

PRESS RELEASE

USG Board of Regents approves the First Bachelor of Science in Information Security and Assurance in the Southeast

The University System of Georgia has approved the Bachelor of Science in Information Security and Assurance at Kennesaw State University. Beginning in the fall semester of 2005, Kennesaw State University will begin offering this unique degree program designed to prepare information students for careers as security professionals. This degree program is the first of its kind at a public institution in the Southeastern U.S. In response to National and State need for graduates with education in Information Security, the KSU Computer Science and Information Systems Department, in cooperation with state and federal law enforcement and agencies, state security officials, and local businesses, has put forward an expansive security education program, with equal emphases on both the technical and managerial aspects of the field.

Kennesaw State University has been recognized by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance, with coursework certified to several national standards in information assurance. With this cutting-edge degree, graduates will be prepared to work in organization throughout the region, protecting information vital to their organizations.

The Bachelor of Science in Information Security and Assurance degree consists of 123 hours of coursework, including over 50 credit hours of instruction in information security and assurance specific topics including information security foundations, network security, incident response and disaster recovery, secure programming and information security policy and administration. Students can then build upon this core by selecting electives in information technology, criminal justice, and auditing.

According to Dr. Michael E. Whitman, the designer and coordinator of the degree, "This program places Kennesaw at the forefront of undergraduate Information Security Education in the southeast. There are very few programs like it in the country." For more information on the degree program, contact Dr. Whitman at mwhitman@kennesaw.edu or through the Computer Science and Information Systems Department at 770-423-6005.