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# THE COLLEGE OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

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

NATIONAL  
DEFENSE  
UNIVERSITY



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# The CISA Mission

CISA's mission is to educate and prepare civilian and military national security professionals and future leaders from the United States and partner nations for the strategic challenges of the contemporary security environment.

CISA is the Department of Defense flagship for education and the building of partnership capacity in combating terrorism and irregular warfare at the strategic level.

CISA prepares students for high-level policy and command and staff responsibilities through a graduate, interagency, and joint professional military education program.

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# Major CISA Programs

*WASHINGTON, D.C.*

*FT BRAGG, N.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



## Master of Arts in Strategic Security Studies, South and Central Asia Program

Degree Requirement	Credits
Core: 6920 Geostrategy 6929 Power, Ideology and Legitimacy 6901 Strategic Thought	9
Areas of Concentration: South and Central Asia & IW South Asia I South Asia II Islam and Islamic Activism Choice of : Political Islam II American Way of War Strategy and Policy of Irregular Warfare Small Wars: IW Lost and Found	15
Methods of Analysis and Argumentation	3
Policy Article	3
Directed Electives Language (Pashtu/Dari)	4
Total Credits	34

# **“Afghanistan-Pakistan Hands” and Faculty**

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## **2011-2012 Class**



**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.**





**MAJ Jared Wilson, USA**

*"Insurgency & Counterinsurgency: Actors, Relationships and the Nature of the Conflict"*



**LTC Richard McNorton, USA**

*"Partnering in Strategic Communication: Hamkari Baraye Kandahar"*



**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.**

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# Questions?





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# BACKUP



# Academic Programs

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- 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



# NDU Mission

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CJCS Memo, 6 Feb 2012

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.