**STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE, POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE**

The core of the graduate certificate in strategic intelligence, offered through Saint Louis University’s School for Professional Studies, lies at the intersection of intelligence and policy. Designed for students seeking careers in the intelligence field and those who already work in intelligence collection, analysis or dissemination, the program will prepare you to adapt your education and skills to real-world scenarios that require both technical analysis and operational implementation.

Through this program, you’ll be qualified to evaluate and manage various information sources, determining their relevance to strategic intelligence, and translate that information into actionable outcomes. Enhance your skills in any management or strategy role within defense and intelligence industries, criminal justice fields, and federal, state, and local agencies, such as the FBI, CIA, DIA, NGA and NSA.

As part of the School for Professional Studies, SLU Online’s 12-credit strategic intelligence program offers strategy-minded professionals like you a flexible option to meet your personal career goals. If you have obtained an undergraduate degree or higher, you may pursue a stand-alone certificate in strategic intelligence. All courses are offered in eight-week terms, making advanced education more accessible for working professionals.

If you complete the certificate, you also have the option of applying to the Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence ([https://www.slu.edu/online/programs/strategic-intelligence-ms.php](https://www.slu.edu/online/programs/strategic-intelligence-ms.php)) program and, if accepted, have all of the certificate credits count towards the master’s degree.

**Careers**

SLU’s post-baccalaureate certificate in strategic intelligence prepares you to think strategically, analyze data, and derive actionable plans and policies. Graduates of the 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 the 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)
- Statement of professional goals (approximately 500 words suggested) articulating what attracted you to this program, and how a master’s degree in this field will benefit you in your present or future career
- Resume or curriculum vitae

**Requirements for International Students**

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

- Demonstrate English language proficiency. Some examples of demonstrated English language proficiency include minimum score requirements for the following standardized tests:
  - Paper-based TOEFL: 550
  - Internet-based TOEFL: 80
  - IELTS: 6.5
  - PTE: 54

- 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 August 7, spring semester by January 1 and the summer semester by May 14.

**Review Process**

Applications are reviewed by program directors.


**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 evaluate and manage various information sources and their relevance to strategic intelligence and translate that information into actionable outcomes.
2. Graduates will be able to perform sophisticated analysis and evaluations of possible threats through demonstrated technical expertise and application of conceptual skills.

**Requirements**

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**Continuation Standards**

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