

## Ph.D in Security Studies

### Definition of SLOs

- 1) Historical perspectives on security issues. The student can find and apply information from historical literature on the historical roots of particular security issues as well as related historical cases in order to provide insight.
- 2) Political science approaches to security issues. The student can identify and apply general political science findings from the literature to particular security issues.
- 3) Research methodology. The student has mastered basic research methods in history and political science applicable to security studies, and can find and apply the appropriate method to attack a particular problem.
- 4) Data collection. The student has demonstrated the ability to find and assemble a substantial and relevant body of data (whether that take the form of archival documents, a set of quantitative data, or some other form) to investigate a particular research problem.
- 5) Written communication. The student can summarize his / her research process and present research results clearly and effectively in writing.

### Levels of performance

**Deficient:** Falling below the norms of graduate student performance. Quality is more typical of a beginning MA student than a Ph.D graduate.

**Acceptable:** Attaining the basic levels of performance and professional competence expected of a graduate student completing a Ph.D.

**Above Average:** Significantly exceeding acceptable levels of performance for a graduate student completing a Ph.D, though not yet at the level of a seasoned scholar.

**Outstanding:** Characteristic of a practicing scholar in the field in terms of depth and sophistication, representing perhaps the top 10% of graduate students.