National and homeland security is a top priority in today’s societal concerns. In 2014, a nationwide survey of security managers and directors was conducted by Securitas USA and showed that the single most important management issue of concern was building and maintaining security staffing effectiveness. New security organizations within companies will need a properly-educated staff to protect the company and to manage risk efficiently.

The region around SRU plays an important role in defending and securing the United States. According to the FedScope data tool from the Office for Personnel Management, in March 2015, one in five Department of Defense employees worked in Pennsylvania, Ohio, or New York. In particular, Western PA is on the forefront of security partnerships between universities, businesses, and government agencies such as the National Cyber-Forensics & Training Alliance and the Pittsburgh Regional Business Coalition for Homeland Security, bolstered in part by the presence of an FBI field office in Pittsburgh. A Wall Street Journal article from August 2015 points out that the western PA region is successful in building private-public security partnerships because the relatively stable labor force gives government agencies the opportunity to develop lasting, trusting relationships with businesses and institutions in the region.

SRU’s Criminal Justice Department offers a new graduate level certificate in Security Studies. The certificate is 12 credits and provides advanced credentialing in selected core security competencies. The certificate includes graduate level classes on Terrorism, Terrorism Law, White Collar Crime, Forensic Behaviors (which includes workplace violence; terrorist behavior, and general crime causation theories); Law and Ethics in the Workplace; Fraud and Transnational Crime. These courses are drawn from established competencies of both private/public and homeland security.

**Curriculum (12 Credits)**

SRU’s Security Studies certificate offers several course options. Students must select four classes to complete the certificate:

- CRIM 602: Forensic Behavior: Crime & the Individual
- CRIM 605: White Collar Crime
- CRIM 628: Transnational Crime and Justice
- CRIM 641: Terrorism Law and National Security
- CRIM 651: Fraud
- CRIM 652: Law & Ethics in the Workplace
- CRIM 655: Fundamentals of Terrorism

*curriculum includes sections on socio-psychological roots of terrorism and workplace violence

**Program Highlights**

Are you interested in protecting and securing the country? Expand your knowledge and take your career to the next level with SRU’s certificate in Security Studies. The certificate offers:

- 100% online courses
- A 12 credit curriculum that can be completed in a year and all courses transfer into the M.A. in Criminal Justice
- A combination of coursework that spans both corporate and national security issues, including terrorism, terrorism law, white collar crime, violent behavior and fraud.
- Faculty with terminal degree and experience in the field of criminology

**Admissions Requirements**

Applicants must submit the following materials along with a completed online graduate application and non-refundable application fee:

- Online Application and Application Fee
- Essay (approximately 600 words) on a specific topic of interest to you in the field of criminal justice or security studies
- Two Electronic Recommendation Forms
- Resume
- Official Transcripts – Undergraduate/Graduate (Official transcripts must be sent by institution via electronic transcript e-share to graduate.admissions@sru.edu or via mail). Faxed copies will not be considered official. Students with a minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 to be considered for unconditional admissions. Students with a grade point average below a 3.0 must submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT) scores forwarded to the Graduate Admissions Office. SRU’s GRE code is 2658 and MAT code is 1660.

**Tuition & Assistantships**

Information on current tuition and assistantships can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at www.sru.edu/graduate. Financial Aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office at www.sru.edu/FinAid or the Office of Graduate Admissions.