ISSA 6399 Thesis Preparation in Intelligence, Security Studies, and Analysis

Course Description

This course is a research seminar in which students will develop skills in locating, extracting, evaluating and synthesizing information acquired from their prior courses, in order to prepare a thesis proposal. Students will prepare a thesis proposal and prepare to write a publishable, article-length thesis based on independent research. Students may also be expected to supplement their research with other readings under the direction of the professor.

Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes

This capstone course allows students to consolidate the knowledge garnered from their previous courses in the Master of Science in Intelligence, Security Studies, and Analysis program. It concurrently exposes them to a variety of perspectives on Intelligence through reading assignments and discussions on topics not previously addressed in other classes.

Therefore, the goals and learning outcomes of this course are:

1. Students develop an awareness of alternative strategies for national and societal defense through analysis of security systems ubiquitous in natural world.

2. Students begin to develop an understanding of the concepts of environmental and situational awareness as these concepts pertain to Intelligence related to Homeland Security.

3. Students will demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of theory and policy associated with Intelligence, Security Studies, and Analysis through development of a thesis proposal based on applicable research. Students will be expected to read the Graduate Thesis Manual available at the Angelo State University website.

Grading Policies

This course utilizes subjective grading to measure a student’s comprehension of the materials.

The purpose of the major proposal is for you to demonstrate the ability to take the knowledge you have gained through all your other classes and apply it in creating the research proposal. Feel free to ask your professor for assistance, clarification, or guidance at any time.
Office Hours and/or hours of outside-of class contact
This is an online course. The professor will provide contact information and availability times for direct discussion in the Instructor Information section on Blackboard.

University Policies

Academic Integrity
Angelo State University expects its students to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits. Students are responsible for understanding and complying with the university Academic Honor Code and the ASU Student Handbook.

Accommodations for Disability
The Student Life Office is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability, and it is the student’s responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting the Student Life Office at (325) 942-2191 or (325) 942-2126 (TDD/FAX) or by e-mail at Student.Life@angelo.edu to begin the process. The Student Life Office will establish the particular documentation requirements necessary for the various types of disabilities.