



Center for Development
of Security Excellence

CDSE *education*

ADVANCED AND GRADUATE COURSES

2022-2024

The Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA), Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE), Education Division, offers a curriculum of advanced and graduate courses. The CDSE Education curriculum is designed for DOD security professionals seeking to broaden their knowledge and understanding of the security profession. All courses are tuition free and offered in a virtual instructor-led environment. CDSE is accredited by the Council on Occupational Education (COE), a national accrediting authority recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

CREDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

All Education courses have been evaluated by the American Council on Education (ACE) for credit recommendations. The ACE CollegeCredit Recommendation Service (CREDIT[®]) connects CDSE workplace learning with colleges and universities by helping employees gain access to academic credit for formal courses and examinations taken outside traditional degree programs. ACE credit recommendations allow students to transfer credit earned from approved courses toward completion of degree programs. CDSE course credit recommendations are listed in the ACE National Guide at: www2.acenet.edu/credit.

EDUCATION CERTIFICATES

The CDSE Education Program offers Certificates in five concentrations. Students can earn Education Certificates in Risk Management, Security Leadership, Security Management, Security (Generalist), and for Systems and Operations by completing the required four courses. Students who earn a certificate add to their academic credentials. More information about the Certificate program is available at: <https://www.cdse.edu/education/certificates.html>. CDSE does not grant degrees at this time.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UNITS

Students who complete these courses will earn 45 Professional Development Units (PDUs), as determined by the Department of Defense Security Training Council, toward maintenance of Security Professional Education Development (SPeD) Program Certification.

REQUIREMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Course/Program enrollment:

- Registration is restricted to U.S. Government civilian employees and U.S. military service members.
- Some courses require the purchase of textbooks.
- Security Fundamentals Professional Certification is required for the course ED501 "Security as an Integral Part of DoD Programs", and recommended for all other courses.

Student success:

- Students must complete reading, research, and writing assignments similar to a university graduate program.
- Students who have no experience taking graduate courses are encouraged to complete the course ED 202, "Writing and Communication Skills in the Security Environment," before taking other courses in this curriculum.
- Please consider adding one or more of these courses to your Individual Development Plan (IDP).

Education courses:

<https://www.cdse.edu/education/courses.html>

Course registration and program requirements:

<https://www.cdse.edu/education/requirements.html>

Contact CDSE Education Division:

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CDSE EDUCATION COURSES & CERTIFICATES

CDSE EDUCATION COURSES		FALL 2022	SPRING 2023	FALL 2023	SPRING 2024
VIRTUAL INSTRUCTOR-LED COURSES		Aug 22 - Dec 18	Jan 23 - May 21	Aug 21 - Dec 17	Jan 22 - May 19
ED202	Writing and Communication Skills in the Security Environment			X	
ED501	Security as an Integral Part of DOD Programs	X	X	X	X
ED502	Organizational Considerations in Applying Security within the Federal and DoD Bureaucracy	X	X	X	X
ED503	Constitutional Law and its Application to DOD Security	X	X	X	X
ED504	Understanding Adversaries and Threats to the United States and the DOD	X	X	X	X
ED505	Budgeting and Financial Management for Security Programs	X		X	
ED506	Human Resource Management for DOD Security		X		X
ED507	Managing a DOD Installation Security Program	X	X	X	X
ED508	Research Methods, Data Analysis, and Reporting to Support DoD Security Programs	X		X	
ED509	Assessment and Evaluation of DOD Security Programs	X	X	X	X
ED510	The Future of Security Systems and Cybersecurity		X		X
ED511	Leadership in DOD Security	X	X	X	X
ED512	Effective Communication in DOD Security	X	X	X	X
ED513	Security in the DOD Acquisition Process		X		X
ED514	Cybersecurity and Oversight of Information System Security	X	X	X	X
ED520	Foundations of Insider Threat Management	X	X	X	X
ED601	Statutory, Legal, and Regulatory Basis of DOD Security Programs	X		X	
ED603	Risk Management Project and Advanced Studies		X		X

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Certificate in Risk Management	Certificate in Security Leadership	Certificate in Security Management	Certificate in Security (Generalist)	Certificate for Systems & Operations
ED501	ED501	ED505	ED501	ED501
ED504	ED503	ED506	ED502	ED510
ED508	ED511	ED507	ED509	ED513
ED603	ED512	ED509	ED601	ED514

*Courses for Certificates do not need to be taken in the orders listed above.



Each course has received a credit recommendation by the American Council on Education (ACE).
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