Strategic Intelligence + School for Professional Studies

Saint Louis University is a world-class Catholic, Jesuit institution educating nearly 13,000 students on two dynamic, urban campuses - in St. Louis, Missouri, and Madrid, Spain. Founded in 1818, the University is now celebrating its bicentennial.

With a legacy of innovative academics and research, compassionate health care and faithful service, Saint Louis University attracts a diverse community of scholars who push intellectual boundaries in pursuit of creative, meaningful ways to impact the world, striving to serve a higher purpose and seek a greater good.

OVERVIEW »

Saint Louis University’s online Masters in Strategic Intelligence (MSSI) prepares you to solve complex strategic issues while building leadership and analytical competencies to successfully address security and intelligence challenges.

Offered completely online, the program explores the latest technologies and best practices in the intelligence community with courses taught by experts in intelligence, law enforcement and business. Learn how to analyze strategic threats including nuclear proliferation, natural disasters, foreign adversaries, terrorism, non-state actors, cyberspace, trans-national crime, pandemic risks and threats to limited natural resources.

SLU’s MSSI program trains you to understand the intersection of intelligence and policy, focusing not only on the strategic planning needed to achieve outcomes, but also on the critical thinking skills and underlying principles of logic. Students learn to integrate both education and skills and apply them to real world scenarios that require both technical analysis and an operational implementation.

M.S.: Designed for working professionals, our program is flexible and offered in 8-week modules – allowing you to stay focused on your career as you are earning your degree. Our online courses are delivered through the Blackboard Learning Management System, and students can access course content 24/7 without having a specific class meeting time. Using the latest video capture and discussion board technology, students are required to meet and collaborate with instructors and classmates in an asynchronous online format. To ensure individual attention and mentoring by our distinguished faculty, we typically limit courses sections to 20 students.

Concentrations and certificate options (up to 9 hours in lieu of electives)

A unique aspect of the program is the ability to earn a graduate certificate that complements your Master’s degree, often without taking additional credit hours. This allows you to tailor the program to your specific interests.

The graduate certificate options enables you to focus your studies and gain an additional academic credential upon graduation. Students accepted into the MS in Strategic Intelligence may simultaneously enroll in one of the following graduate certificates:

- Applied Analytics
- Organizational Leadership
- Organizational Development
- Evidence-Based Based Decision Making
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CURRICULUM
The Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence (MSSI) requires the following courses (36 Hours):

Professional studies core (12 hours):
- AA 5221: Applied Analytics and Methods 1
- AA 5222: Applied Analytics and Methods II: Survey Approaches
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- AA 5223: Applied Analytics and Methods II: Experimental Approaches
- ORLD 5050: Ethical, Evidence-Based Decision Making
- ORLD 5010: Contemporary Org Leadership

Intelligence Core (12 Hours):
- INTL 5000: The Intelligence Cycle
- INTL 5050: Terrorism & US Foreign Policy
- INTL 5200: Cyber Operations and National Security
- INTL 5250: Structured Analytical Techniques for Intelligence

Applied Research Project (3 Hours)
- INTL 5961-5963: Strategic Intelligence Masters Research Project (MRP)

Electives (choose 9 Hours)
- INTL 5100: Counter Intelligence & Espionage
- INTL 5260: Military Intelligence
- INTL 5270: Open Source Intel
- INTL 5280: Congress & The IC

Approved electives from other disciplines may also be considered.

Transfer Credit Policy
The Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence (MSSI) program at Saint Louis University may accept a maximum transfer of six semester credits, provided the credits are: (a) from a regionally accredited institution, (b) earned a grade of “B” or higher, (c) relevant to the degree being sought. The Director of the MSSI program and the Dean of the School for Professional Studies (SPS) must approve all requests for transfer credits and may set additional transfer requirements.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
Join a community of academics and practitioners from around the world, giving you the opportunity to learn from and network with your peers. Our students represent a wide range of academic and professional backgrounds, including, law enforcement, cyber security, emergency management, analytics, and military and defense.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT
In addition to offering a reduced tuition rate (SPS tuition is half the cost of SLU’s traditional programs) we can assist you in applying for federal, state and institutional funds. To determine eligibility for financial assistance, submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) early for maximum consideration. FAFSA is available online at: www.fafsa.ed.gov.

SPS also offers numerous scholarships and awards specifically for new students. See the full list of SPS scholarships at slu.edu/online.

If necessary, SPS offers budget payment plans and a deferred payment option for students whose employers reimburse tuition costs after completion of a course.

FIRST RESPONDER, MILITARY AND VETERAN STUDENTS
Saint Louis University’s School for Professional Studies is committed to providing flexible policies that allow you to complete your degree - wherever your current position or country takes you.

SLU is a proud participant in the Yellow Ribbon Program, and may supply 50 percent of remaining unmet tuition and fee charges for up to 80 students.

For more information contact the School for Professional Studies.