

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
September 15, 2011

**SUBJECT:** University of Central Florida Proposal to offer a Doctor of Philosophy in Security Studies (CIP 45.0902)

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

Consider approval of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Security Studies at the University of Central Florida, CIP Code 45.0902.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution  
Board of Governors Regulation 8.011

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The University of Central Florida (UCF) is proposing to offer a Ph.D. degree program in Security Studies. Serving the state's need for analysts and security specialists for international corporations, military, and ports, it will "produce specialists capable of analyzing and communicating security issues to policy makers, the general public and the government." The program's advisory board is comprised of representatives from Siemens Energy, Inc., Georgetown University, the National Defense University, George Washington University, and the U.S. Naval War College. Documentation confirms that external consultants and security industry leaders are supportive of the program. The proposed program will require 62 hours of course work beyond the master's, including dissertation. Estimated enrollment will stabilize at 20 students, primarily full-time. Communication with FIU, FSU, UF, USF, University of Miami, and Nova Southeastern has confirmed the lack of overlap with their Political Science programs.

The proposal was reviewed by Academic and Student Affairs Committee on June 23, 2011 and approved for consideration by the full Board of Governors. If the proposal is approved by the Board of Governors, UCF will implement the program in Fall 2013.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposal available online in June 22-23, 2011 Academic and Students Affairs Committee materials at <http://www.flbog.edu>

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