Program Coordinator: G. Helt

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Security and Intelligence Studies (SIS) aims to address the high demand for qualified security and intelligence professionals in the post-9/11 world. Employers are looking for university graduates who are curious about the world around them and can critically assess global events and trends. Students in the SIS program will explore 21st century security challenges, learn how to use structured techniques in their analyses, grapple with the ethical issues facing the national security community, and learn how the intelligence community works with policymakers to inform national security policy.

The SIS major is designed for students interested in careers in law enforcement, homeland security, military, intelligence, the diplomatic service, and national security law. Additionally, the SIS minor may complement the Business major, especially for students interested in careers in global investing and consulting, and the sciences (Biology, Forensic Science, Mathematics, Physics), as well as in Psychology.

The SIS program seeks to foster a Christian worldview while providing students with an empathetic view of other cultures, countries, and religions. We aim to graduate students who understand that each action undertaken in the name of national security will have an impact on other human beings who are also created in the image of God; therefore, we have an obligation to consider the long-term consequences of our actions.

Student Learning Outcomes
1. Understand how the intelligence community works and interacts with the policy-making community.
2. Develop critical thinking skills.
3. Understand pressing global security issues.

Comprehensive Assessment
Students in the SIS major will be expected to select an area of interest upon completing 20 semester hours of in-class instruction. Areas of interest will be selected from a pre-approved list consisting of a variety of relevant subject matters. These will include government agencies within or outside of the United States intelligence community, non-state militant groups, high-value countries, subjects in intelligence history, or area studies. Degree candidates will be required to submit the conclusions of their research on their area of interest in the form of a publishable academic paper to an appropriate journal or present the topic of their research to a panel of experts.

Security and Intelligence Studies Major Requirements
> SAIS 2310
> > Espionage and Intelligence .... 4 s.h.
> SAIS 2330
> > International Terrorism .... 4 s.h.

SAIS 2350
   Introduction to Intelligence Analysis .... 4 s.h.
HIST 3755
   Cold War: History and Politics .... 4 s.h.
SAIS 3310
   Covert Action: From Secrets to Policy .... 4 s.h.
PSCI 3250
   Politics and History of China .... 4 s.h.
SAIS 3350
   Advanced Intelligence Analysis .... 4 s.h.
SAIS 3380
   Counterterrorism: Concepts and Methods .... 4 s.h.
SAIS 3390
   Intelligence Ethics .... 4 s.h.
SAIS 3730
   American Foreign Policy .... 4 s.h.
SAIS 4310
   Advanced Topics in Geopolitics .... 4 s.h.
SAIS 4330
   Security Challenges in the 21st Century .... 4 s.h.

Summary of Total Credits in Security and Intelligence Studies
Core Curriculum .... 42 s.h.
Major Requirements .... 48 s.h.
Electives/Minor/2nd Major: .... 34 s.h.
Minimum to Earn Bachelor of Arts in S.I.S. .... **124 s.h.**