STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE, M.S.

The core of this Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence program lies at the intersection of intelligence and policy. Offered through Saint Louis University's School for Professional Studies and designed for students seeking careers in the intelligence field, as well as those who already work in intelligence collection, analysis, or dissemination, you will be prepared to adapt your education and skills to real-world scenarios that require both a technical analysis and an operational implementation.

Among other skills, you'll also be qualified to evaluate and manage various information sources, determining their relevance to strategic intelligence and translating that information into actionable outcomes. You can also earn a graduate certificate that complements a master's degree, often without taking additional credits. This allows you to tailor the program to your specific interests as you join a community of academics and practitioners from around the world and from a wide range of academic and professional backgrounds, providing the opportunity to continue to learn from a network of peers.

As part of the School for Professional Studies, this 36-credit online program offers strategy-minded professionals like you a flexible option to meet your personal career goals. With multiple start terms, you can begin the master's program in fall, spring, or summer through SLU online. All courses are offered entirely online in 8-week terms, making advanced education more accessible for working professionals.

Careers

SLU's M.S. in Strategic Intelligence prepares you to think strategically, analyze data, and derive actionable plans and policies.

Graduates of the Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence program have the educational foundation necessary to succeed as intelligence analysts and analytical leaders/managers within defense and intelligence industries, criminal justice fields, and federal, state and local agencies, such as the FBI, CIA, DIA, NGA and NSA.

Admission Requirements

- Completed application.
- Official transcript(s) from most recent institution attended.
- Most successful applicants have an undergraduate grade point average of 3.00 or better.
- At least two years of work experience is recommended (includes full-time and part-time employment, internships, co-ops and similar experiences).
- Three external reference evaluations.
- Statement of professional goals (approximately 500 words suggested) articulating: (1) what attracted you to this program, and (2) how a master's degree in this field will benefit you in your present or future career.
- Resume or curriculum vitae.

Application Requirements

- Application form
- Transcript: An official transcripts from the most recent institution attended
- Three recommendations submitted using the Applicant Evaluation Form
- Résumé
- A 500-word personal statement articulating why a master's degree is needed within present or future career and how the program will help meet that need

Requirements for International Students

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency ([link](http://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/graduate/english-language-proficiency))
- Proof of financial support must include:
  - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the time at Saint Louis University
  - A letter from the sponsor's bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of study at the University
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include the courses taken and/or lectures attended, practical laboratory work, the maximum and minimum grades attainable, the grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

Application and Assistantship Deadlines

Students should apply for the fall semester by July 1 and for the spring semester by Jan. 3.

To be considered for an assistantship, apply by Feb. 1.

Review Process

Applications are reviewed by a committee of School for Professional Studies faculty members.

Apply Now ([link](http://www.slu.edu/apply.php))

Scholarships and Financial Aid

For priority consideration for graduate assistantship, applicants should complete their applications by Feb. 1.

For more information, visit the student financial services office online at [http://finaid.slu.edu](http://finaid.slu.edu).

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to apply program-specific knowledge to address practical problems using an ethical, evidence-based framework.
2. Graduates will be able to utilize argumentation skills appropriate for a given problem or context.
3. Graduates will be able to evaluate and manage various information sources and their relevance to strategic intelligence and translate that information into actionable outcomes.
4. Graduates will be able to perform sophisticated analysis and evaluations of possible threats through demonstrated technical expertise and application of conceptual skills.
Requirements

Graduate Core Courses
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Foundation Courses
INTL 5000 The Intelligence Cycle 3
INTL 5050 Terrorism & US Foreign Policy 3
INTL 5200 Cyber Operations and National Security 3
INTL 5250 Structured Analytical Techniques for Intelligence 3

Electives
Choose three of the following: 9
INTL 5100 Counter Intelligence & Espionage
INTL 5260 Military Intelligence
INTL 5270 Open Source Intelligence
INTL 5280 Congress and the Intelligence Community

Applied Research Project
INTL 5961 Intel Masters Research Project I 1
INTL 5962 Intel Masters Research Project II 1
INTL 5963 Intel Masters Research Project III 1

Total Credits 36

Continuation Standards
Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

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Total Credits 12

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.

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