

INSIDER RISK MANAGEMENT AND MITIGATION (ONLINE) (Z172)

Graduate Certificate Program
College: Behavioral and Social Sciences

ABSTRACT

The President of the United States signed Executive Order (EO) 13587 in 2011, creating a mandate that every Executive Level Department and Agency of the U.S. government to have a Counter-Insider Threat Program capable of deterring, detecting, and mitigating against actions by employees who present a threat to national security. On May 18, 2016, the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence issued Change 2 to the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM), which outlined the insider threat program requirements for cleared contractors consistent with those required for executive branch agencies. Specifically, NISPOM Change 2 requires cleared industry to establish and maintain an insider threat program to detect, deter and mitigate insider threats. Since the signing of EO 13587, and the issuance of NISPOM Change 2, Departments and Agencies across the U.S. federal government, as well as private companies across the U.S. defense industrial base, have developed and established various insider risk management and mitigation programs to meet these mandates.

These mandates, aside from the requirements to develop and implement working insider risk management and mitigation programs, created a need to educate and train a professional workforce that specialize in managing and mitigating insider risks. To date, there is not a cohesive program of higher education that serves this need. The proposed graduate certificate program is designed to meet this present and growing need.

The graduate certificate in insider risk management and mitigation is a collaboration between The National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism's (START's) and the Applied Research Laboratory for Intelligence and Security (ARLIS) to provide workforce development and professionalization for those either already in roles where countering and responding to insider risk (and insider threat) is already a part of their responsibilities or for those who are interested in careers that involve countering and responding to insider risk and insider threat issues. The program is a four course sequence of courses that can be completed within one academic year of full-time study or two years of part-time study.

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ADMISSIONS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Statement of Purpose
- Transcript(s)
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/>))

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Description of Research/Work Experience (optional)
- CV/Resume
- Writing Sample (1, optional)

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline	Spring Deadline	Summer Deadline
Domestic Applicants			
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	August 7, 2026	January 6, 2026	N/A
International Applicants			
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A,E,G,H,I and L visas and immigrants	August 7, 2026	January 6, 2026	N/A

RESOURCES AND LINKS:

Program Website: <https://www.start.umd.edu/education/graduate-certificate-insider-risk-management-and-mitigation> (<https://www.start.umd.edu/education/graduate-certificate-insider-risk-management-and-mitigation/>)

Application Process: gradschool.umd.edu/admissions (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/>)

REQUIREMENTS

- Insider Risk Management and Mitigation (online), Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (P.B.C.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/insider-risk-management-and-mitigation-online-z172/insider-risk-management-and-mitigation-online-pbc/>)