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University of South Florida's Global and National Security Institute Signs Academic Agreement with Poland's War Studies University

TAMPA, Fla. – The University of South Florida's Global and National Security Institute (GNSI) has entered into a multiyear academic and research agreement with the War Studies University in Warsaw, Poland, strengthening international collaboration on global security education and research.

The newly signed agreement outlines a range of joint activities that include educational initiatives and scholarly exchange programs. Both institutions will engage in collaborative research, the exchange of visiting scholars, and the potential exchange of undergraduate and graduate students for independent or cooperative research efforts.

"This agreement underscores GNSI's commitment to building a global academic network to address complex security challenges," said General (Ret) Frank McKenzie, executive director of GNSI. "We are proud to partner with Poland's premier defense university to promote scholarly exchange and advance research that contributes to national and global security."

The partnership also allows for the exchange of academic materials such as research papers, book publications, and indices to theses. Faculty and students from both institutions will be invited to participate in national and international conferences and scholarly meetings.

"Our longstanding belief at the War Studies University is 'We respect tradition, we build the future,' said Colonel Andrzej Soboń, Dean of National Security Faculty of War Studies University. "This partnership with GNSI is a great example of two organizations from across the globe working and learning together to build a better future for both our countries."

This new agreement expands GNSI's strategic academic footprint in Poland. The institute already maintains a similar partnership with the General Tadeusz Kościuszko Military University of Land Forces in Wrocław.

By strengthening ties with these leading Polish institutions, GNSI aims to foster deeper transatlantic academic collaboration and prepare future leaders to address emerging global threats.

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About GNSI

The Global and National Security Institute at the University of South Florida is a dedicated, nonpartisan national security institute operating at the boundary of policy and technology. GNSI will champion USF's renowned academic and research capabilities as the cornerstone of an interdisciplinary approach that accelerates stronger connections across academia, government, and industry. GNSI will be the first choice of expertise for decision-makers at the local, state, national, and global levels, effecting actionable solutions to today's 21st-century security challenges, while simultaneously preparing the next generation of national security leaders. [Learn more at www.usf.edu/GNSI](http://www.usf.edu/GNSI)

About the War Studies University

The War Studies University educates military and civilian students in the areas of security and defense, delivering new curricula and implementing new styles of operations. It educates officers to meet the needs of commands, staffs and universities, as well as military and civil institutions related to national defence. It prepares civilian youth for public activities, especially in the context of national security and for ensuring the needs of the crisis response system.

Preserving the heritage of generations, the War Studies University is setting new directions for the development of military thought through innovative research, high-quality education, and the use of contemporary knowledge and practice in the art of war, thus responding to the Armed Forces' current and future needs.

Moreover, the University contributes to the development and strengthening of the military security of the Republic of Poland, the European Union and NATO through specialist activities and research in the discipline of security and defense studies, as well as the formation of patriotic attitudes and respect for national traditions.

The University implements these tasks based on the highest ethical and civic values, such as: striving for truth, respect for knowledge, patriotism, honesty, openness to new ideas and respect for man.

Education within the professional development system for officers of the Polish Armed Forces takes place at the Military Faculty, whose capabilities are primarily represented by academic teachers

who are in active service and characterized by an outstanding quality of both theoretical and practical preparation. Learn more at <https://www.wojsko-polskie.pl/aszwoj/en/>

About the University of South Florida

The University of South Florida, a high-impact research university dedicated to student success and committed to community engagement, generates an annual economic impact of more than \$6 billion. Across campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota-Manatee and USF Health, USF serves approximately 50,000 students who represent nearly 150 different countries. U.S. News & World Report has ranked USF as one of the nation's top 50 public universities for six consecutive years and, for the second straight year, as the best value university in Florida. In 2023, USF became the first public university in Florida in nearly 40 years to be invited to join the Association of American Universities, a group of the leading 3% of universities in the United States and Canada. With an all-time high of \$738 million in research funding in 2024 and a ranking as a top 20 public university for producing new U.S. patents, USF is a leader in solving global problems and improving lives. USF is a member of the American Athletic Conference. [Learn more at www.usf.edu](http://www.usf.edu).