

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

between

University of Pittsburgh
Department of Information Sciences and Telecommunications
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
and
National Defense University
Information Resources Management College
Washington, D.C.

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The following persons will serve as Points of Contact at SIS and NDU/IRMC:

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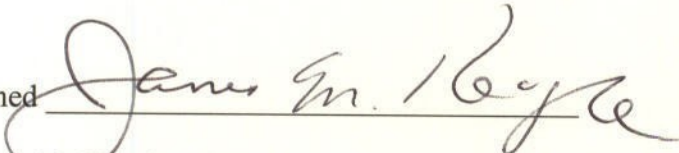
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A fifth course, C5, Approval to Operate: Information Systems Certification and Accreditation (ATO), can be completed by IRMC students to earn the 4012 certification as well.

It is strongly recommended that the first two courses be AII and GEN, followed by SEC, and finally ESS. Successful completion of this option results in 4011 certification. Completion of three of these four courses may be applied toward requirements for the CIO Certificate Program. Completion of the ATO course results in 4012 certification. Students in the Advanced Management Program also have the opportunity to qualify for the certification.

Chief Information Officer & Advanced Management Program (with IA Emphasis)

Award of the CIO Certificate requires successful completion of eight intensive courses OR the Advanced Management Program (AMP) OR a combination of eight intensive and elective courses. Six courses must be primary courses in different subject areas; the remaining two courses may be either primary or enrichment courses in any subject area. Primary courses in Policy and Performance and Results-Based Management subject areas are mandatory courses for everyone. Students may opt to complete the CIO Certificate with an IA concentration leading to the IA 4011 Certificate. This concentration requires four IA Certificate courses (course C1 through C4 listed above). This option requires completion of nine courses instead of eight. All counts as a primary course; SEC, GEN, and ESS count as enrichment courses.

The AMP is a fourteen-week educational program that provides mid-level and senior leaders with an integrated graduate-level education focused on the policies and imperatives that enable federal national security and civilian agencies to leverage information for strategic advantage. It has three elements that define its unique educational experience. First, the AMP has both core and elective courses that provide a foundation of skills and knowledge in a broad range of information resources management disciplines. All AMP students earn a CIO Certificate. AMP students focusing on IA may complete at least three of the four courses required for an IA 4011 Certificate.

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The course requirements for the SAIS track students within the MSIS and MST programs are as shown in figures 1 and 2.

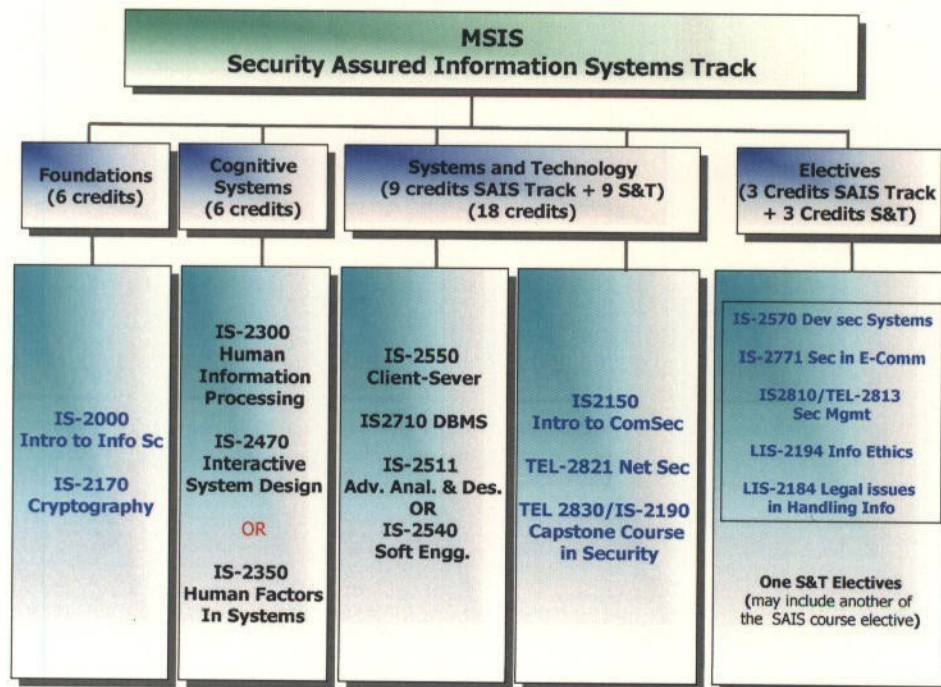


Figure 1. Requirements for SAIS students in MSIS program at DIST

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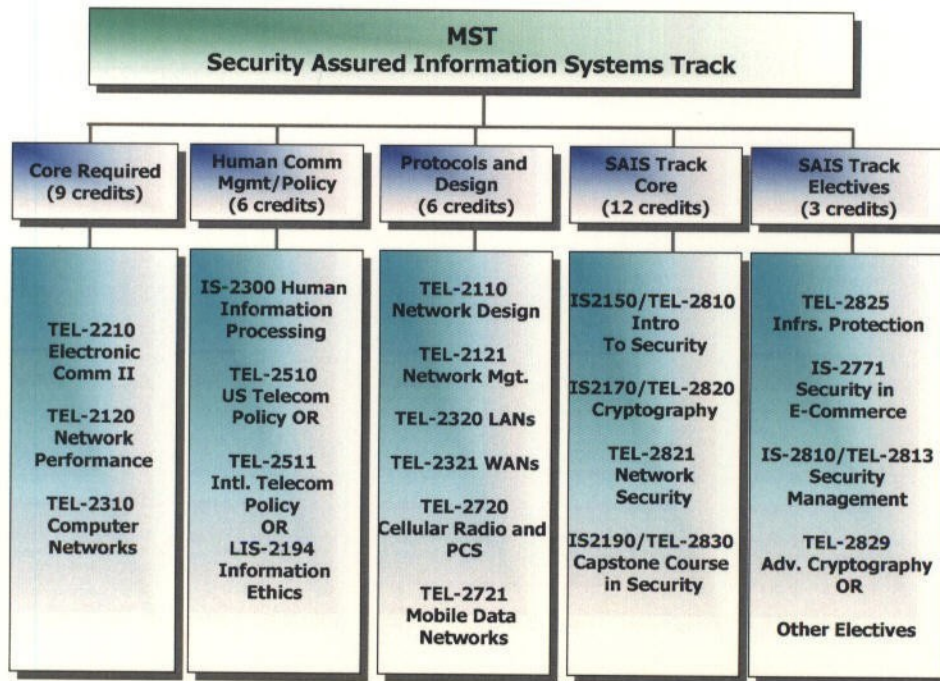


Figure 2. Requirements for SAIS students in MST program at DIST

Noting the difference in the structure and content coverage between the DIST's SAIS curriculum and that of the IRMC certificate programs, primarily because of the NDU/IRMC's strong focus on the requirements of the federal IT systems and infrastructures, the DIST will give 9 credits of advanced standing to NDU/IRMC IA certificate students for the following courses:

- IS2150/TEL2810 Introduction to Computer Security
- IS2810/TEL2813 Security Management
- One Elective (One S&T Elective for MSIS, One Policy elective for MST)

This advanced placement is based on the coverage of the IA certificate courses C1 through C4 which closely matches the coverage of IS2150 and IS2810. Additionally, the courses C1 through C4 also covers substantial material focused on security and IT issues related to federal systems that are not addressed by the SAIS curriculum. Hence, the transfer student will be considered to have completed an elective within the S&T pool for MSIS-SAIS track and for the Policy pool for the MST-SAIS track.

The NDU/IRMC CIO/AMP certificate students with IA focus will be given 15 credits of advanced placement, 9 credits of which would be that applied to the IA certificate as shown above. Remaining 6 credits of advanced placement will be given for the following courses:

- IS2190/TEL2830 Capstone Requirement
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The SAIS capstone requirement is tailored towards facilitating students to develop skills in a particular practical IA issue. The CIO/AMP certificate course requirements significantly focus on the IA issues related to the federal systems and infrastructure and hence will be considered as having fulfilled a capstone requirement. IS2000 covers broad, current issues related to information sciences, which are addressed in the CIO/AMP courses.

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Pitt's SAIS curriculum has been certified for the CNSS standards 4011, 4012, 4013, 4014A and 4015. NDU/IRMC's IA curriculum has been certified for CNSS 4011 and 4012.

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For more information on the CNSS standards, see:

<http://www.nsa.gov/ia/academia/cnsstesstandards.cfm>



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From the Office of the Dean, Ron Larsen

August 11, 2005

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Dear Ms. Coopersmith:

Hi! I understand from Dr. James Joshi that you are expecting the enclosed copies of the Memorandum of Agreement between the University of Pittsburgh's Department of Information Science and Telecommunications and the National Defense University's Information Resources Management College. Please find enclosed two (2) copies.

We would appreciate your asking Dr. Keagle to review and sign both copies. Then, please return both copies to us. We will have our Provost sign (he is currently traveling) and will send one of the originals back to you.

If you have any questions, please give me a call on 412/624-5139.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn M. Loether".

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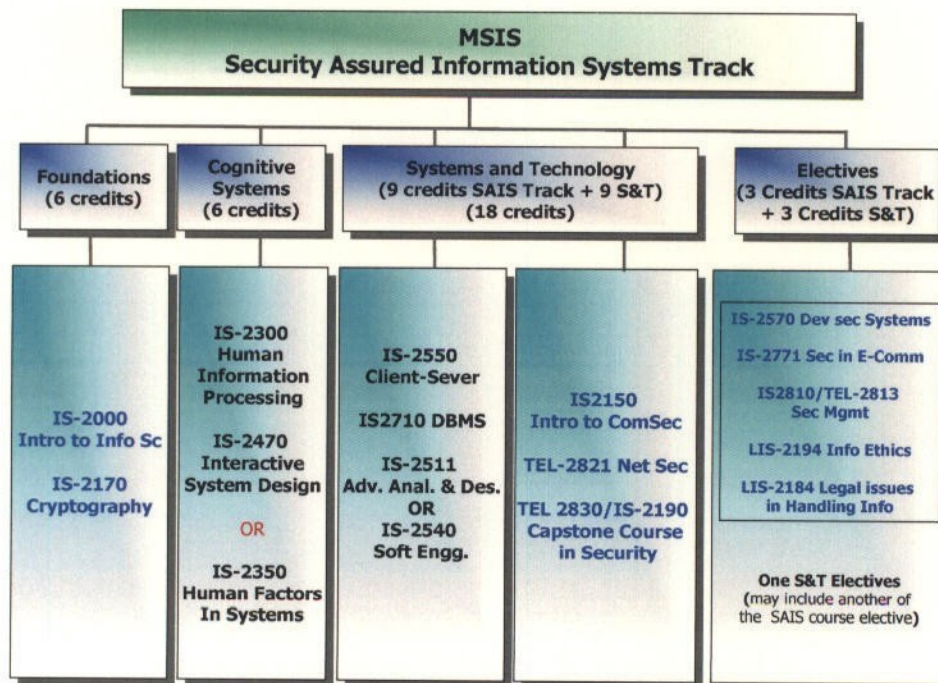


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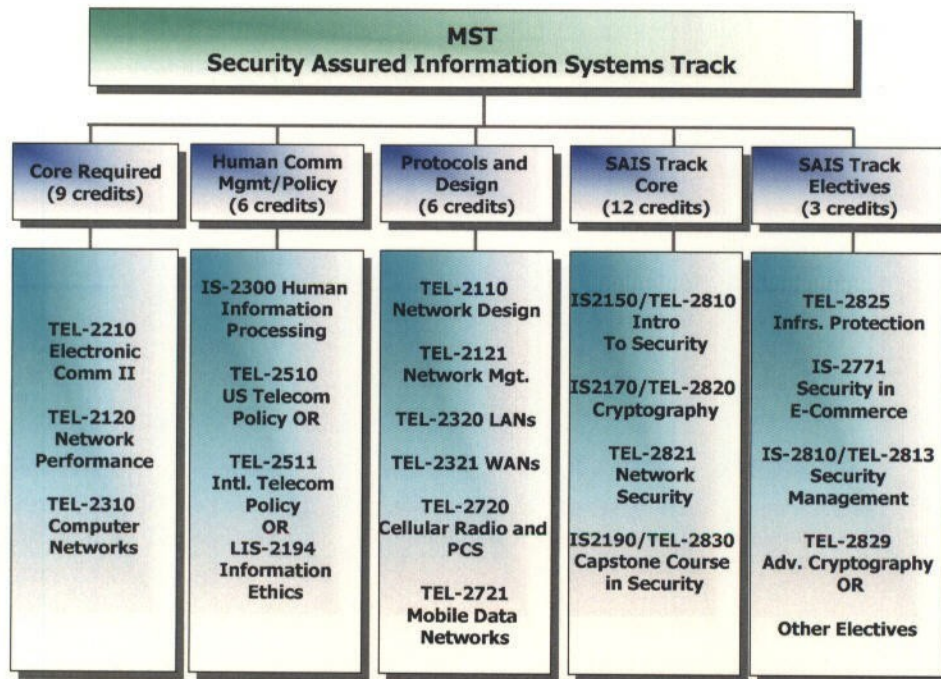


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