Why Northeastern?

Northeastern University is a leader in security studies and related technical fields. The university has been designated an NSA Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Operations and a DHS Homeland Security Center of Excellence for awareness and localization of explosives-related threats. NU boasts top-ranked academic research centers and faculty like Stephen Flynn, one of the world’s leading experts on transportation security and infrastructure and community resilience issues; as well as rising stars with extensive international experience such as Max Abrahms, Mai’a K. Davis Cross, and Denise Garcia. Northeastern’s location in the center of Boston, MA gives students access to numerous academic and professional resources.

A cutting-edge curriculum

The Master of Science in Security and Resilience Studies is dedicated to training the next generation of security professionals to face the challenges of the 21st century. This cutting-edge MS program provides a unique combination of traditional security studies coursework, methods to maximize resilience, and specific training in technical fields such as cyberspace policy, and public health emergency management. A combination of analytical and technical coursework will enable students to succeed in security management, policy, and leadership roles in both the public and private sectors. National security job openings continue to grow as contemporary threats continue to rise in an increasingly unstable environment.

A fast track to career success

The MS in Security and Resilience Studies can be completed in one calendar year or as a part-time and online program. The one-year fast track option requires students to be in residence in the Boston area for one academic year followed by a summer capstone project that may be completed in Boston or at an on-site project location. Part-time students benefit from a range of evening and online courses to accommodate working professionals and can expect to complete the degree program in two to three years.

Curriculum (as of Fall 2014)

The academic component of the program requires 30 semester hours of coursework and starts with two gateway courses on Security and Resilience Policy and Critical Infrastructure, Networks, and Systems. These courses integrate the core competencies of Security and Resilience Studies. Students then benefit from a choice of core and elective courses, allowing them to specialize in one of the areas listed below. Regular seminars with leading figures in the field enable students to learn from current best practices. After completing coursework, students engage in a capstone project, taking the skills, knowledge and perspectives they have learned and applying them to a real world emergency situation. This six-credit experiential learning opportunity is carefully supervised by program faculty in conjunction with the Kostas Research Institute for Homeland Security.

Boston is a tough, resilient town.
— BARACK OBAMA, APRIL 16, 2013
Commenting on the Boston Marathon bombings

Resiliency is a great defense to terrorism.
— RUDY GIULIANI, APRIL 19, 2013
On Hardball with Chris Matthews
Areas of Specialization
- Cyberspace Policy
- Business Sustainability
- Public Health Emergency Management
- Counterterrorism

Core Courses (sample few shown)
- International Security
- Hard Power, Soft Power, and Smart Power
- Institutional Leadership and the Public Manager
- Counterterrorism

Elective Courses (sample few shown)
- Foundations of Information Assurance
- Terrorism and International Crime
- Cities, Sustainability, and Climate Change
- European Foreign and Security Policy

Capstone Projects (examples)
- "Preparing New York: Lessons from Hurricane Sandy"
- "Port Security in International Perspective"

Financial Aid and Scholarships
In addition to needs-based financial aid, a limited number of tuition discounts and scholarships are available. We urge you to complete your application for admission as early as possible. Priority consideration for financial aid is given to those applicants who apply by February 1 for the Fall Semester. For complete details, go to northeastern.edu/casgraduate/financial_aid.

How to Apply
To apply to the MS in Security and Resilience Studies program, please submit the following:
- Online Application
- Unofficial transcripts from all institutions attended
- Personal statement
- Resume
- Three letters of recommendation
- Application fee
- GRE General Scores [Recommended]

All applications must be submitted online at: northeastern.edu/casgraduate/admissions

Application Deadlines
Fall Term:
- February 1: [Priority Deadline for Financial Aid Consideration]
- May 1: International Applicants [Rolling Admission]
- August 1: Domestic Applicants [Rolling Admission]

Spring Term: [2015]
- October 1: International Applicants
- December 1: Domestic Applicants

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