

# SECURITY AND RISK ANALYSIS, CERTIFICATE

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Requirements for an undergraduate certificate may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the certificate.

## Program Description

Our society operates through information and communication technology-based infrastructures from the Internet to cell phones to organization-specific information systems across all sectors of our economy. We use these infrastructures to communicate; to conduct business; to facilitate relationships between governments; to analyze data for trends in business, social, and international settings; and to use the outputs to make decisions in countless venues. These infrastructures hold data which holds clues to how we interact with society, government, and the economy. The SRA certificate provides introductory curriculum that covers information systems, information assurance (both digital and physical security) and intelligence analysis.

## What is Security and Risk Analysis?

Security and risk analysis is a field that explores the integrated processes conducted to provide decision-makers with the information needed to understand factors that can negatively influence operations and outcomes, and make informed judgments concerning the extent of actions needed to reduce vulnerabilities, protect resources, and optimize investments. Security and risk analysis is a field of practice with two blended concentration areas: 1) security, which seeks to identify, understand, and analyze critical local, national and international security issues, and 2) risk, which includes risk assessment, risk characterization, risk communication, risk management, and the formulation of risk policy. In practice, the issues and processes for conducting of security and risk analytics are neither separate nor sequential. To be effective, the issues of security and risk must be addressed concurrently and synergistically.

## You Might Like This Program If...

- You want to protect people, information, and assets from manmade and natural threats.
- You want to understand the role of data in protecting individuals, organizations and our nation.
- You are mission-oriented, a good critical thinker and wish to put your problem-solving skills to work to make the world a safer place.
- You want to make informed strategic decisions that help to defend critical infrastructures that support our daily lives.