

INFORMATION SESSION

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
IN TERRORISM ANALYSIS
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND**

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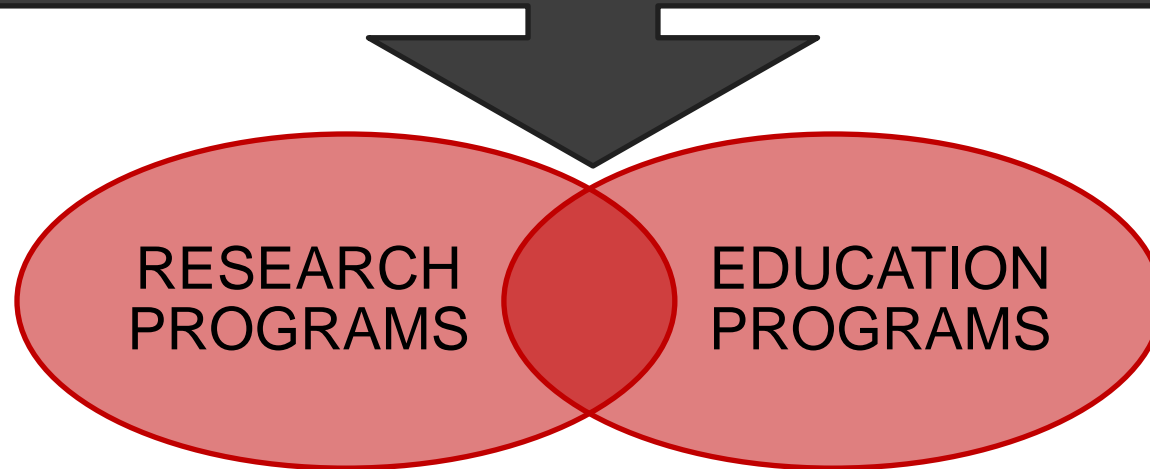
START Vision and Mission

Mission: START advances science-based knowledge about the human causes and consequences of terrorism as a resource for homeland security policymakers and practitioners.

Vision: START will provide homeland security policy-makers and practitioners with the highest quality, data-driven research findings on the human causes and consequences of terrorism in an effort to ensure that homeland security policies and operations reflect these understandings about human behaviors.

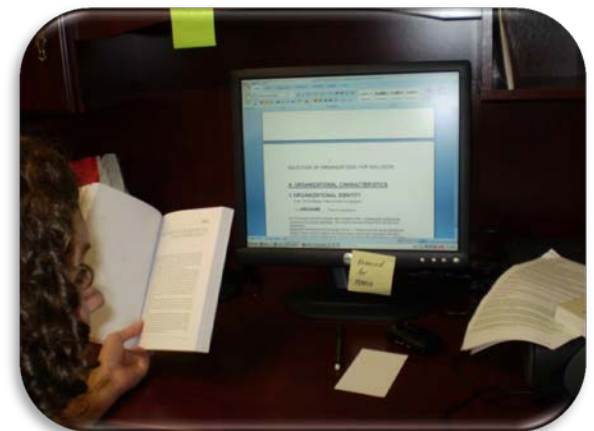
START Focus Areas

- Under what conditions do individuals and groups turn to terrorism as a tactic to pursue change?
- What factors influence the evolution of terrorist organizations and their decisions about targeting and weapon-choice?
- What is the impact of terrorist attacks and terrorist threats on communities, institutions, households, and individuals?



Graduate Certificate in Terrorism Analysis

- **4-course sequence (12 credits)**
- **Can be completed in 12 months**
- **Conducted entirely online**
 - **Scheduled weekly *synchronous sessions***
- **Degree earned from University of Maryland Graduate School**



Program Curriculum

The Graduate Certificate in Terrorism Analysis provides participants with advanced education on the causes, dynamics, and impacts of international and domestic terrorism. Participants will enhance their understanding of major theories related to terrorism studies and develop skills associated with terrorism analysis.

The Courses

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 3
Terrorist Motivations and Behaviors	Impacts of and Responses to Terrorism	Development of Counterterrorism Policies and Programs	Research Methods in Terrorism Studies
Examines radicalization dynamics, terrorist group formation & terrorist motivations.	Study how different actors respond to both terrorist incidents and to the threat of terrorism.	Explores counterterrorism policies and policy making processes in the U.S. and abroad since 9/11.	Opportunity to conduct original research while developing relevant quantitative analysis skills.
<i>Start Date: March 1</i> <i>End Date: May 22</i>	<i>Start Date: June 1</i> <i>End Date: Aug. 19</i>	<i>Start Date: Sept. 1</i> <i>End Date: Nov. 21</i>	<i>Start Date: Dec. 1</i> <i>End Date: Feb. 21</i>

Program Logistics

Eligibility:

- A 4-year baccalaureate degree from a regionally-accredited U.S. institution, or an equivalent degree at a foreign university
- A 3.0 undergraduate GPA is preferred, but experience may substitute.
- GRE scores are **not required**.

Program Logistics

Program Costs:

- \$2100 per course
 - No in-state/out-of-state differential.
- Students provide computer, required books
 - Online course software provided by UMD.
- Several readings will be available online for free.
- Students must pay a part-time technology fee.
 - Fee changes each semester, but is in range of \$50

Application Process

- Online application available at:
 - www.gradschool.umd.edu/gss/admission.html
- Applicants must provide
 - Transcripts for all university-level coursework
 - A personal statement
 - A resume
 - Two recommendations
- One-time application fee of \$75 to University of Maryland (this fee is subject to change by the University of Maryland)
- Application deadlines:

	Domestic Applicants	International Applicants
Term 1	January 15	November 15
Term 2	April 15	February 15
Term 3	July 15	May 15

Summary of information at:

www.start.umd.edu/start/education/graduate_certificate/

Questions can be directed to:

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