Faculty

Academic Year (AY) 2011-12 faculty included a Brigadier General and a former Policeman from Pakistan; AY 2012-13 added USAF faculty.

Program efficiencies resulted in program cost reduction from $3.0M to $2.1M.

Program capacity and funding projection (FY 14 Issue paper) currently support 40 student slots, equating to $52.5k per student.
LTC Richard McNorton, USA
“Partnering in Strategic Communication: Hamkari Baraye Kandahar”

MAJ Jared Wilson, USA
“Insurgency & Counterinsurgency: Actors, Relationships and the Nature of the Conflict”

Maj Barry Murphy, USAF
“Guns vs. Olive Branches: How to Offer the Branch While the Guns are Still Firing”
“Afghanistan-Pakistan Hands” Way Ahead

2012-2013 Class and Faculty

• Program fully-funded; funding shifted from Contingency Operations account into the NDU President’s Budget in FY 2014.

• Joint Staff goal is for 40 students; 32 officers identified already for next year.

• USAF and Army Majors receive JPME I credit and partial credit for Service Intermediate Level Education/Staff College.

• Joint Staff J5 interest in JPMEI/II credit in addition to NDU Master’s.
Questions?
BACKUP
Academic Programs

• Resident, 10-month academic programs leading to the Master of Arts degree
  – International Counterterrorism (CT) Fellowship Program (also JPME II and Senior Service College credit)
  – Masters’ degree program at the US Army JFK Special Warfare Center and School, Fort Bragg, NC
  – South and Central Asia Security Studies Program for Afghanistan-Pakistan hands

• Programs with graduate credit and a certificate of completion (typically 1 semester)
  – International Homeland Defense Fellowship Program
  – South and Central Asia Program
  – WMD Non-proliferation (in progress with support from Department of Energy’s National Nuclear Security Administration)

• Part-time Master of Arts program
  – Part-time MA degree program in Washington, DC
National Defense University supports the joint warfighter by providing rigorous Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) to members of the U.S. Armed Forces and select others in order to develop leaders who have the ability to operate and creatively think in an unpredictable and complex world.