SCHOOL OF
INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDIES

Information Brief
SIGS Objectives

- Provide graduate education to U.S. and international students
- Conduct research in national security affairs and homeland defense relevant to the Department of Defense, Department of Navy, and Department of Homeland Security
- Support U.S. defense and foreign policy
School of International Graduate Studies

SIGS
- Department of National Security Affairs
- Defense Resources Management Institute
- Center for Civil-Military Relations
- Center for Homeland Defense and Security
- International Graduate Programs Office

Opportunities
- Graduate Education
- Short Courses
- Mobile Education Teams
- Research
- Special Programs

Results
- Builds Partnership Capacity
- Develops 21st Century Leaders in:
  - Regional affairs
  - Security policy
  - Security cooperation
- Provides academic analyses on current and emerging security issues
  - Uniquely relevant
  - Responsive to sponsor needs

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Graduate Education

• Specialize in the study and teaching of:
  – Political Science
  – History
  – Economics

• Award Master of Arts and Ph.D. programs in Security Studies
  – Open to U.S. armed forces, defense agencies, international officers and civilians
  – Master’s requires 12-18 months of in-residence study
  – Ph.D. requires a minimum of 24 months
Master’s Curricula

• Regional Studies
  • Middle East, South Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa
  • Far East, Southeast Asia, Pacific
  • Western Hemisphere
  • Europe and Eurasia

• Security Studies
  • Civil-Military Relations
  • Stabilization and Reconstruction
  • Defense Decision Making and Planning
  • Combating Terrorism Policy and Strategy
  • Homeland Defense & Security (executive program)
  • Homeland Defense (in-residence)
Short Courses and METs

- Goal is to strengthen civil-military relationships in democracies through U.S. and nationally-funded education and training programs

- Educate emerging democracies on how to establish enduring institutions, strategies, policies and programs

- Designed for senior civilian and military officials, elected officials, and non-governmental personnel

- Short Courses
  - In-resident, one to eleven weeks
  - May be tailored to specific educational requirements

- Mobile Education Teams (METs)
  - Specialized education delivered in and outside the U.S.
  - Up to two weeks in length
  - Custom-designed to meet specific objectives and conditions
Short Courses and METs (con’t)

• Sample of Short Course and MET Topics
  – Civil-Military Responses to Terrorism
  – Global Peace Operations Initiatives
  – Defense Institution Building/Defense Reform
  – International Defense Transformation
  – International Homeland Defense
  – U.S. Homeland Security
  – Stabilization and Reconstruction
  – International Defense Acquisition Resources
  – Defense Resources Management
  – Stability Operations for Army deployments
Research and Special Programs

• Center for Contemporary Conflict
  – Faculty conduct leading edge research channeled toward the specific needs of the sponsor
  – Analyze current and emerging threats to U.S. national security
  – Strategic Insights e-journal
Research and Special Programs (con’t)

• Regional Security Education Program (RSEP)
  – Direct response to CNO’s request for initiatives to prepare operating forces for regional security missions and threats following the 2001 DoD Cole Commission Report
  – Provide graduate education on regional affairs with historical perspectives and current policy issues
  – Includes cultural and diplomatic education to enhance strike group mission accomplishment and regional situational awareness
Distance Learning

- Homeland Defense and Security hybrid program (18 months) open to U.S. students only; fully accredited
  - Offered at no cost to eligible senior and fast-rising local, state, federal, tribal officials, and NORTHCOM sponsored officers with significant homeland security responsibilities
Benefits of SIGS Programs

• Real World Applicability of Courses and Research
  – Students and participants are able to utilize immediately what they learn
  – Programs align with National Security Strategy, Quadrennial Defense Review, Defense Language Transformation Roadmap (DLTR), and DoD Directive 3000.05

• Innovative Programs
  – Homeland Defense and Security MA Programs
  – Stabilization and Reconstruction MA program
  – Combating Terrorism – Regional approach (countries working together to resolve the problem)

• Courses “Tailored” to a Country’s Needs
  – No cookie cutter courses
  – METs and short courses are designed to meet a country’s unique needs or requirements
Benefits to U.S. & International Students

Building Partnership Capacity

• Shared knowledge with international students and U.S. officers from all military Services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines)

• International and U.S. families live in same community

• Shared experience with other international students from over 100 countries, U.S. civilian and military experts

• Real world applicability

• Distance learning (Web-learning) for U.S. personnel

• Personal friendships with U.S. officers that will benefit their countries in years to come