



## MA in Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies

### Program Overview

The MA in Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies (NPTS) is the world's first graduate degree combining the knowledge and skills needed for work on curtailing the spread of weapons of mass destruction and responding effectively to terrorism. Through coursework, research, and first-hand experience, nonproliferation students build their understanding of why states pursue nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons and what can be done to halt and reverse their spread. Students focusing on terrorism studies are prepared for careers in analyzing, preventing, and responding to terrorism threats.



United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon meets with MIIS students on campus in January 2013

### Unique Curriculum

Our broad, interdisciplinary curriculum integrates instruction in policy analysis, international security, science and technology, and history to prepare students for careers in combating terrorism and WMD proliferation. In addition, students have the opportunity to take courses on related subjects such as regional studies, global economics, and data analysis methods.

### Sample Coursework

Over fifty courses on security, terrorism, and nonproliferation are offered in the form of workshops, seminars, and simulation courses. Course topics include:

- ▶ Cybersecurity
- ▶ Global Jihadism
- ▶ Science & Technology for NPTS
- ▶ Money Laundering & Terrorism Financing
- ▶ Biological & Chemical Weapons
- ▶ Nonproliferation Treaty Simulation
- ▶ And regionally focused courses

Students can also learn from a speaker series of leading academics, policy makers, and diplomats that takes place each semester. In addition, students can study in real-world settings with field experts and researchers, and they have the opportunity to participate in immersive learning internships during their studies.

### World Class Faculty

Students receive instruction from an international faculty who are among the most prominent scholars in their fields. The Institute places high value on attracting faculty who are not only academics but practitioners in the international arena.

### Research Centers

**The James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS)**, founded by Professor William Potter in 1989, is the largest nongovernmental organization in the world devoted to curbing the spread of weapons of mass destruction, and the only organization dedicated exclusively to graduate education and research on nonproliferation issues. CNS has a staff of more than 30 full-time and more than 25 part-time personnel and research assistants, with offices in Monterey, CA, Washington, D.C., and Vienna, Austria.



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**The Monterey Terrorism Research and Education Program (MonTREP)** conducts in-depth research, analyzes policy options, and engages in public education on issues relating to terrorism, counterterrorism, and international security. The focus of the program is on the study of violence-prone extremist groups and their historical evolution, ideological motivations, organizational structure, and potential interest in carrying out mass casualty attacks. Students who work for MonTREP organize an annual conference; the 2014 student-run conference dealt with terrorism in Africa.



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*NPTS student Lovely Umayam won first prize in the Innovation in Arms Control Challenge sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Arms Control, Verification, and Compliance. Her project, selected from among more than 500 submissions in an open competition, is an online education platform that aims to increase knowledge about arms control issues by exploring the intersection between nuclear policy and pop culture. Lovely Umayam, NPTS '13*



MIIS student Shawn Harris (Terrorism Certificate '13) does research on militias in post-Qaddafi Libya



MIIS student Tamara Patton (NPTS '12) displays her geospatial analysis research that was cited by then-Assistant Secretary of State for Arms Control, Verification, and Compliance, Rose Gottemoeller.

## Internship Opportunities

NPTS students gain valuable professional experience and field-specific knowledge through local and international internships and research assistant positions. Students may acquire paid on-the-job training as research assistants at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS), the Monterey Terrorism Research and Education Program (MonTREP), or the Monterey Cybersecurity Initiative (MCySec), all located on the Monterey Institute campus, or at CNS offices in Washington, D.C., and Vienna, Austria.

The degree also offers opportunities for semester-long internships with international organizations and U.S. government agencies through the International Professional Service Semester (IPSS) and the International Organizations and Nonproliferation Program (IONP).

## FACULTY PROFILE



### Jeffrey W. Knopf

NPTS Program Chair

Dr. Knopf received a Ph.D. in Political Science from Stanford University. He has published extensively on nuclear arms control and nonproliferation and has participated in projects to examine possible ways to deter terrorism.

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## Career Outcomes

Graduates of the Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies program pursue careers promoting the reduction and elimination of weapons of mass destruction and responding to violent terrorist threats. From Washington, D.C. to Geneva to Beijing, our alumni are known as the “Monterey Mafia.” They pursue careers in governments, NGOs, and international organizations committed to nonproliferation and counterterrorism. Others who have an interest in an academic career go on to obtain doctorates at major research universities.

 Visit [go.miis.edu/nptscareers](http://go.miis.edu/nptscareers) for more information.

## Admission Requirements

- ▶ Four-year U.S. bachelor's degree or the equivalent from an accredited college or university.
- ▶ Advanced language study equivalent to second- or third-year college level, depending on language. Students must pass a placement test that indicates readiness to begin studies at the appropriate level.
- ▶ For non-native English Speakers: Minimum TOEFL scores: Internet-based test: 79, Writing sub-score: 23 No sub-score below 19. Minimum IELTS Scores: 6.5 Overall, No sub-score below 6.0.

## Application Checklist

To apply, applicants must submit the following documents to the Admissions Office:

- ▶ Application form and application fee
- ▶ Official academic transcripts from previous undergraduate and, if applicable, graduate degrees earned
- ▶ Statement of purpose
- ▶ Resume or curriculum vitae
- ▶ Two letters of recommendation
- ▶ Official TOEFL or IELTS scores for non-native English speakers
- ▶ GRE scores and a short writing sample are recommended though not required.

## Application Deadlines

The Institute accepts applications on a rolling basis. However, for maximum scholarship consideration, applicants should submit the application and all support materials by one of our priority scholarship deadlines: **December 1**, **February 1**, and **March 1** for fall admission; and **October 1** for spring admission.

## Visit Our Campus

Campus tours are available by appointment, Monday through Friday, to learn about our academic programs, career services and financing options. To schedule an appointment please contact our Admissions Office.

## Admissions Office

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Our students and alumni work at the top organizations for combating terrorism and curbing the spread of weapons of mass destruction:

