



COLLEGE OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY

HOMELAND DEFENSE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The HDF program is a semester-long certificate program awarding eight graduate-level credits to qualified students. Students of HDF are comprised of International military officers and US interagency personnel.

The program is designed to provide students the skills and abilities to think critically about strategic challenges to reduce the preconditions, risks, and effects of terrorism. HDF students will be able to navigate changes, understand the lessons learned and deduce the applicability or unique sui generis aspects of security approaches established since September 11th 2001. The HDF program further provides the ability to assess and prioritize national defense objectives, work across agency and international boundaries and, decisively analyze strategic issues such as resources, trade-offs and missions. HDF student will increase their understanding of emerging and persistent threats to the homeland and of the possibilities of organizing effective responses.

Specifically, HDF student will develop their abilities to 1) Understand the dimensions of the contemporary security environment; 2) Assess the contemporary spectrum of conflict and how domestic national security architectures are challenged by new or renewed threats of an unconventional nature; 3) Evaluate the lessons learned from seminal case-studies which span the scale of homeland threats from natural to man-made; 4) Understand the US response to the new threat environment and how best to build international capacities and capabilities to meet common challenges in Homeland Defense; 5) Understand the organization and policies of US Homeland Security and Homeland Defense today, and in comparison with history and with other nations; 6) Appreciate how history and culture shape Homeland Defense and Security perceptions and practices; 7) Understand theories of security and international relations that affect relevant decision-making; and 8) Apply analytic methodologies to homeland security.

Upon completion of the HDF Program, students are awarded a certificate of completion and will have earned eight (8) graduate-level credits.

The HDF program is offered at CISA's main campus at National Defense University, Ft. McNair.

The required courses of the HDF Program are:

- 6951 - Organizing for Homeland Defense (3 credits)
- 6949 - Law Enforcement and National Security (2 credits)
- 6954 - Critical Infrastructure Protection (2 credits)
- 6965 - Homeland Defense Fellowship Practicum (1 credit)

The program concludes with the HDF students embarking on a one-week trip to select locations of the US where they will tour US government and private industry facilities, meeting the executive leadership of these facilities to gain first hand knowledge of the unique challenges to homeland defense and homeland security issues.