

INTELLIGENCE STUDIES MINOR

Banner Code: ISTU

Academic Advising

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Fairfax Campus

Website: <https://cls.gmu.edu/programs/la-minor-cls-istu>

This minor is designed for students who are interested in careers in homeland security or other intelligence-related fields. This minor focuses on developing the skills of intelligence analysis, including research, writing, briefing, and analytical tradecraft. Students explore ethical issues in the field and new developments in the analysis of intelligence information.

The curriculum fosters a broad knowledge of content in several disciplines valued by employers in homeland security and intelligence-related fields. The minor offers students sufficient flexibility to pursue their primary interests while also preparing themselves for careers in intelligence analysis.

Students who are American citizens may apply for an internship in intelligence analysis at the Federal Bureau of Investigation or other agencies. Credits earned for an internship are in addition to those required for the minor and do not contribute toward completion of the minor. Students who intend to apply for the internship should begin the application process no later than September of their sophomore year, since the security clearance process can take a year or more. Students may wish to participate in the Clearance Ready Program offered through Career Services. Information can be found at <https://careers.gmu.edu/students/find-job-or-internship/clearance-ready-program>. (<https://careers.gmu.edu/students/find-job-or-internship/clearance-ready-program/>) Students in this minor are strongly encouraged to pursue advanced training in Arabic, Chinese, or Russian.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Twelve credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. This minor is multidisciplinary in nature and requires coursework from at least two different academic departments. It must be approved by the advisor before graduation. A maximum of 6 credits of CRIM 485 Study Abroad can be applied to the minor.

For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/#ap-5-3-4>).

Requirements

(formerly NTLA)

Minor Requirements

Total credits: 18

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/>)

[colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/criminology-law-society/intelligence-analysis-minor/#admissionspoliciestext](#)) tab.

Students should plan their course of study with a criminology, law and society advisor assigned by the program.

Core Courses in the Minor

Code	Title	Credits
CRIM 310	Introduction to the Intelligence Community	3
CRIM 312	Intelligence Analysis Techniques	3
Total Credits		6

Electives in the Minor

The electives must consist of courses from at least two different departments (two different subject prefixes).

Code	Title	Credits
Select four electives from the following:		12
ANTH 114	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ANTH 312	Political Anthropology (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ANTH 380	Language and Culture	
COMM 200	Communication Theory	
COMM 305	Foundations of Intercultural Communication (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
CONF 340	Global Conflict Analysis and Resolution (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
CONF 345	Social Dynamics of Terrorism, Security, and Justice	
CRIM 230	Introduction to Homeland Security	
CRIM 304	Computer Crime, Forensics, and Auditing	
or IT 357	Computer Crime, Forensics, and Auditing	
CRIM 350	Counterintelligence	
CRIM 400	Applied Criminal Psychology	
CRIM 460	Surveillance and Privacy in Contemporary Society	
CRIM 462	Law Enforcement and Homeland Security	
CRIM 475	Theory and Politics of Terrorism	
CYSE 101	Introduction to Cyber Security Engineering	
GGS 301	Political Geography	
GGS 310	Introduction to Digital Cartography	
GGS 311	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	
GGS 379	Remote Sensing	
GGS 411	Advanced Digital Cartography	
GGS 412	Air Photography Interpretation	
GGS 416	Satellite Image Analysis	
GOVT 328	Global Political Theory	

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GOVT 344	American Foreign Policy
GOVT 345	Islam and Politics
GOVT 346	American Security Policy
GOVT 347	International Security
GOVT 443	Law and Ethics of War
GOVT 446	International Law and Organization
INTS 404	Ethics and Leadership
INTS 417	Human Trafficking and Smuggling
PHIL 173	Logic and Critical Thinking
PSYC 379	Applied Cross-Cultural Psychology (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
PSYC 467	The Psychology of Working in Groups and Teams
SOCI 307	Social Movements and Political Protest
SOCI 320	Globalization and Social Change (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
SOCI 326	Conflict, Violence, and Peace
SOCI 388	Violence and Religion
SOCI 391	Big Data, Technology, and Society
SOCI 405	Analysis of Social Data
STAT 344	Probability and Statistics for Engineers and Scientists I
STAT 350	Introductory Statistics II
Special topics courses may be approved if they are relevant to the field of intelligence studies ¹	
Total Credits	12

¹ Contact minor director for approval of specific sections of special topics courses.