



BACKGROUND

As a University of Oklahoma Board of Regents created entity, The University of Oklahoma Center for Intelligence and National Security (OU CINS) is a Provost-direct unit and University Strategic Organization. OU CINS was selected competitively in 2014 for designation as an *Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence (IC CAE)*. The Center for Intelligence and National Security currently is supported by a five-year competitively awarded grant from the Defense Intelligence Agency (Grant # HHM402-14-1-0007; PI: Dr. Regens). OU CINS maintains active partnerships with a number of IC agencies, especially the Central Intelligence Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, and National Geospatial-intelligence Agency. Additional details about the center, its faculty, and its activities are available at ou.edu/cins.

MISSION

The mission of the Center for Intelligence and National Security is to solve challenging intelligence and national security research problems and empower the next generation of students to serve in the intelligence and national security enterprise. This is achieved through a multi-pronged strategy consisting of research and experiential learning-based academic programs targeting outstanding students majoring in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), social/behavioral sciences, and critical languages (Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, and Russian) disciplines.

RESEARCH

The center has a robust interdisciplinary research program. Projects focus on conducting basic and applied research addressing cross-cutting scientific, engineering, and human terrain dimensions of intelligence and national security issues. OU CINS employs a team approach and fosters research excellence through collaborations nationally and internationally with partners in other organizations. The OU CINS research program focuses on embracing a collaborative, multidisciplinary approach to analyzing key intelligence and national security problems. OU CINS has demonstrated expertise and capacity in a broad array of topics including intelligence-based adversarial threat characterization; dynamics of international terrorism and violent extremism; data sciences and computationally efficient modeling techniques; artificial intelligence and machine learning; advanced image and video analytics; computer vision; stochastic signal processing; cognitive science, critical infrastructure protection; cyber vulnerability and security; distributed, high-performance, and cloud computing; illicit trafficking and border security; empirically driven war gaming applications; strategic communications; and operational intelligence integration.

ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM AND VISTING SCHOLARS

OU CINS hosts an annual Intelligence and National Security Symposium involving participation by subject matter experts from universities, government including the IC and the military, non-profit policy and research institutes, and the private sector. The 'Student Research Showcase' involving undergraduate and graduate student oral presentations is a key feature of the annual symposium. The Center also supports short-term visits by nationally and internationally eminent scholars who present lectures and seminars to the OU community.

ACADEMICS

OU CINS has a vibrant academic program with a strong emphasis on experiential learning and structured problem solving that includes opportunities for study abroad for cultural enrichment and one-on-one mentoring for early career development. The curriculum is based on ODNI competencies and combines theory, research insights, and best practice. As part of its educational activities, OU CINS offers a 9-credit hour *Certificate in Intelligence Studies* and an 18-credit hour *Minor in Intelligence and National Security*. The Intelligence and National Security minor is certified by the International Association for Intelligence Education as providing the general knowledge and skills necessary for meeting the professional and intellectual standards for graduates of intelligence education programs. The Board of Regents approved a 4+1 M.A. degree that allows a student pursuing the minor to also complete a MA in political science with a concentration in Intelligence and National Security. Up to 12 credit hours for coursework taken to complete the minor can count towards completion of the 4+1 MA degree. The academic program has several unique qualities:

- Strong emphasis on experiential learning and structured problem solving.
- Reinforces existing competencies and provides new competencies.
- Academically rigorous requiring a minimum 3.0 GPA (4.0 scale) to earn the Certificate or Minor.
- Educational enrichment experience scholarships awarded competitively to support study abroad.
- Active engagement of IC professionals in mentoring students.

