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American Military University signs cooperative degree agreement with the U.S. Army Intelligence Center at Fort Huachuca

NCOs, officers can get military studies credit toward AMU degrees in Intelligence Studies and Strategic Intelligence

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz., Dec. 5, 2005 —The U.S. Army Intelligence Center (USAIC) here today signed a cooperative degree program agreement with American Military University (AMU). This distance learning institution has one of the nation's largest intelligence programs with more than 1,500 students enrolled.

As a result of the agreement, service members who have completed certain USAIC courses may receive college credits toward an AMU bachelor's degree in Intelligence Studies. Warrant officers also will get transferable credit toward a bachelor's degree in Intelligence Studies. Commissioned officers who take the captain's career course will get five courses or 15 credit hours toward a master's degree in Strategic Intelligence.

USAIC (<http://usaic.hua.army.mil>) has been a leading provider of military intelligence since 1971, when Fort Huachuca became home to the Intelligence Center.

"AMU's strong academic programs complement the knowledge these NCOs, and officers already have," says Wallace E. Boston, Jr., president and chief executive officer of American Public University System (<http://www.apus.edu>). "It's all part of lifelong learning. Students will benefit while in uniform and after they leave military service, as well."

"Real world" experience

AMU (<http://www.amu.apus.edu>) is one of two distance learning institutions in the University System. It has been educating people in uniform for 12 years. In fact, more than 85 percent of the University System's students are in the armed forces.

Faculty members combine relevant theory with real-world experience. Fourteen of the 15 Intelligence program faculty serve or have served in the Central Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency, State Department, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Homeland Security or one of the other 10 agencies in the Intelligence Community.

The agreement

Upon completion of the following USAIC programs, transfer credit above and beyond what is already recommended by the American Council on Education will be awarded toward AMU's bachelor's of Intelligence Studies degree as follows:

- Military intelligence basic non-commissioned officer course, between 3 and 15 credit hours
- Military intelligence advanced non-commissioned officer course, 12 credit hours
- Military intelligence warrant officer basic course, 15 credit hours

AMU allows up to 90 transfer credit hours in the 120-hour program.

Upon completion of the following USAIC program, transfer credit will be awarded toward AMU's master's of Strategic Intelligence as follows:

- Military intelligence captain's career course, 15 credit hours.

Students must successfully complete an additional 21 credits to complete their master's.

AMU and USAIC developed the cooperative degree program under the guidelines of the American Council of Education's Joint Statement on the Transfer and Award of Credit, published by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation and the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. The University System is a member of the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC).

For more information on these degree programs, contact an Admissions Representative at 1-877-468-6268 or visit AMU's Web site at <http://www.amu.apus.edu>.

About the University System

American Public University System is comprised of American Public University (APU) and American Military University (AMU). The distance learning institution serves 12,000 students in 50 states and more than 100 countries. It delivers more than 50 undergraduate and graduate programs. APU and AMU prepare students for careers in homeland security, intelligence, criminal justice, emergency management and more.

American Public University System is leading a discussion of homeland security and emergency management issues at its May 2006 colloquia "Managing Evacuation: Ripple Effects of Terrorism and Natural Disasters." Visit <http://www.apus.edu/terrorism-evacuation> to learn more.

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