

# GRADUATE COURSES

Center for Development of Security Excellence



The Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE), Education Division, is pleased to begin offering courses in a planned curriculum of approximately fifteen collegiate or graduate-level courses. The CDSE Education curriculum is designed for mid to high-level personnel who have Security Professional Education Development (SPeD) Security Fundamentals Professional Certification and have achieved proficiency in one or more security specialty.

All of the courses in the program will be evaluated by the American Council on Education (ACE) for credit recommendations. The courses are being primarily designed at the graduate level and CDSE plans to seek credit recommendations at the graduate and undergraduate level for most courses in the program. ACE credit recommendations are recognized by certain colleges and universities throughout the United States and worldwide. ACE credit recommendations allow students to transfer credit earned from approved courses toward completion of degree requirements at participating colleges and universities. This evaluation will occur **AFTER** the first offering of the course and credit recommendation received **MAY** be retroactive to the initial course offering.

Completion of these courses **WILL** earn Professional Development Units (PDUs), as determined by the Department of Defense Security Training Council (DSTC), toward maintenance of SPeD certification.

CDSE is currently accredited by the Council on Occupational Education (COE), a national

accrediting authority recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. When all of the core courses in the CDSE Education curriculum have been developed, CDSE will seek an additional accreditation which will allow CDSE to grant a Master's Degree in Defense Security.

Requirements for program enrollment:

- Restricted to Federal Government Employees and Military Service Members
- SPeD Security Fundamentals Professional Certification (SFPC)
- Agency recommendation
- Some courses require a Secret Clearance

A 4 year degree from a regionally accredited institution will be required only for students seeking graduate-level credit.

Please consider adding one or more of these courses to your Individual Development Plan for 2012 and 2013 and help the DoD security community make career-focused higher education a reality.

## GENERAL EDUCATION

### **Writing and Communication Skills for Security Professionals (CDSE ED 201)**

Prerequisite: Freshman English from a regionally accredited institution or equivalent is recommended.

This course is an exploration of the skills and behaviors that contribute to success in oral and written communications. It is focused on the specific written and oral communication skills needed by a DoD security professional.

**Online 21 May 2012 - 7 Sep 2012**

## GRADUATE-LEVEL

### **Security as an Integral Part of DoD Programs (CDSE ED 501)**

This course is a comprehensive study of Defense Security as a cross-disciplinary function that supports the missions of DoD commands and agencies. This course addresses DoD security as a profession and reviews the scope of the security essential body of work. The course provides a strategic perspective on the function of security across disciplines and DoD organizations. This course addresses the emerging role of the multi-disciplinary security generalist as a career path.

**Online 7 May 2012 - 24 Aug 2012**

### **Organizational Considerations in Applying Security within the Federal and DoD Bureaucracy (CDSE ED 502)**

This course presents an in-depth look at how to work within the Federal and DoD bureaucracy to accomplish security missions and objectives. The course will address how security professionals can support military operations and DoD programs most effectively. The course includes in-depth study of the missions, justification of, and limitations upon the many agencies and offices involved in security policy and programs.

**Online 21 May 2012 - 7 Sept 2012**

### **Constitutional Law and Its Application to DoD Security (CDSE ED 503)**

This course examines the origins of, distribution of, and limitations upon governmental authority under the Constitution of the United States. It includes study of the doctrine of Legislative, Judicial, and Executive action; the powers of Congress, the courts, and the President; and the limitations on Federal and state governmental powers. The course also focuses on Congressional power, Executive power, and judicial protection against the abuse of Government power in violation of rights, liberties, privileges, or immunities conferred by the Constitution. In particular, the course examines specific cases that have had an impact on DoD security programs.

**Online 23 April 2012 - 17 August 2012**

### **Understanding Adversaries and Threats to the United States and DoD (CDSE ED 504)**

This course specifically addresses the intentions and capabilities of the three to five most significant adversaries to the United States and to DoD. It also examines the multifaceted concept of threat: Who presents a threat? What are internal and external threats? What is being threatened? Who can provide a threat assessment? The course addresses counterintelligence, counterterrorism, insider threats, and threats to critical information systems. In addition, this course covers such critical threats as embezzlement, physical sabotage, violence in the workplace by disgruntled employees, and others that must be addressed by the senior security manager. The course familiarizes students with government and non-government sources of reliable threat information.

**Online 14 May 2012 - 31 Aug 2012**

### **Statutory, Legal, and Regulatory Basis of DoD Security Programs (CDSE ED 601)**

This course presents the specific statutes, regulations, and Executive Orders driving the establishment and implementation of DoD and Federal security programs.

**Online 14 May 2012 - 31 Aug 2012**

### **Challenges in Analyzing and Managing Risk (CDSE ED 602)**

This is a comprehensive study of risk management as used by high-level management officials to support decision-making. The course addresses risk management theory and DoD practice of risk management. It builds comfort with risk management decision-making methodology in dealing with imminent security threats. This course requires students to complete a series of assignments in which they apply risk management to a specific mission or project at their agency. The course concludes with each student making a presentation of his or her risk management project to senior leaders in the affected organization.

**21 May 2012 – 14 Sep 2012**

*The weeks of 4 Jun - 8 Jun and 10 Sep – 14 Sep will be in residence at CDSE and the remainder of the course will be delivered online.*