CIVIL SECURITY—LEADERSHIP, MANAGEMENT AND POLICY (CSLMP), D.SC.

The 3-year Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) in Civil Security Leadership, Management and Policy (CSLMP) program is one of the first of its kind in the world. This is a scholar-practitioner degree, with a strong research component that is ultimately demonstrated by a successful doctoral - level dissertation.

The D.Sc. program draws on research to develop best practices and improve policies in various areas of civil security, including but not limited to national security and defense, homeland security, public safety, corporate security, cyber security, and global security. Completion of this degree prepares students to assume executive-level responsibilities within government, business, or nonprofit. This terminal degree also prepares students to become post-secondary teachers in the professional security field at institutions of higher education that require or expect graduation from an accredited doctoral program.

Based on the scholar-practitioner structure of this degree, all full-time and adjunct professors hold the appropriate doctoral degrees, professional certification(s) and years of professional security experience – with most over 25 years. Since 2009, NJCU has been a National Center of Academic Excellence (CAE) by the National Security Agency (NSA). NSA's CAE designations are considered reciprocal with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – authorizing various research projects, grants and scholarships for security professionals that are participating in the D.Sc. program. In 2019, the NJCU Professional Security Studies program became one of the few in the country to be designated as a center of academic excellence (CAE) in both cybersecurity and intelligence.

Program Structure

This is a cohort-based program. Each year, new students enter the program in July as a Learning Community (LC). Members of each LC take the same courses each semester throughout the 3-year degree completion period. The program combines a mandatory in-person residency format with asynchronous distance-learning. Mandatory in-person residencies take place on the main campus in Jersey City in July (2 weeks), in September (1 weekend), in October (1 weekend), in January (1 weekend), and in March (1 weekend).

D.Sc. students explore core competency topics in civil security before moving to dissertation research and writing courses. The core competencies include Current Issues, Policy & Budget, Emergency Management, Communications, and Data Analysis.

Admission Requirements\

To be considered for admission to the Doctor of Science in CSLMP program, applicants must:

1. Have completed a master's degree conferred by an accredited institution
2. Have a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher during graduate study
3. Have a minimum of four years of relevant work experience in Security within any of the civil security areas, including but not limited to national security and defense, homeland security, public safety, corporate security, cyber security, and global security
4. Demonstrate, through a 1,000-word essay, a strong interest in conducting research h on a specific real-world security issue/problem
5. (International Students) Meet English language proficiency requirements (TOEFL).

Application Deadline–Doctorate

Complete applications must be received by May 15 (Classes start in July).

Policies and Procedures for Doctoral Students

Students are required to follow the policies and procedures outlined in the Handbook for Doctoral Programs, posted on the Academic Affairs Web site at https://issuu.com/njcu/docs/2020_doctoral_handbook_online (https://issuu.com/njcu/docs/2020_doctoral_handbook_online/)

Degree Requirements
(48 credits)

The D.Sc. degree requires 90 semester hours beyond the bachelor's degree, and 48 beyond the master's. Of these hours, 30 are required core courses and 18 represent applied research in the form of a traditional dissertation.

Program Requirements

The program requirements include the core requirements, a comprehensive examination and dissertation credits.

All courses are completed with pre on-campus session readings (books and course materials are mailed to students, six weeks prior to the start of classes), rigorous academic research, extensive class participation, student presentations and final research projects.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses (30 Credits)		
SECU 810	Current Issues in Civil Security Leadership, Management and Policy (CSLMP) Part I (offered Summer)	3
SECU 815	Current Issues in Civil Security Leadership, Management and Policy (CSLMP) Part II (offered Summer)	3
SECU 820	Data Analysis for Civil Security Leadership, Management and Policy (CSLMP) I (offered Fall)	3
SECU 825	Data Analysis for Civil Security Leadership, Management and Policy (CSLMP) II (offered Fall)	3
SECU 830	Doctoral Colloquium in Emergency Operations & Management I (offered Spring)	3
SECU 835	Doctoral Colloquium in Emergency Operations & Management II (offered Spring)	3
SECU 840	Communications for Civil Security Leadership, Management and Policy (CSLMP) I (offered Summer)	3
SECU 845	Communications for Civil Security Leadership, Management and Policy (CSLMP) II (offered Summer)	3
SECU 850	Civil Security Policy/Budget Development and Implementation I (offered Fall)	3

SECU 855	Civil Security Policy/Budget Development and Implementation II (offered Fall)	3
Total Credits		**30**

Comprehensive Examination (No Credits)

All doctoral students must successfully pass the comprehensive examination before moving on to candidacy for the Doctor of Science degree. The exams will be placed on the transcript and will be graded - Pass or Failed. Each candidate will have two opportunities to receive a grade of Pass. Those students that fail will be academically dropped from the program.

Recycling of Candidates

Students in the LC may experience critical life-events (medical, family, work, etc.) of individual students. In such cases, the impacted doctoral student may ask for a leave of absence and can be reinstated at the same appropriate point of a subsequent LC, once the crisis has been resolved. Candidates are thereby recycled into the program to assist with potential attrition that would otherwise occur in traditional doctoral programs.

Dissertation (18 credits)

All doctoral students are expected to complete an original dissertation, in collaboration with their assigned mentor and dissertation committee. Candidates for the Doctor of Science degree are required to complete this dissertation within seven years of the initial coursework. Exceptions to this norm are anticipated only for those instances that are consistent with New Jersey City University's policies on absences. Candidates failing to complete this requirement within the scheduled three-year cycle of their assigned learning community are required to repeat separately SECU 970 until completion and this is referred to as matriculated status. Failure to maintain matriculated status will result in termination from the program.

The following courses comprise the dissertation component of the Doctor of Science Degree:

Code	Title	Credits
SECU 860	Dissertation Proposal I (offered Spring)	3
SECU 865	Dissertation Proposal II (offered Spring)	3
SECU 900	Dissertation Seminar I (offered Summer)	3
SECU 910	Dissertation Seminar II (offered Summer)	3
SECU 950	Dissertation Advisement (offered Fall)	3
SECU 960	Dissertation Completion and Defense (offered Fall)	3
SECU 970	Maintenance of Matriculation for Doctorate in Civil Security Leadership, Management and Policy (Repeatable until seven year degree time limit)	3
Total Credits		**21**

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Civil Security Leadership, Management and Policy Doctoral program, students will be able to:

1. Use the skills of applied research to conduct original research and analysis on contemporary national security issues (Research).

2. Understand the importance of developing sound policy measures within governmental, non-governmental and private sector organizations in a developing a national security strategy (Policy).

3. Apply scholarly research to develop and implement executive level communication plans in the area of strategic communication, crisis communication, and media relations (Communication).

4. Identify seamless integration strategies proactive critical incident planning and response, that will incorporate the best practices regarding national, corporate, and cyber security in an urban setting (Emergency Management).

5. Demonstrate the capacity to use quantitative and qualitative analysis with the integration of current research and data involved in national security initiative (Data Analysis).