

# SECURITY & 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 you will acquire the skills you need through a robust curriculum with options 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.

As part of the School for Professional Studies, this online program offers you a flexible option to meet your personal career goals. With six start terms each year offered by SLU online, you can begin working toward your degree at any time. All courses are offered entirely online in 8-week terms, making advanced education more accessible for working professionals.

## Careers

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.

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

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

- Age: 22 years or older (exceptions may be made)
- Work Experience: At least three years or the equivalent
- Education: High school diploma or composite GED score of at least 2250
- Interview: Successful completion of a meeting with an academic coach (this can be done over the phone or on campus)
- Grade Point Average: Minimum transfer cumulative GPA of 2.5 (unless qualified for conditional admittance)
- Transcripts: Official transcripts from all institutions attended

## Admission Procedures

### Step 1 – Complete Application

Complete the application for admission online at <https://www.slu.edu/> online. Applications are accepted and processed on a rolling basis. Students are encouraged to apply for admission at least one month before the term in which they wish to enroll.

Apply Now (<http://www.slu.edu/apply.php>)

### Step 2 – Request Official Transcripts

Have official transcripts mailed directly from all previously attended colleges to:

School for Professional Studies  
Attention: Eric Miller  
3840 Lindell Blvd  
St. Louis, MO 63108

Official transcripts may also be emailed directly to Eric Miller at [eric.miller@slu.edu](mailto:eric.miller@slu.edu).

Applicants seeking a degree or certificate who have not earned a bachelor's degree must obtain official transcripts for all previous college course work. If students have never attended college or have less than 15 credits of transferable college credits they will need to provide official high school or GED transcripts.

Applicants seeking a certificate who have a bachelor's degree need only provide an official transcript from their primary higher education institution or evidence of a high school diploma or GED.

Non-degree applicants only need to provide unofficial copies as needed for prerequisites.

### Step 3 – Meet with Academic Coach

Contact an academic coach to discuss the status of the application and educational and career goals. Students may schedule an appointment to speak with an academic coach on campus or over the phone/Zoom by calling 314-977-2330 or emailing [sps@slu.edu](mailto:sps@slu.edu).

## Scholarships and Financial Aid

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

- Scholarships: 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: 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

Students may be eligible for a reduced tuition rate of \$410 per credit for this program. In addition, Saint Louis University participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program for eligible students.

## 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
<b>Core Requirements</b>		39
College core requirements (p. 2)		
<b>Major Requirements</b>		27
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 4960	Security and Strategic Intelligence Capstone	
CIS 3150	Workplace Ethics	
CIS 3300	Database Analysis and Design	
<b>Major electives</b>		6
CIS 3250	Cybersecurity Principles	
CIS 4300	The Fundamentals of Computer Forensics	
CIS 4600	Cyber Threats and Defense	
PSYK 4760	Training & Development	
<b>Concentrations (select one of the following)</b>		12
Business Continuity Concentration (p. 2)		
Strategic Intelligence Concentration (p. 2)		
Global Corporate Security Concentration (p. 2)		
<b>General electives</b>		36
Total Credits		120

## Business Continuity Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
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
<b>Required Courses</b>		
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
<b>Required Courses</b>		
CMMK 3250	Strategic Communication Across Professional Settings	3
SSI 3030	Global Security Management	3
SSI 3600	Tangible Asset Security	3
SSI 4500	Financial & Regulatory Considerations in Risk Planning	3
Total Credits		12

## Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a minimum 2.00 GPA.

## SPS Core Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Communication and Technology</b>		9
CMMK 1210	Public Speaking in Org. Life	
ENGL 2005	Writing & Research Methods	
ENGL 4005	Business and Professional Writing	
<b>Critical Thinking and Problem Solving</b>		6
CIS 2700	Discrete Methods and Models	
or CIS 2850	Principles of Data Analysis	
PHIL 1055	Intro to Phil: Self & Reality	
or PHIL 1105	Introduction to Philosophy: Critical Thinking	
<b>Ethics, Values &amp; Spirituality</b>		9
THEO 1005	Theological Foundations	
PHIL 2055	Ethics	
THEO/SPR	One additional THEO or SPR course	
<b>Engaging the Human Experience</b>		15
HUM 1500	Engaging the Human Experience	
<i>Two Humanities courses</i>		
ARTH 1005	Approaching the Arts	
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 1105	Introduction to Philosophy: Critical Thinking	
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	
BIOL 3305	The Biology of Plants and Animals	
BIOL 3415	Concepts in Ecology	

*One Social Science course*

POLS 1105	Introduction to American Politics
PSYK 1010	General Psychology
PST 1900	Survey of Economics
SOC 1105	Introduction to Sociology

*One Diversity course*

CIS 3150	Workplace Ethics
CMMK 3650	Professional Communication Between Cultures
OSTD 3205	Interpersonal Relations in Org
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
<b>Year One</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
<b>Fall 1</b>		
PST 1000	Learning Strategies and Processes	3
ENGL 1505	The Process of Composition	3
<b>Fall 2</b>		
CIS 1150	Concepts & Applications of Technology	3
ENGL 2005	Writing & Research Methods	3
		Credits 12
<b>Spring</b>		
<b>Spring 1</b>		
SSI 1500	Foundations of Security and Strategic Intelligence	3
CIS 1300	Information Systems and Technology	3
<b>Spring 2</b>		
ARTH 1005	Approaching the Arts	3
CIS 2700	Discrete Methods and Models	3
		Credits 12
<b>Summer</b>		
HUM 1500	Engaging the Human Experience	3
CIS 3150	Workplace Ethics	3
		Credits 6
<b>Year Two</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
<b>Fall 1</b>		
CMMK 1210	Public Speaking in Org. Life	3
THEO 1005	Theological Foundations	3

**Fall 2**

SSI 2000	Threat and Risk Assessment	3
PHIL 1055	Intro to Phil: Self & Reality	3
		Credits 12

**Spring**

**Spring 1**

CIS 3600	Networking and Telecommunications I	3
		General Elective 3

**Spring 2**

CIS 3300	Database Analysis and Design	3
		General Elective 3
		Credits 12

**Summer**

SSI 3800	Trends in Strategic Security and Intelligence	3
		General Elective 3
		Credits 6

**Year Three**

**Fall**

**Fall 1**

PHIL 2055	Ethics	3
		Science Elective 3

**Fall 2**

SSI 3000	Coordination across Agencies, Organizations, and Departments	3
		General Elective 3
		Credits 12

**Spring**

**Spring 1**

		SSI Concentration 3
		Humanities 3

**Spring 2**

		SSI Concentration 3
		Social Science 3
		Credits 12

**Summer**

		General Elective 3
		SPR/THEO 3
		Credits 6

**Year Four**

**Fall**

**Fall 1**

ENGL 4005	Business and Professional Writing	3
		SSI Concentration 3

**Fall 2**

SSI 3100	Analytics in Security and Intelligence	3
CIS 4600	Cyber Threats and Defense	3
		Credits 12

**Spring**

**Spring 1**

		SSI Concentration 3
		General Elective 3

<b>Spring 2</b>		
CIS 4300	The Fundamentals of Computer Forensics	3
SSI 4900	Security and Strategic Intelligence Capstone	3
Credits		12
<b>Summer</b>		
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
Credits		6
Total Credits		120

## Contact Us

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