

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, students will be prepared to adapt education and skills to real-world scenarios that require both a technical analysis and an operational implementation.

Among other skills, students will be qualified to evaluate and manage various information sources, determining their relevance to strategic intelligence and translating that information into actionable outcomes. Students can also earn a graduate certificate that complements a master's degree, often without taking additional credits. This allows students to tailor the program to specific interests. Students in this program join a community of academics and practitioners from around the world and from a wide range of academic and professional backgrounds. The diverse community provides forms a powerful learning network of peers.

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

- An undergraduate degree from an accredited institution
- Most successful applicants have an undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 or better
- Two or more years of work experience is recommended (full-time or part-time employment, internships, co-ops and similar experiences)

Application Requirements

- Application form and fee
- Transcript(s)
- Three external reference evaluations
- Résumé
- An essay of about 500 words that describes:
 - What attracted you to this program?
 - How will a master's degree in this field benefit you in your present or future career?

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.
- Proof of financial support, which 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 for the duration of study at the University

Application and Assistantship Deadlines

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

The application deadlines for international students are: May 15 (fall), October 1 (spring) and February 1 (summer).

Students seeking assistantships should apply by Feb. 1.

Review Process

Application decisions are made per guidelines and a review process established by the department, school or college.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

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

For more information, visit the Office of Student Financial Services online at <http://www.slu.edu/financial-aid>.

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

Code	Title	Credits
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		33

Continuation Standards

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

Graduate Core Courses

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ORLD 5050	Ethical, Evidence-Based Decision Making	3
AA 5221	Applied Analytics & Methods I	3
INTL 5961-5963	Strategic Intelligence Master's Research Project (MRP)	3
Total Credits		9

Contact Information

Learn more and apply for admission at slu.edu/globalgrad.
Contact us at globalgrad@slu.edu with any questions.