



THE UNIVERSITY of
MISSISSIPPI

Center for Intelligence
and Security Studies

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT *takes?*



- Are you wondering how to translate your skills and degree into an exciting career?
- Would you like to collaborate with the nation's best and brightest in solving wicked problems?
- Do you want to make a difference by helping to protect your country?

IF SO, YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER A CAREER IN THE INTELLIGENCE OR NATIONAL SECURITY SECTOR.

The faculty and staff at the Center for Intelligence and Security Studies can help you reach your goals. **Enroll in Introduction to Intelligence Studies (ISS 125) or Introduction to Global and National Security Studies (ISS 135) to learn more.**

CENTER FOR INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI



Intelligence Community
**Centers for
Academic
Excellence**
Diversity. Knowledge. Excellence.



INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

In 2012 the Director of National Intelligence designated the Center for Intelligence and Security Studies at the University of Mississippi as an Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence (IC CAE).

Our mission is to educate the future national security, cybersecurity and intelligence workforce.

Founded in 2008, the Center for Intelligence and Security Studies (CISS) prepares students for careers in national security. The Center offers two minors—Intelligence Security Studies (ISS) and Global Security Studies (GSS)—to help students prepare for careers in the national security sector. The Center’s curriculum emphasizes the professional and practical skills needed to succeed in careers in national security such as writing and briefing for policy making and working in collaborative teams. The underlying objective of these minors is to prepare students to enter the national security workforce ready to contribute to the mission.

Our students major in different programs including critical languages (e.g., Arabic, Chinese), computer and physical science, international studies, accounting and business. We encourage outstanding students from any academic discipline on campus to apply.

CISS offers many opportunities for students admitted to the cohort, including participation in international intelligence conferences and visits to agencies across the region as well as in Washington, D.C. In addition, CISS hosts the annual Days of Intrigue, a weekend-long practical intelligence case study that includes participation from agencies across the IC and takes place in the spring.

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IC CAE SCHOLARS

An IC CAE scholar is a U.S. citizen and current student at an active or legacy IC CAE institution, who is enrolled in or has completed at least one course related to the core study areas, including Intelligence and/or National Security, Cybersecurity/STEM, and/or language studies. In addition, an IC CAE scholar participates in at least two IC CAE-focused activities, annually. IC CAE focused activities may include: recruitment events, National Security Conferences, Study Abroad Programs, workshops, simulations, research activities, speakers series, internships/fellowships or other PI assigned projects. As a legacy IC CAE institution, students accepted into the Center’s minors are designated IC CAE scholars.

INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY STUDIES MINOR

Familiarizes students with the skills and background necessary for entry-level employment in the Intelligence Community (IC). The ISS minor consists of five mandatory courses and one elective option.

ISS 125: INTRODUCTION TO INTELLIGENCE STUDIES

This course provides an overview of the IC, including its history, the intelligence cycle, laws and ethics, cybersecurity and future national security issues.

ISS 351: ADVANCED ANALYTICS I

This course introduces analytic methods and techniques used for effective decision-making. Students will gain practical skills in writing and briefing for national security policymakers.

ISS 352: ADVANCED ANALYTICS II

This course follows ISS 351 and continues developing students' advanced analytic, writing and briefing skills. This course concentrates on "learning by doing" with students completing numerous case studies and writing and briefing assignments.

ISS 490: INTERNSHIP

Students complete an internship related to intelligence, national security, or security industry. Internships may be completed at a government intelligence agency or within the private sector. CISS has a career-planning specialist to assist students in procuring an internship.

ISS 499: SENIOR THESIS/ CAPSTONE PROJECT

Students will apply the skills they learned in all previous courses to complete a project of practical benefit to the IC.

ELECTIVES

Any ISS 300- or 400- level course to include ISS 301, ISS 360, ISS 420, and ISS 480.

Application Requirements

CISS uses a highly selective admission process to admit a small number of outstanding students into the program each semester. To apply, students must have taken or currently be enrolled in ISS 125 and pass the course with at least a B average as well as have at least a 3.0 overall GPA. Applications are available Fall and Spring semesters. More information on application deadlines can be found at ciss.olemiss.edu. Once accepted to the minor, students must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA to remain in the cohort.

GLOBAL SECURITY STUDIES MINOR

Familiarizes students with the skills and background necessary for entry-level employment in the national security sector. The GSS minor consists of three mandatory courses and three elective options. Minor offered in both a traditional and online setting.

ISS 135: INTRO TO GLOBAL & NAT'L SECURITY STUDIES

This course provides an overview of national security institutions, players, decision-making process, policies, ethics, and laws. It examines the U.S. National Security Strategy as well as perennial and emerging threats to global security.

ISS 301: SURVEY OF U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY

This course surveys the key issues and ideas associated with U.S. national security policy from the Cold War to the present. The course is designed to enhance students' capacity to evaluate competing theories and arguments surrounding debates about U.S. national security policy.

ISS 351: ADVANCED ANALYTICS I

This course introduces analytic methods and techniques used for effective decision-making. Students will gain practical skills in writing and briefing for national security policymakers.

ELECTIVES

Elective ISS courses (ISS 125, ISS 360, ISS 420, ISS 480, ISS 490) or courses offered by other departments related to global security topics (i.e. foreign policy, terrorism, war, WMD, cyber, etc.).

No Application Required

Students must complete each course in the GSS minor with a grade of "C-" or better. Students not meeting these requirements may be dropped from the minor.



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CAREERS

IN THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY (IC)

Careers within the IC are as varied as the unique missions of the various intelligence departments, agencies and elements. You might not even realize that your academic degree, training, and skills can translate to a career in intelligence.

With tens of thousands of employees worldwide, the U.S. intelligence community provides dynamic careers to talented professionals in almost every career category. To include but not limited to:

- Intelligence analysis
- Intelligence collection
- Foreign language
- Computer science and cyber
- Law and legal studies
- Engineering, physical, and mathematical sciences
- Business, accounting and budget
- Communication and Public Affairs

Find out more about how your unique skillset can contribute to the IC on intelligencecareers.gov



PLACEMENT RATE OF STUDENTS WITH ISS MINORS:

Students graduating with an ISS minor are highly competitive on the job market. The CISS practical skills-based approach to preparing students for the IC and related national security fields has contributed to the strong placement of students with an ISS minor. CISS students are often more prepared than their counterparts and ahead of the learning curve during their internships and early career.

% ON AVERAGE GRADUATES FROM EACH COHORT:



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