

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

Northwestern State University of Louisiana

AND

University of Texas at El Paso

Northwestern State University (NSU) and the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) have agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for a program between the two institutions. This program will allow students to complete the Graduate Certificate in Intelligence and National Security Studies (INSS) at UTEP and transfer all credit hours to be applied to the NSU's MS Degree in Homeland Security as listed in Appendix A to Northwestern State University in partial fulfillment of degree requirements for the Master of Science Degree in Homeland Security at NSU. Both universities serve the needs of their constituencies and are responsive, student oriented institutions that prepare their students to become productive members of society as well as promote the academic development and improvement in the quality of life of citizens in their regions.

This partnership is mutually beneficial to both institutions for several reasons. Students attending UTEP have said that they want and need an opportunity after completing their Graduate Certificate in Intelligence and national Security from UTEP to transfer to a Graduate Program in Homeland Security that will accept UTEP's Intelligence and National Security Studies Graduate credits.

Both Universities have full-time, tenure track faculty with advanced academic and field experience credentials.

Both institutions have extensive support resources (i.e., library, on-line access, service courses, and adequate administrative – faculty – staff backup).

Northwestern State University has excellent on-line instructional capabilities and the Master of Science Degree in Homeland Security is available via the Internet.

Northwestern State University has a partial tuition exemption for students employed full-time as public safety officers.

In accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding, UTEP agrees to:

Jointly with Northwestern State University, market the Agreement to prospective students.



