



UNIVERSITY OF
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GRADUATE PROGRAM

Master of Science in Intelligence Analysis

Helping to Meet the Demand for Specialists in Local and Global Security

The Master of Science in Intelligence Analysis (MSA) program is designed to help meet U.S. government demand for more specialists in the area of intelligence analysis to assist in the tasks of homeland security in the face of threats from global terrorism.

Program Structure

The Master of Science in Intelligence Analysis (MSA) is a two-academic-year, four-semester program. To complete all coursework in two academic years, you either take three courses per semester (except two in the final semester), or take up to three courses during the summer semester(s) while taking two per semester during fall and winter.

The MSA is a 33-credit program designed to train you to gather information from a wide variety of sources, including:

- Open sources, such as published databases and newspapers, and journals
- interviewing of various human assets
- Analyzing that information and prepare reports and recommendations focusing on the implications and applications of that information to various security and crime control situations.

The program consists of a rigorous course sequence that includes a core of required courses and supporting electives. Six required courses expose you to fundamental and advanced concepts and analytical techniques related to intelligence, crime and threat-related information; the electives help prepare you for more specific applications in the fields of law enforcement, geopolitical conflict, national security, private security (counter-terrorism) and competitive intelligence.

Outcomes

- The courses within the MSA program have been designed to meet the knowledge, skills and abilities (K.S.A.s) that promulgated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for those involved in intelligence analysis.
- These K.S.As are also appropriate for police agency (“crime analyst”) positions and for analyst positions in private security.
- In addition to maintaining satisfactory progress in various Intelligence Analysis courses, the student’s capstone project (thesis) is the key element in his or her portfolio that demonstrates satisfactory acquisition of the relevant K.S.A.s.

Degree Requirements

The curriculum has the following five components:

- Methodological courses in research and crime mapping;
- Background courses in the nature of conflict and terrorism;
- Courses in interviewing and threat assessment;
- A specialized concentration (in either profiling, physical and personnel security, or policy analysis); and
- A thesis or capstone project in which the student applies what has been learned in the program to the analysis of a problem of his or her choosing.

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Curriculum

Required Courses (21 credits)

INT 5000* Research Methods in Intelligence
INT 5010 Spatial Analysis and Mapping
INT 5020 Terrorism: Theory and Practice
INT 5030 Homeland Security and Threat Assessment
INT 5040 Roots of 21st Century Conflict
INT 5050 Intelligence Acquisition
INT 5980* Capstone in Intelligence Analysis

Required Elective (Must choose one as an area of focus)

INT 5100 Policy Analysis and Strategy Creation
(Federal Enforcement)
INT 5110 Intelligence for Private Security:
Critical Infrastructure Protection
INT 5120 Profiling and Behavioral Forecasting
(Crime Analysis)
INT 5420 Leadership and Behavior in
Organizational Intelligence
INT 5770 Intelligence Led Policing

Recommended Electives - choose two courses (6 credits)

CJS 5520 Transnational Criminal Networks
INT 5190 Literature and Crime
INT 5200 Data Mining and Reporting in Intelligence
INT 5420 Leadership and Behavior in Organizational
Intelligence
INT 5500 Topics in Intelligence
INT 5550 Contemporary Issues in Intelligence Analysis
SEC 5990 Seminar in Security Issues

Additional Elective

One 3-credit course from INT, CJS, MBA or SEC.

*Project

A capstone project is required for degree completion. The project begins with INT 5000 Research Methods in Intelligence and concludes with INT 5980 Capstone in Intelligence Analysis which is taken in your final semester. Your project MUST be completed at the end of INT 5980.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college and must have demonstrated intellectual competence for graduate study. Selection is based on such factors as previous academic record (expected 3.0 GPA) and/or relevant experience. Acceptance on a probationary status is allowed in some cases where academic standards are not fully met but competence has been indicated by the level of the applicant's professional advancement.

Applicants must:

- Submit all transcripts from previous schools
- Submit a statement of purpose
- Submit three letters of recommendation
- Submit a resume
- Submit GRE test scores (general aptitude test only)
- Interview with program faculty

Program Faculty

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- Master of Arts with a Criminal Justice major
- Master of Science in Intelligence Analysis

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