CENTER HIGHLIGHTS

The Center actively seeks funding to provide scholarship opportunities for rural and underserved students who are the majority of the students at JSU, and to support research activities in areas of national need. CISA has distinguished itself in critical areas of information assurance such as SCADA and control systems security, regulatory compliance, risk assessment and mitigation, and gamification of information security training.

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ABOUT CISA

CISA facilitates the partnerships and collaborations across disciplines at Jacksonville State University and community colleges in Northeast Alabama in the areas of critical and national need. CISA represents an exciting and clear vision toward contributing to the national information assurance infrastructure and manpower development.

The objective of CISA is to provide an avenue for research and education in:

- Computer and network security
- Digital forensics
- Gamification of information security training
- Risk assessment and mitigation
- SCADA and control systems security
- Security regulations and compliance
- Information security management

WHAT THE PROGRAM PROVIDES

The National Information Assurance Education and Training Program (NIETP), which is administered by the National Security Agency (NSA), has certified JSU’s Computer Science and Computer Information Systems courseware to meet all of the elements of the Committee on National Security Systems (CNSS) National Training Standards for:

- Information Systems Security (INFOSEC) Professionals, NSTISSI No. 4011
- System Administrators (SA), CNSSI No. 4013 Entry Level

Benefits of the NSA certification:

- Publicity and visibility
- Creates scholarship opportunities for students
- Distinction: JSU joins three other universities in Alabama (Auburn University, University of Alabama in Huntsville, and University of South Alabama) that have been designated as NSA Centers of Academic Excellence

CERTIFICATION

This certification adds a tremendous value to JSU’s CS and CIS degrees in that an NSA certificate can now be given to each graduate who completes the set of courseware.

CISA represents an exciting and clear vision toward contributing to the national information assurance infrastructure and manpower development. It is critical to train workers in information assurance. By highlighting the Computer Information Systems and Computer Science majors at JSU, more students can be recruited and more funding can be provided to further the program.

In 2009, JSU was designated as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education by the National Security Agency (NSA).

In addition to their diploma, graduates receive two information security certificates endorsed by NSA.

For CISA faculty please visit the following link: http://www.jsu.edu/irc/CISA/faculty.html