Norwich News:
EMC + NUJIA

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The graduate programs at Norwich University have launched the online Emergency Management Certificate (EMC), a six-month course of study available exclusively online. As with all of our graduate programs, the EMC is intensely experiential: students work with industry experts to prepare a working emergency management and business continuity plan for their own organization. In addition, the course of serves as an excellent preparation for certification exams in emergency management and business continuity.

The course provides a thorough grounding in risk assessment, infrastructure protection, legal requirements, public/private sector collaboration in emergency response, homeland security policies, working with military forces, and the role of effective communications in emergency management.

The course is open to applicants with a bachelor's degree; cost is currently $5695.

In addition to the standalone EMC, the program has also been integrated into the Master of Science in Information Assurance (MSIA) program as a separate track available for those masters students who wish to specialize in this area of study. As a track, the program replaces the last two seminars of the MSIA.

The EMC program is directed by my colleague Dr. John Orlando, who ably served as the Associate Program Director of the MSIA for its first two years. Incidentally, his replacement is Dr. Peter Stephenson, well known to many readers from his extensive work in digital forensics and from his regular column in _Secure Computing (SC) Magazine_.

For more information about the EMC, see <http://www3.norwich.edu/emc/index.html>.

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On another front, we are launching the _Norwich University Journal of Information Assurance_ (NUJIA) and are soliciting papers. This peer-reviewed electronic journal will focus on research of direct value to practitioners. The editor is G. Will Milor, MSIA, CISSP, who was the valedictorian of our first graduating class of MSIA students in June 2004. The editorial board includes many field-tested security practitioners who have graduated from our program or who are teaching in it (sometimes both).

In line with Norwich's commitment to experiential learning -- a fundamental principle enunciated by our founder, Alden Partridge, almost 200 years ago -- the mission of the NUJIA is “to advance understanding within the information assurance field by publishing original, high-quality, practical research into the management of information assurance.” The NUJIA will be a
significant contribution to our field because it will combine the rigor of scholarly publication standards (proper referencing, careful attention to clear writing, ample opportunity for discussion in depth) with the immediacy of practical experience.

The NUJIA will be freely available online.

For full information about the Journal, see <http://nujia.norwich.edu/>.

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A Master’s degree in the management of information assurance in 18 months of online study from Norwich University – see <http://www3.norwich.edu/msia> for details.

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