

M.S. in Security and Intelligence

The Master of Science in Security and Intelligence Studies degree program is offered by the College of Business, Security and Intelligence. It is designed to produce competitive graduates for professional service in the intelligence, aviation, military, homeland defense, and corporate security communities. The MS in SIS degree will enhance the career prospects both for entry-level professionals and mid-level leaders, managers, operators, and analysts. For many security and intelligence professionals currently working in these communities, the Master's degree will be seen as one qualification for promotion in the middle and even upper levels of management or military command.

The degree program provides graduate students with both theoretical and practical knowledge from the security and intelligence disciplines. These include: strategic concepts; the integration of science and technology in the security and intelligence realms; the principles, processes, and presentation of products; the importance of cultural understanding in key regions of the world; the evolution, nature, and roles of state and non-state actors; and the forms of international conflict and cooperation in the intelligence and policy communities. Students can tailor their learning experience by selecting relevant elective courses from the available course offerings each semester.

The MS in SIS is a 36-credit hour program, composed of a General Core (9-12 credit hours), an Area of Concentration (15-24 credit hours) and Electives (0-12 credit hours). Normally, elective course work will be selected from the list of courses below, although occasional experimental courses may also be considered. Not all elective courses are offered every year. Check with an advisor for a schedule of current course offerings.

The program will consider applicants with an undergraduate background in intelligence studies, history, political science, international relations, criminal justice, geography, foreign language, psychology, cybersecurity or computer science, and any of the physical and natural sciences. The prerequisite knowledge for any graduate course must be satisfied before enrollment in the course is permitted.

Areas of Concentration (AOC): Security, Intelligence, or dual Security and Intelligence.

The Intelligence AOC provides targeted study in intelligence analysis and practice, international affairs, world cultures, counterterrorism, and counterintelligence. It is recommended for those interested in government employment (domestic and foreign), non-governmental organizations, and international corporations in overseas operations.

The Security AOC provides targeted study in all aspects of integrated security studies, including corporate security (domestic and international), physical and emergency security management, investigations, and advanced counterintelligence. It is recommended for those seeking a career in all levels of law enforcement, including emergency management, corporate security, and advanced investigations in counterintelligence.

The Security and Intelligence AOC provides an integrated study of intelligence analysis and practice, corporate security, international affairs, physical and emergency security management, world cultures, and counterintelligence. It is recommended for those interested in the integration of security and intelligence in the public or private sector. Students in this AOC must complete both SIS 505 and SIS 510 and 12 credits from each from the Intelligence and Security AOCs.