

SECURITY AND STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE, B.S.

The Bachelor of Arts in Security and Strategic Intelligence at Saint Louis University prepares students to analyze today's most pressing national security, intelligence, and global security challenges. This interdisciplinary undergraduate program integrates intelligence studies, international relations, cybersecurity, public policy and emerging technologies, equipping students with the analytical and strategic skills needed for high-stakes decision-making environments.

Grounded in SLU's liberal arts tradition, the program emphasizes critical thinking, intelligence analysis, ethical reasoning and data-informed decision making. Students learn how intelligence is collected, evaluated and applied by governments, international organizations and the private sector to address threats such as terrorism, cyber attacks, geopolitical conflict and technological disruption.

Students gain hands-on experience using structured analytic techniques, scenario planning, and research methods common to intelligence and security professions. Coursework integrates both human intelligence and technology-enabled analysis, preparing graduates for rapidly evolving security and policy environments.

Supported by Saint Louis University's designation as an Intelligence Community Center of Academic Excellence (IC CAE), students have access to internships, experiential learning, research opportunities and professional networking across the U.S. intelligence community.

Graduates pursue careers in intelligence analysis, national security, cybersecurity, law enforcement, government service, policy analysis, risk management, and international affairs, or continue their studies in graduate and professional programs.

Program Highlights

- Interdisciplinary major focused on national security and intelligence analysis
- Training in structured analytic techniques, AI and critical thinking, and ethical decision making
- Examination of terrorism, cybersecurity, emerging technologies, and geopolitical risk
- Experiential learning through internships, simulations, research, and study abroad
- Access to opportunities through SLU's Intelligence Community Center of Academic Excellence (IC CAE)

As part of the School for Professional Studies, this 120-credit degree program offers future and current leaders like you a flexible option to meet your personal career goals. With six accelerated, eight-week terms offered each year through SLU online, you can begin working toward your degree at any time, making advanced education more accessible for working professionals.

Faculty

As a student in the School for Professional Studies at Saint Louis University, you'll learn from exceptional faculty who are leading experts in their fields. They bring real-world knowledge to the classroom and

are dedicated to your professional success. Learn more about the SPS faculty (<https://www.slu.edu/professional-studies/contact-us/faculty/>).

Careers

Business Continuity Concentration

Careers for graduates with a degree in security and strategic intelligence with a business continuity certificate include business continuity planners, business intelligence analysts, business operations specialists and emergency/risk managers.

Global Corporate Security Concentration

Careers for graduates with a degree in security and strategic intelligence with a global corporate security certificate include security and asset managers, security management specialists, transportation security screeners, retail loss prevention specialists, loss prevention managers, and criminal investigators and special agents.

Tuition

Tuition	Cost Per Credit
Undergraduate Tuition	
Standard Tuition	\$660
Active Duty/Veteran (TA eligible or GI Bill); First Responders	\$300
BJC Partnership	\$340

Additional charges may apply. Other resources are listed below:

Net Price Calculator (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-costs/calculator.php>)

Cost of Attendance (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-costs/cost-of-attendance.php>)

Information on Tuition and Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition/>)

Miscellaneous Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/fees/>)

Information on Summer Tuition (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition-summer-current/tuition-summer-current.pdf>)

Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

- **Scholarships:** Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need. The School for Professional Studies offers numerous scholarships (<https://www.slu.edu/professional-studies/becoming-a-student/tuition-scholarships-aid/>) and awards specifically for new students.
- **Financial Aid:** Financial aid is provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

To determine eligibility for financial assistance, submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) early for maximum consideration. FAFSA is available online at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/>).

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at Office of Student Financial Services (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/>).

Active Military and Veterans and First Responders

Honorably discharged veterans, active-duty military members, reserve members and first responders qualify for a reduced tuition rate of \$300 per credit hour for any **undergraduate** program offered through the School for Professional Studies.

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to describe the cycle of intelligence and components of global security.
2. Graduates will be able to use analytics to inform risk management decisions.
3. Graduates will be able to integrate computer information systems with security and intelligence domains.
4. Graduates will be able to analyze the global factors that impact security and strategic intelligence.
5. Graduates will be able to distinguish between the professional, ethical, legal, security and social dimensions of a strategic intelligence plan.

Requirements

Admission Requirements

- Completed application
- High school diploma or composite GED score of at least 2250
- Minimum transfer cumulative GPA of 2.5 (unless qualified for conditional admittance)
- Official transcript from the most recent institution attended

Upon admission, a new student must successfully complete a virtual meeting with their academic coach to be enrolled in first-term coursework.

The School for Professional Studies welcomes adult learners seeking an undergraduate education after life circumstances have interrupted their educational journeys. Adult life circumstances, for the purposes of admission, would include individuals with at least one of the following characteristics:

- Delayed enrollment in postsecondary education
- Attends part-time for at least part of the academic year
- Works full-time (35 hours or more/week) while enrolled
- Is financially independent
- Has dependents other than a spouse
- Is a single parent
- Has other demands that make traditional education less feasible

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
	University Undergraduate Core (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/academic-policies-procedures/university-core/)	32-35

Major Requirements		48
SSI 1500	Foundations of Security and Strategic Intelligence	3
SSI 2000	Threat and Risk Assessment	3
SSI 3000	Coordination across Agencies, Organizations, and Departments	3
SSI 3100	Analytics in Security and Intelligence	3
SSI 3800	Trends in Strategic Security and Intelligence	3
SSI 4800	Security and Strategic Intelligence Capstone	3
CIS 1375	Information Systems and Technology	3
CIS 3150	Workplace Ethics	3
CIS 3250	Cybersecurity Principles	3
CIS 3300	Database Analysis and Design	3
<i>Major electives</i>		6
Select 6 credits in CIS or SSI		
<i>Concentrations (select one of the following)</i>		12
Business Continuity Concentration (p. 2)		
Global Corporate Security Concentration (p. 2)		
University Electives		37-40
Total Credits		120

Business Continuity Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
SSI 3010	Business Continuity and Impact Analysis	3
SSI 3300	Integrated Risk Planning, Strategy and Compliance	3
SSI 4090	Resilience, Recovery and Contingency	3
SSI 4500	Financial & Regulatory Considerations in Risk Planning	3
Total Credits		12

Global Corporate Security Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
SSI 3010	Business Continuity and Impact Analysis	3
SSI 3030	Global Security Management	3
SSI 3200	Terrorism: Causes, Tactics, and Mitigation	3
SSI 3600	Tangible Asset Security	3
Total Credits		12

Roadmap

This roadmap is just one example of a semester-by-semester plan of study for this program. There are other plans students can and do take. The plan of study for each particular student is established in consultation with each student's academic advisor; *this roadmap does not replace academic advising appointments.*

Roadmap notes:

- This Roadmap assumes full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.
- Courses/Milestones marked with an “!” are critical and must be completed in the semester listed in the Roadmap to ensure a timely graduation.
- Course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
Fall 1		
SSI 1500	Foundations of Security and Strategic Intelligence	3
CORE Requirement		3
Fall 2		
SSI 3200	Terrorism: Causes, Tactics, and Mitigation	3
CORE Requirement		3
Credits		12
Spring		
Spring 1		
SSI 4010	Diplomacy and Foreign Policy	3
CORE Requirement		3
Spring 2		
SSI 4200	Collection Assets and Capabilities	3
CORE Requirement		3
Credits		12
Summer		
CORE Requirement		3
CORE Requirement		3
Credits		6
Year Two		
Fall		
Fall 1		
SSI 2000	Threat and Risk Assessment	3
CORE Requirement		3
Fall 2		
SSI 3000	Coordination across Agencies, Organizations, and Departments	3
CORE Requirement		3
Credits		12
Spring		
Spring 1		
SSI Courses/Electives		3
CORE Requirement		3
Spring 2		
SSI Courses/Electives		3
CORE Requirement		3
Credits		12
Summer		
CIS 3150	Workplace Ethics	3
Humanities Elective		3
Credits		6

Year Three

Fall

Fall 1

SSI 3800	Trends in Strategic Security and Intelligence	3
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CORE Requirement		3
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Fall 2

SSI 3100	Analytics in Security and Intelligence	3
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CORE Requirement		3
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Credits	12
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Spring

Spring 1

SSI Courses/Electives		3
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General Elective		3
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Spring 2

SSI Courses/Electives		3
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CIS or SSI Elective		3
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Credits	12
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Summer

CIS or SSI Elective		3
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General Elective		3
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Credits	6
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Year Four

Fall

Fall 1

General Elective		3
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General Elective		3
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Fall 2

General Elective		3
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General Elective		3
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Credits	12
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Spring

Spring 1

General Elective		3
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General Elective		3
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Spring 2

SSI 4800	Security and Strategic Intelligence Capstone	3
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General Elective		3
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Credits	12
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Summer

General Elective		3
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General Elective		3
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Credits	6
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Total Credits	120
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2+SLU

2+SLU programs provide a guided pathway for students transferring from a partner institution.

- Security and Strategic Intelligence, B.S. (Jeffco 2+SLU) (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/2plusslu/jeffco/security-strategic-intelligence/>)

- Security and Strategic Intelligence, B.S. (STLCC 2+SLU)
(<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/2pluslu/stlcc/security-strategic-intelligence/>)

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Apply for Admission (<https://www.slu.edu/professional-studies/becoming-a-student/>)

For additional admission questions, please call 314-977-2330 or email sps@slu.edu.