Bachelor of Arts in Intelligence Studies

The Bachelor of Arts in Intelligence Studies is designed to enhance your ability to research, analyze, and convert data into clear and coherent intelligence. This online bachelor's degree focuses on national and international intelligence operations, analysis, ethics, collection methods, research, and counterintelligence. This degree program is helpful if you are currently employed in the intelligence field, or wish to pursue positions as military, civilian, or corporate intelligence specialists.

Core courses in this program impart substantive knowledge and analytic skills required by all professionals in the intelligence community, while the concentration choices enable you to focus on a functional area or intelligence sub-field. This degree program is taught by highly credentialed and experienced instructors, many who hold key positions in government agencies or other intelligence organizations.

Degree Program Objectives

In addition to the institutional and degree level learning objectives, graduates of this program are expected to achieve these learning outcomes:

- Describe the evolution, structures, functions, capabilities, and activities of the U.S. national intelligence community.
- Detail the structures, functions, capabilities, and contributions of national intelligence consumers to include the national command authority, executive departments, Congress, military services, joint/unified commands, and law enforcement agencies.
- Specify the intelligence cycle including intelligence planning, data collection, data exploitation, analysis, production, and dissemination phases.
- Differentiate among the fundamental capabilities and limitations and means of tasking human, geographic/imagery, signals, measurement and technical and open intelligence data sources.
- Detail the current permissions and restrictions on U.S. national intelligence community activities as prescribed by federal law, executive and agency directives, and the intelligence oversight system.
- Conduct basic research and compose professional and academic analyses on issues critical to intelligence consumers.

Degree at a Glance

Code	Title	Semester Hours
General Education Requirements		30
Major Required		27
Select one of the following concentrations:		15
General Concentration (p. 3)		
Asian Area Studies (p. 3)		
Counterintelligence (p. 4)		
Criminal Intelligence (p. 4)		
Cyber (p. 4)		
Geospatial Intelligence (GEOINT) (p. 5)		
Intelligence Analysis (p. 5)		
Intelligence Collection (p. 6)		
Intelligence Operations (p. 6)		
Latin America Area Studies (p. 7)		
Middle East Area Studies (p. 7)		
Terrorism Studies (p. 7)		
Final Program Requirements		3
Elective Requirements		45
Total Semester Hours		120

Degree Program Requirements

General Education Requirements (30 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Arts and Humanities (6 semester hours)		
Select 2 courses from the following:		6
ARAB100	Arabic I	
ARAB101	Arabic II	
ARTH200	Art Appreciation	
ARTH241	Film and Literature	
DSIN141	Image Enhancement using Adobe Photoshop	
FREN100	French I	
FREN101	French II	
GERM100	German I	
GERM101	German II	
JAPN100	Introduction to Japanese	
LITR215	Literature of American Encounters, Revolution, and Rebellion	

LITR218	From Abolition to #MeToo: Literature of the American Civil Rights Movement	
LITR222	Pivotal Figures in Early British Literature	
LITR225	British Literature from Wordsworth through the Wasteland	
LITR231	Leadership in World Literature: Antiquity to the Early Modern Period	
LITR233	Literature of the Newly Globalized World: The Individual's Struggle to Adapt	
MUSI200	Music Appreciation	
MUSI250	World Music and Cultures	
PHIL101	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL110	Critical Thinking	
PHIL200	Introduction to Ethics	
PHIL202	Philosophy of Science	
PORT100	Introduction to Brazilian Portuguese	
RELS201	Introduction to World Religions	
RUSS100	Russian I	
SPAN100	Spanish I	
SPAN101	Spanish II	
STEM270	Thinking and Acting Ethically	

Civics, Political and Social Sciences (6 semester hours)

Select 2 courses from the following:		6
ANTH100	Introduction to Anthropology	
ANTH202	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
CHFD220	Human Sexuality	
COMM211	Social Media and Society	
COMM240	Intercultural Communication	
ECON101	Microeconomics	
ECON102	Macroeconomics	
EDUC200	Humane Education: A Global Interdisciplinary Perspective	
GEOG101	Introduction to Geography	
HOSP110	Practical Food Safety and Awareness	
IRLS210	International Relations I	
LITR212	Forgotten America--Under Represented Cultures in American Literature	
LITR235	Four Points of the Compass: Culture and Society Around the World	
POLS101	Introduction to Political Science	
POLS210	American Government I	
PSYC101	Introduction to Psychology	
SOCI111	Introduction to Sociology	
SOCI212	Social Problems	
SOCI220	American Popular Culture	

| STEM280 | Exploring Society and Cultures via Science Fiction | |

Communication: Writing, Oral, and Multimedia (9 semester hours)

COMM120	Information and Digital Literacy	3
ENGL110	Making Writing Relevant	3
IRLS200	Information Literacy and Global Citizenship	3

History (3 semester hours)

Select 1 course from the following:		3
HIST101	American History to 1877	
HIST102	American History since 1877	
HIST111	World Civilization before 1650	
HIST112	World Civilization since 1650	
HIST121	Western Civilization before The Thirty Years War	
HIST122	Western Civilization since The Thirty Years War	
HIST221	African-American History before 1877	
HIST222	African-American History since 1877	
HIST223	History of the American Indian	
HIST270	History of Science	
STEM185	The History and Context of STEM	

Mathematics and Applied Reasoning (3 semester hours)

Select 1 course from the following:		3
MATH110	College Algebra	
MATH111	College Trigonometry	
MATH120	Introduction to Statistics	
MATH125	Math for Liberal Arts Majors	
MATH225	Calculus	

Natural Sciences (3 semester hours)

Select 1 course from the following:		3
BIOL180	Introduction to Biology	
BIOL181	Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology	
CHEM180	Introduction to Chemistry	
ERSC180	Introduction to Meteorology	
ERSC181	Introduction to Geology	
EVSP180	Introduction to Environmental Science	
PHYS180	Introduction to Physics	
SPST180	Introduction to Astronomy	
STEM100	Introduction to STEM Disciplines	

Total Semester Hours	30

[1] All literature courses require successful completion of ENGL101 - Proficiency in Writing or ENGL110 - Making Writing Relevant.

Major Required (27 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
INTL200	Introduction to Intelligence Studies	3
INTL301	U.S. Intelligence Community	3
IRLS210	International Relations I	3
SSGS300	Research Design and Methods	3
INTL304	Intelligence Collection	3
INTL305	Law and Ethics in Intelligence	3
INTL401	Critical Analysis	3
INTL434	Threat Analysis	3
INTL443	Foreign Intelligence Organizations	3
Total Semester Hours		27

Students must choose a concentration for this degree program and may select from a General Concentration, Concentration in Asian Area Studies, Concentration in Counterintelligence, Concentration in Criminal Intelligence, Concentration in Cyber, Concentration in Geospatial Intelligence (GEOINT), Concentration in Intelligence Analysis, Concentration in Intelligence Collection, Concentration in Intelligence Operations, Concentration in Latin America Area Studies, Concentration in Middle East Area Studies, or the Concentration in Terrorism Studies.

General Concentration (15 semester hours)

A general concentration allows you to take courses across a number of areas of study within your program based on your own interests.

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Select 5 courses from the following:		15
HLSS320	Intelligence and Homeland Security	
INTL402	Intelligence Analysis	
INTL408	Counterintelligence Operations	
INTL409	Counterintelligence Analysis	
INTL410	Counterintelligence	
INTL412	Espionage/Counterespionage	
INTL413	Denial and Deception	
INTL419	Applied Geospatial Intelligence	
INTL421	Signals Intelligence and Security	
INTL422	Open Source Collection	
INTL423	Human Intelligence	
INTL424	Interrogation	
INTL431	Criminal Intelligence Analysis	
INTL432	Geographic Information Systems I	
INTL433	Geographic Information Systems II	

Code	Title	Semester Hours
INTL440	Cyber Warfare	
INTL442	Tactical Intelligence	
INTL446	Intelligence and Narcotics	
INTL450	Terrorism and Counterterrorism	
INTL451	Terrorism and U.S. National Security	
INTL453	Illicit Finance	
INTL454	Forecasting Terrorism	
SSGS490	Independent Study	
SSGS492	Special Topics	
Total Semester Hours		15

Concentration in Asian Area Studies (15 semester hours)

Takes an in-depth look at Asia, including its security issues and the role of intelligence within the region. Topics include analysis techniques, including hypothesis generation, red-teaming, and adversarial collaboration; and the conflict between traditional norms and modern institutions.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Analyze the role Intelligence plays within a specific country or region.
- Examine the impact of US policy on the region.
- Assess the security issues of the region.
- Explain the role of religion in the political, economic, and cultural life of the area.

Concentration Requirements (15 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
INTL402	Intelligence Analysis	3
Select 4 courses from the following:		12
IRLS213	Political Geography	
IRLS300	Comparative Political Systems	
IRLS310	Introduction to Human Security	
IRLS331	Asian Politics	
IRLS409	Environmental Security	
IRLS412	Comparative Foreign Policy	
RELS350	Hinduism	
RELS351	Buddhism	
Total Semester Hours		15

Concentration in Counterintelligence (15 semester hours)

Demonstrates U.S. intelligence agencies use of counterintelligence and covert action to guard America's global interests and protect national security. Examines the counterintelligence professional's role in overt and covert operations, and delves into research methods and tools used in counterintelligence.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Acquire a general knowledge of Counterintelligence research, analysis, and operations.
- Analyze threats in the counterintelligence arena.
- Examine the role of the Counterintelligence professional in both overt and covert operational styles.
- Demonstrate proficiency in the use of selected research methods and tools as they pertain to the counterintelligence environment.

Concentration Requirements (15 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Select 5 courses from the following:		15
INTL408	Counterintelligence Operations	
INTL409	Counterintelligence Analysis	
INTL410	Counterintelligence	
INTL412	Espionage/Counterespionage	
INTL413	Denial and Deception	
INTL422	Open Source Collection	
INTL423	Human Intelligence	
INTL424	Interrogation	
INTL440	Cyber Warfare	
Total Semester Hours		15

Concentration in Criminal Intelligence (15 semester hours)

Addresses intelligence processes and procedures in criminal justice, various techniques used to understand violence, and the differences between crime, war, and terrorism. Covers criminal intelligence analysis and strategic organized crime; cyber warfare's use in military, terrorist, and, criminal organizations; and the illegal drug trade's impact on national security and intelligence gathering.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Explain intelligence processes and procedures in the criminal justice community.
- Analyze the differences between crime, war, and terrorism.
- Evaluate the various techniques and methodologies used within the Criminal Justice community to understand the different aspects of violence and accomplish their goals.

Concentration Requirements (15 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
INTL402	Intelligence Analysis	3
INTL431	Criminal Intelligence Analysis	3
Select 3 courses from the following:		9
CMRJ320	Law Enforcement Intelligence Applications	
CMRJ329	Criminal Profiling	
CMRJ303	Criminology	
CMRJ335	Crime Analysis	
INTL411	International Criminal Organizations	
INTL440	Cyber Warfare	
INTL446	Intelligence and Narcotics	
INTL453	Illicit Finance	
Total Semester Hours		15

Concentration in Cyber (15 semester hours)

Offers an overview of cyber warfare and the potential impact of its use by military, terrorist, and criminal organizations, as well as the various methods of collection and analysis. Looks at the use of strategic and operational level communications (COMINT) and electronics (ELINT) intelligence. Topics also include the change in laws to account for crimes in the digital age.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Analyze advanced intelligence data collection methods in supporting analyses on issues critical to intelligence community consumers.
- Examine the full spectrum of the intelligence collection cycle and articulate effectively intelligence needs in future collection planning.
- Assess the range of collection methods being used to fill intelligence gaps as well as the potential impact of future collection

systems and capabilities and their ability to satisfy customers' intelligence requirements.

Concentration Requirements (15 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
INTL421	Signals Intelligence and Security	3
INTL422	Open Source Collection	3
INTL440	Cyber Warfare	3
Select 2 courses from the following:		6
CMRJ201	Criminal Justice Administration	
ISSC231	Networking Concepts	
ISSC351	Computer Forensics	
ISSC421	Computer and Network Security	
ISSC422	Information Security	
ISSC451	Cybercrime	
ISSC452	Cybersecurity	
ITMG281	Law, Privacy, and Digital Data	
Total Semester Hours		15

Concentration in Geospatial Intelligence (GEOINT) (15 semester hours)

Within this concentration students will gain foundational knowledge on the use and application of geospatial intelligence. Students will complete a variety of applied assignments that will require the use of geospatial intelligence tools to complete their work. Upon completion of the program students will have received instruction on core competencies specific to geospatial collection and analysis.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Analyze threats using tools and techniques specific to geospatial analysis.
- Examine the role of geospatial intelligence within the intelligence cycle.
- Demonstrate proficiency in the use of selected research methods and tools as they pertain to geospatial intelligence.

Concentration Requirements (15 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Select 5 courses from the following:		15
GEOG200	Fundamentals of Geographic Information Systems I	
GEOG201	Fundamentals of Geographic Information Systems II	
INTL419	Applied Geospatial Intelligence	
INTL432	Geographic Information Systems I	
INTL433	Geographic Information Systems II	
INTL402	Intelligence Analysis	
INTL422	Open Source Collection	
INTL442	Tactical Intelligence	
INTL440	Cyber Warfare	
Total Semester Hours		15

Concentration in Intelligence Analysis (15 semester hours)

Provides an understanding of how to interpret information generated from a variety of different organizations and sources into a highly cogent and professional intelligence product. Explores using existing knowledge to find meaning behind what is not immediately apparent to forecast events or consequences and draw conclusions with a high degree of reliability and precision.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Examine advanced intelligence analysis methods in composing professional and academic analyses on issues critical to intelligence community consumers.
- Evaluate and interpret information generated from a variety of different organizations and sources into a highly cogent and professional intelligence product.
- Employ a broad, subtle, and nuanced understanding of existing knowledge to find meaning behind what is not immediately apparent to forecast events or consequences and draw conclusions with a high degree of reliability and precision.

Concentration Requirements (15 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
INTL402	Intelligence Analysis	3
Select 4 courses from the following:		12
INTL409	Counterintelligence Analysis	
INTL413	Denial and Deception	
INTL419	Applied Geospatial Intelligence	
INTL422	Open Source Collection	
INTL431	Criminal Intelligence Analysis	
INTL432	Geographic Information Systems I	
INTL433	Geographic Information Systems II	
INTL446	Intelligence and Narcotics	
INTL450	Terrorism and Counterterrorism	
INTL453	Illicit Finance	
INTL454	Forecasting Terrorism	
Total Semester Hours		15

Concentration in Intelligence Collection (15 semester hours)

Considers collective methods used to fill gaps in intelligence, as well as the potential impacts of future collection systems and their ability to satisfy intelligence requirements. Also covers: the full spectrum of the intelligence collection cycle; intelligence needs in future collection planning; and advanced methods of collecting data to support intelligence community consumers.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Analyze advanced intelligence data collection methods in supporting analyses on issues critical to intelligence community consumers.
- Examine the full spectrum of the intelligence collection cycle and articulate effectively intelligence needs in future collection planning.
- Assess the range of collection methods being used to fill intelligence gaps as well as the potential impact of future collection systems and capabilities and their ability to satisfy customers' intelligence requirements.

Concentration Requirements (15 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Select 5 courses from the following:		15
INTL410	Counterintelligence	
INTL413	Denial and Deception	
INTL419	Applied Geospatial Intelligence	
INTL421	Signals Intelligence and Security	
INTL422	Open Source Collection	
INTL423	Human Intelligence	
INTL424	Interrogation	
INTL440	Cyber Warfare	
INTL442	Tactical Intelligence	
Total Semester Hours		15

Concentration in Intelligence Operations (15 semester hours)

Surveys the nature and challenges to military planning of operations other than war, such as peacekeeping operations, low-intensity conflicts, and humanitarian relief efforts. Looks into ways to facilitate cooperation with others across the intelligence community, as well as intelligence management skills necessary for planning, management, and leadership positions.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Employ intelligence management skills required by planning and management positions in the intelligence community.
- Identify ways to facilitate cooperation with other individuals and organizations across the intelligence community to advance projects and corporate goals.
- Examine the nature and challenges to military planning of combined operations and operations other than war including peacekeeping operations, low intensity conflicts, and humanitarian relief operations.

Concentration Requirements (15 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Select 5 courses from the following:		15
HLSS320	Intelligence and Homeland Security	
INTL408	Counterintelligence Operations	
INTL410	Counterintelligence	

INTL412	Espionage/Counterespionage	
INTL413	Denial and Deception	
INTL440	Cyber Warfare	
INTL442	Tactical Intelligence	
INTL446	Intelligence and Narcotics	
INTL453	Illicit Finance	
IRLS409	Environmental Security	
IRLS414	Principles of Peacekeeping	
IRLS415	Peacekeeping Logistics	
Total Semester Hours		15

Concentration in Latin America Area Studies (15 semester hours)

Explores the politics, cultures, history, and predominant language of Latin America, as well as U.S. intelligence operations there to guard America's global interests and protect national security. Topics include security issues in the region and the part intelligence plays in the war on drugs.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Analyze the role Intelligence plays in the War on Drugs.
- Examine the impact of U.S. policy on the region.
- Assess the security issues of the region.
- Explain the role of the political, economic, and cultural life of the area.

Concentration Requirements (15 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
INTL402	Intelligence Analysis	3
Select 4 courses from the following:		12
HIST360	History of Latin America	
INTL446	Intelligence and Narcotics	
IRLS213	Political Geography	
IRLS300	Comparative Political Systems	
IRLS355	Latin American Politics	
IRLS310	Introduction to Human Security	
IRLS409	Environmental Security	
IRLS412	Comparative Foreign Policy	
LITR338	Voices Calling for Identity: Spanish-American Literature from the 19th Century	
SPAN100	Spanish I	

SPAN101	Spanish II	
Total Semester Hours		15

Concentration in Middle East Area Studies (15 semester hours)

Delves into the intelligence community and its relationship to the Middle East through the region's language, politics, history, and culture. Topics include a study of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam; major Middle Eastern literary works dating back to ancient times; the origins and evolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict; and past and present U.S. foreign policy in the Muslim world.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Analyze the role Intelligence plays within a specific country or region.
- Examine the impact of U.S. policy on the region.
- Assess the security issues of the region.
- Explain the role of religion in the political, economic, and cultural life of the area.

Concentration Requirements (15 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
INTL402	Intelligence Analysis	3
ARAB100	Arabic I	3
Select 3 courses from the following:		9
HIST350	History of the Middle East	
IRLS213	Political Geography	
IRLS360	Global Politics of Islam	
IRLS460	Government & Security in the Middle East	
IRLS463	Arab-Israeli Conflict: Contemp. Politics & Dipl.	
IRLS468	Politics and Security in the Persian Gulf	
LITR339	Flowers Bloom in the Desert: Literature of the Middle East	
RELS330	Religions of the Middle East	
RELS353	Islam	
Total Semester Hours		15

Concentration in Terrorism Studies (15 semester hours)

Evaluates leading terrorist organizations and their agendas, as well as the causes of and threats from domestic and international terrorism.

Explores information sharing limits under the PATRIOT Act and the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act. Teaches how to identify the leading terrorist organizations, understand their agendas, and develop the critical thinking skills and methodological techniques to defeat them.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Appraise the causes of and threats from U.S. domestic and international terrorism.
- Analyze the limits of information sharing under the guidelines of both the U.S. PATRIOT Act and the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act.
- Identify the leading terrorist organizations, understand their agendas, and develop the critical thinking skills and methodological techniques to defeat them.

Concentration Requirements (15 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Select 5 courses from the following:		15
INTL402	Intelligence Analysis	
INTL431	Criminal Intelligence Analysis	
INTL440	Cyber Warfare	
INTL446	Intelligence and Narcotics	
INTL450	Terrorism and Counterterrorism	
INTL451	Terrorism and U.S. National Security	
INTL453	Illicit Finance	
PSYC360	Psychology of Terrorism	
SCMT319	Global Terrorism	
Total Semester Hours		15

Final Program Requirements (3 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
INTL498	Senior Seminar in Intelligence Studies (to be taken as the last course before graduation) [1]	3
Total Semester Hours		3

[1] Prerequisite: Senior Standing and completion of all major courses prior to enrollment.

Elective Requirements (45 semester hours)

Select any courses that have not been used to fulfill major or concentration requirements. Credits applied toward a minor or certificate in an unrelated field may be used to fulfill elective credit for the major.