

SECURITY & STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE, CERTIFICATE

Gain a competitive edge while studying relevant and timely intelligence topics including terrorism, homeland security, and cybercrime by earning a certificate in security and strategic intelligence through Saint Louis University's School for Professional Studies. Specialize in one of three concentrations: business continuity, global corporate security, or strategic intelligence.

As part of the School for Professional Studies, this 18-credit program offers forward-thinking students like you a flexible option to meet your personal career goals. With six start terms each year through SLU online, you can begin working toward your degree at any time. All courses are offered entirely online in eight-week terms, making advanced education more accessible for working professionals.

Careers

Competencies gained through the certificate are focused on developing a portable set of knowledge and skills that include how to be a leader in your current job, your future job and all areas of your life. Graduates of the certificate program will be prepared to pursue positions such as:

- Intelligence Officer/Intelligence Specialist
- Special Agent
- Social Networking Link Analyst
- Command Information Officer/Interagency Coordination Officer

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.

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.

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>.

Gainful Employment Disclosure

The U.S. Department of Education requires (per 34 CFR Part 668) that all institutions participating in the federal Title IV student financial assistance programs (Pell Grants, federal student loans, etc.) publicly disclose certain data regarding all academic programs designated as "Gainful Employment" programs per DOE definitions.

Gainful Employment Disclosure (https://www.slu.edu/services/fin_aid/GE/FY17/43.0301-Gedt.html)

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
Required Courses		
SSI 1500	Foundations of Security and Strategic Intelligence	3
SSI 3010	Business Continuity and Impact Analysis	3
SSI 3300	Integrated Risk Planning, Strategy and Compliance	3
Security & Strategic Intelligence Courses		
Select one of the following:		3
SSI 2000	Threat and Risk Assessment	
SSI 3000	Coordination across Agencies, Organizations, and Departments	
SSI 3100	Analytics in Security and Intelligence	
Computer Information Systems Courses		
Select one of the following:		3
CIS 3250	Cybersecurity Principles	
CIS 4300	The Fundamentals of Computer Forensics	
CIS 4550	Social and Organizational Computing	
Specializations		
Select one of the following specializations:		3
Business Continuity (p. 2)		
Global Corporate Security (p. 2)		
Strategic Intelligence (p. 2)		
Total Credits		18

Business Continuity

Code	Title	Credits
Select one of the following:		3
SSI 3300	Integrated Risk Planning, Strategy and Compliance	
SSI 4090	Resilience, Recovery and Contingency	
SSI 4500	Financial & Regulatory Considerations in Risk Planning	
Total Credits		3

Global Corporate Security

Code	Title	Credits
Select one of the following:		3
CMMK 3250	Strategic Communication Across Professional Settings	
SSI 3600	Tangible Asset Security	
SSI 4500	Financial & Regulatory Considerations in Risk Planning	
Total Credits		3

Strategic Intelligence

Code	Title	Credits
Select one of the following:		3
SSI 3200	Terrorism: Causes, Tactics, and Mitigation	
SSI 4010	Diplomacy and Foreign Policy	

SSI 4200	Collection Assets and Capabilities	Total Credits
		3

Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a minimum 2.00 GPA.

Contact Us

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