

SECURITY AND STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE, B.S.

Study trends in intelligence gathering surrounding such critical and timely topics as terrorism, homeland security, and cybercrime with a Bachelor of Science in Security and Strategic Intelligence offered through Saint Louis University's School for Professional Studies. Our robust curriculum includes the option to specialize in business continuity, global corporate security or strategic intelligence.

You will learn industry best practices and the critical thinking skills needed for securing data and facilities against external threats. Students graduate with the security, intelligence, and computer information systems skills needed to compete for highly coveted positions in a burgeoning strategic intelligence market.

Curriculum Overview

As part of the School for Professional Studies, this 120-credit degree program offers future and current leaders like you a flexible option to meet your personal career goals. With six accelerated, eight-week terms each year offered by SLU online, you can begin working toward your degree at any time, making advanced education more accessible for working professionals.

Careers

Business Continuity Track: Careers for graduates with a degree in security and strategic intelligence - business continuity track include business continuity planners, business intelligence analysts, business operations specialists, and emergency/risk managers.

Strategic Intelligence Track: Careers for graduates with a security and strategic intelligence degree - strategic intelligence track include intelligence analysts, investigators, intelligence officers, special agents, and criminal investigators.

Global Corporate Security Track: Careers for graduates with a degree in security and strategic intelligence - global corporate security track include security and asset managers, security management specialists, transportation security screeners, retail loss prevention specialists, loss prevention managers, and criminal investigators and special agents.

Admission Requirements

The School for Professional Studies welcomes adult learners whose educational journey has been interrupted by life's circumstances. This includes individuals with at least one of the following characteristics:

- Delayed enrollment in post-secondary education
- Attends part-time for at least part of the academic year
- Works full-time (35 hours or more/week) while enrolled
- Financial independence, has dependents other than a spouse, is a single parent, or has other demands that make traditional education less feasible

Application Requirements

- **Work Experience:** At least three years or the equivalent. Work experience may include a full-time/part-time job, internship, volunteer work, or comparable experiences.

- **Education:** High school diploma or composite GED score of at least 2250.
- **Coaching session:** Successful completion of a meeting with an academic coach (this can be done virtually or on campus).
- **Grade Point Average:** Minimum transfer cumulative GPA of 2.5 (unless qualified for conditional admittance).
- **Transcript:** An official transcript from the most recent institution attended.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

- **Scholarships:** Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need. The School for Professional Studies offers numerous scholarships and awards specially for new students.
- **Financial Aid:** Financial aid is provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

To determine eligibility for financial assistance, submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) early for maximum consideration. FAFSA is available online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at <http://finaid.slu.edu>.

Active Military and Veterans and First Responders

Honorably discharged veterans, active-duty military members, reserve members and first responders qualify for a reduced tuition rate of \$295 per credit hour for any undergraduate program offered through the School for Professional Studies.

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to describe the cycle of intelligence and components of global security.
2. Graduates will be able to use analytics to inform risk management decisions.
3. Graduates will be able to integrate computer information systems with security and intelligence domains.
4. Graduates will be able to analyze the global factors that impact security and strategic intelligence.
5. Graduates will be able to distinguish between the professional, ethical, legal, security and social dimensions of a strategic intelligence plan.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		39
College core requirements (p. 2)		
Major Requirements		30
SSI 1500	Foundations of Security and Strategic Intelligence	
SSI 2000	Threat and Risk Assessment	
SSI 3000	Coordination across Agencies, Organizations, and Departments	
SSI 3100	Analytics in Security and Intelligence	

SSI 3800	Trends in Strategic Security and Intelligence	
SSI 4900	Security and Strategic Intelligence Capstone	
CIS 1300	Information Systems and Technology	
CIS 3150	Workplace Ethics	
CIS 3250	Cybersecurity Principles	
CIS 3300	Database Analysis and Design	
Major electives		6
CIS 4300	The Fundamentals of Computer Forensics	
CIS 4600	Cyber Threats and Defense	
CIS or SSI Elective		
Concentrations (select one of the following)		12
Business Continuity Concentration (p. 2)		
Strategic Intelligence Concentration (p. 2)		
Global Corporate Security Concentration (p. 2)		
General electives		33
Total Credits		120

Business Continuity Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
SSI 3010	Business Continuity and Impact Analysis	3
SSI 3300	Integrated Risk Planning, Strategy and Compliance	3
SSI 4090	Resilience, Recovery and Contingency	3
SSI 4500	Financial & Regulatory Considerations in Risk Planning	3
Total Credits		12

Strategic Intelligence Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
SSI 3020	Intelligence and its Use in National & Corporate Security	3
SSI 3200	Terrorism: Causes, Tactics, and Mitigation	3
SSI 4010	Diplomacy and Foreign Policy	3
SSI 4200	Collection Assets and Capabilities	3
Total Credits		12

Global Corporate Security Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
SSI 3010	Business Continuity and Impact Analysis	3
SSI 3030	Global Security Management	3
SSI 3200	Terrorism: Causes, Tactics, and Mitigation	3
SSI 3600	Tangible Asset Security	3
Total Credits		12

Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a minimum 2.00 GPA.

SPS Core Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Communication and Technology		9
PST 1500	Igniting Success: Jesuit Education and the Adult Learner	
CMMK 1210	Public Speaking in Org. Life	
ENGL 4005	Business and Professional Writing	
Critical Thinking and Problem Solving		6
CIS 2700	Discrete Methods and Models or CIS 2850 Principles of Data Analysis	
PHIL 1055	Intro to Phil: Self & Reality	
Ethics, Values & Spirituality		9
THEO 1005	Theological Foundations	
PHIL 2055	Ethics	
THEO/SPR	One additional THEO or SPR course	
Engaging the Human Experience		15
HUM 2000	Ethics of Writing	
HUM 1500	Engaging the Human Experience <i>One Humanities course</i>	
HUM 1930	Special Topics	
ARTH 3805	Twentieth Century Art	
ENGL 2025	Intro to Literary Study	
ENGL 2605	Introduction to Short Fiction	
ENGL 3295	American Literary Traditions: Special Topics	
HIST 1115	Origins of the Modern World to 1500	
HIST 1125	Origins of the Modern World, 1500 to Present	
HIST 3485	U.S. Civil War and Reconstruction: 1850-1877	
HIST 3635	The Saint Louis Region	
PHIL 1055	Intro to Phil: Self & Reality	
PHIL 3605	Science and Religion	
SPR 3610	Spirituality: Work & Vocation	
SPR 4810	Spirituality, Peace & Justice	
THEO 2355	American Christianity	
<i>One Natural Science course</i>		
BIOL 1385	Introduction to Ecology and Evolution	
BIOL 1405	Biology of Health and Disease	
<i>One Social Science course</i>		
POLS 1105	Introduction to American Politics	
PSYK 1010	General Psychology	
PST 1900	Survey of Economics	
SOC 1105	Introduction to Sociology	
<i>One Diversity course</i>		
CIS 3150	Workplace Ethics	
CMMK 3650	Professional Communication Between Cultures	
PSYK 3330	Applied Personality	
SOC 1105	Introduction to Sociology	
Total Credits		39

Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
Fall 1		
PST 1500	Igniting Success: Jesuit Education and the Adult Learner	3
SSI 1500	Foundations of Security and Strategic Intelligence	3
Fall 2		
CIS 1300	Information Systems and Technology	3
HUM 2000	Ethics of Writing	3
Credits		12
Spring		
Spring 1		
CIS 3250	Cybersecurity Principles	3
CMMK 1210	Public Speaking in Org. Life	3
Spring 2		
CIS 3300	Database Analysis and Design	3
ENGL 4005	Business and Professional Writing	3
Credits		12
Summer		
HUM 1500	Engaging the Human Experience	3
PHIL 1055	Intro to Phil: Self & Reality	3
Credits		6
Year Two		
Fall		
Fall 1		
SSI 2000	Threat and Risk Assessment	3
CIS 2700	Discrete Methods and Models	3
Fall 2		
SSI 3000	Coordination across Agencies, Organizations, and Departments	3
THEO 1005	Theological Foundations	3
Credits		12
Spring		
Spring 1		
PHIL 2055	Ethics	3
SSI Concentration		3
Spring 2		
SSI Concentration		3
THEO/SPR		3
Credits		12
Summer		
CIS 3150	Workplace Ethics	3

Humanities Elective		3
Credits		6
Year Three		
Fall		
Fall 1		
SSI 3800	Trends in Strategic Security and Intelligence	3
Social Science Elective		3
Fall 2		
SSI 3100	Analytics in Security and Intelligence	3
Natural Science Elective		3
Credits		12
Spring		
Spring 1		
SSI Concentration		3
General Elective		3
Spring 2		
SSI Concentration		3
CIS or SSI Elective		3
Credits		12
Summer		
CIS or SSI Elective		3
General Elective		3
Credits		6
Year Four		
Fall		
Fall 1		
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
Fall 2		
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
Credits		12
Spring		
Spring 1		
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
Spring 2		
SSI 4960	Security and Strategic Intelligence Capstone	3
General Elective		3
Credits		12
Summer		
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
Credits		6
Total Credits		120

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For additional admission questions, please call 314-526-2825 or email sps@slu.edu.

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- Security and Strategic Intelligence, B.S. (STLCC 2+SLU)