



Radiological Security for Policy Students and Professionals Intensive Pilot Course



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About the Course

The primary objective of this course is to provide graduate students and professionals—particularly those with non-technical backgrounds—with a comprehensive introduction to the fundamentals of radiation and the key elements of radiological security. The course explores these topics from technical, policy, legal, and operational perspectives, equipping participants with the foundational knowledge necessary for pursuing or advancing careers in the field of radiological security. Delivered by leading CNS and PNNL experts, the course aims to prepare participants for careers in this critical field.

Topics Covered

- Foundations of Radiation & Radiological Sources.
- Managing Radiological Security Risks.
- Radiological Security Policy & Framework.
- Operational Perspectives on Radiological Security.
- Careers & Opportunities in Radiological Security.

The course includes interactive sessions and table-top exercises.

Who Should Apply?

- Graduate students in nonproliferation, international relations, public policy, emergency management, etc.
- Early-career professionals entering the field of radiological security.
- Mid-career professionals transitioning into the field.
- Law enforcement or first responders involved in radiological threat prevention or response.
- Policy analysts, consultants, researchers in nuclear security, homeland security, or emergency preparedness.
- Journalists or science communicators covering nuclear and global security issues.

U.S. nationals, green card holders, and international students currently enrolled in US universities can apply.

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Course Dates: January 5–9, 2026

**Location: Middlebury Institute of International Studies,
Monterey, California**

Cost: Tuition-Free

Certificate of Completion will be Awarded.

How to apply

Please submit your application by filling out the
application form found in the QR code below:

OR

at the following link

(<https://forms.office.com/r/Va99HbDGdq>),

AND

by sending your motivation letter and CV/Resume
(PHP) as a single document in PDF format titled as
CNSRadSec_SURNAME_Name to
jdavydov@middlebury.edu with “CNS RadSec
January 2026 Application” in the subject line.

Travel and Accommodation

Up to 15 travel stipends will be awarded on a competitive basis
to offset partial costs.

Please email a short statement (max 200 words) explaining
your financial need to: mkalininapohl@middlebury.edu

Course participants will be responsible for their own travel
and accommodation.

Application Deadline: December 1, 2025