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Monterey Institute To Add World's First Graduate Degree in Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies in Fall 2010

Successful Nondegree Programs Lead to New Offering

MONTEREY, CA – Further expanding the scope of two unique and highly regarded programs, the Monterey Institute of International Studies today announced the approval of a new master's degree program in nonproliferation and terrorism studies for the fall 2010 semester.

The new Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies Program -- the first of its kind internationally -- builds on the Institute's existing certificate program in nonproliferation and the terrorism studies concentration within its International Policy Studies degree program. Both academic tracks have experienced significant growth in recent years, reflecting students' strong interest in these issues, as well as increased demand in both the public and private sector for policy experts in the fields of weapons of mass destruction and the threat of terrorism.

"The establishment of the Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies Program puts an exclamation point on our commitment to providing Monterey Institute students with a graduate education that has immediate relevance in today's world," commented Institute President Sunder Ramaswamy. "This new degree program will give our students the opportunity to be part of the solution to two of the world's most pressing problems."

The Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies Program's curriculum will be supported by the Institute's James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) and Monterey Terrorism Research and Education Program (MonTREP). CNS, the world's largest research center devoted to combating the spread of weapons of mass destruction, will celebrate its 20th anniversary this December. MonTREP conducts in-depth research, assesses policy options, and engages in public education on issues relating to terrorism and international security.

"The proliferation and possible use of weapons of mass destruction by states and terrorist organizations arguably are the greatest immediate challenges facing mankind. There is a pressing need for new thinking about these issues and tremendous career opportunities for young experts in the field," noted CNS Director Dr. William Potter. "Students in the Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies Program will benefit from CNS's two decades of policy-oriented research and training in nonproliferation, as well as the tremendous expertise and resources of MonTREP."

The new degree program will reside within the Institute's Graduate School of International Policy and Management (GSIPM), which also offers master's degrees in International Environmental Policy, Public Administration (MPA), International Policy Studies, and International Business (MBA).

"Our unique cross-sectoral approach encourages students in all of our degree programs to see issues in multiple dimensions and work collaboratively across the board," said Yuwei Shi, dean of GSIPM. "We're delighted to add the Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies Program to our family of offerings."

The Institute has offered a nonproliferation studies certificate since 1997, and a terrorism studies concentration since 2005. The new degree program was approved by the Monterey Institute Board of Trustees on September 26, and by the Middlebury College Board of Trustees on October 17.

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