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## Master in Intelligence and Cyber Studies (MICS)

### Where are we now, and where are we heading?

The Master in Intelligence and Cyber Studies is a new professional master programme offered in cooperation between SDU and the Royal Danish Defence Academy (FAK). The degree offers a social science approach to studying intelligence and cyber, which are fields of study that traditionally have been anchored in either technical or historical approaches. The programme reflects a growing need to 'mainstream' competences in the cyber and intelligence fields within a broad range of professions, not just within the defense and intelligence fields, but also in private and public organizations that are increasingly faced with the challenges associated with management and interpretation of data and cyber security. MICS therefore responds to a dynamic and changing threat environment where the goal is to ensure a well-functioning and resilient society. MICS will welcome its first cohort in September 2021. The level of interest shown in the new degree has been very encouraging and the number of applications to the degree has far exceeded initial projections.

### Aims

- To provide an attractive and flexible study programme that resonates well across a broad spectrum of end users.
- To establish MICS as a leading programme within a field of study that looks set to expand significantly in the coming years.
- To offer an academically stimulating and practically relevant programme tailored to the needs and professional background of the students.
- To leverage networks and partnerships established through MICS with the research and activities of the Center for War Studies.

### Actions

- We will ensure excellence of teaching and support in MICS to facilitate its continued attractiveness and a steady growth of applications for its Danish and English language versions.
- We will continuously assess whether there is a need to adjust the programme, and we will expand the choice of electives as the student body grows.
- We will develop an educational management structure that ensures smooth cooperation between SDU and FAK and an excellent and supportive student support system giving our students the necessary predictability for planning ahead and to design a study programme that fits their needs and circumstances.