

SECURITY AND STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE, CERTIFICATE

As of August 6, 2021, this program is no longer accepting applications.

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

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>.

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
CIS 3300	Database Analysis and Design	3
Security & Strategic Intelligence Course		
SSI 2000	Threat and Risk Assessment	3
or SSI 3000	Coordination across Agencies, Organizations, and Departments	
or SSI 3100	Analytics in Security and Intelligence	
Computer Information Systems Course		
CIS 4600	Cyber Threats and Defense	3
or CIS 4300	The Fundamentals of Computer Forensics	
Specializations		
Select one of the following specializations:		3
<i>Business Continuity Specialization</i>		
SSI 3300	Integrated Risk Planning, Strategy and Compliance	
or SSI 4090	Resilience, Recovery and Contingency	
or SSI 4500	Financial & Regulatory Considerations in Risk Planning	
<i>Global Corporate Security Specialization</i>		
SSI 3600	Tangible Asset Security	
or SSI 4500	Financial & Regulatory Considerations in Risk Planning	

Strategic Intelligence Specialization

SSI 3020	Intelligence and its Use in National & Corporate Security
or SSI 4010	Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
or SSI 4200	Collection Assets and Capabilities

Total Credits

18

Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a minimum 2.00 GPA.

Contact Us

Apply for Admission (<https://www.slu.edu/online/becoming-a-student/apply.php>)

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