master of arts in intelligence & security studies

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Unlike traditional graduate programs that take a theoretical and conceptual track in preparing students for further academic research, The Citadel’s ISS program combines theory and practice to provide the real-world skills necessary to enter and advance in the public and private intelligence arenas.

This program is entirely online to provide maximum flexibility for students, and at the same time allow the ISS program to attract instruction from intelligence professionals located around the world. By combining current theory, research, and experience, the program offers an intellectually rigorous course load that emphasizes key skills related to analytical writing and research, critical thinking, and general international and domestic subject matter expertise. In addition, the master’s program offers a cybersecurity concentration option that results in a Graduate Certificate in Cybersecurity.

The program’s curriculum includes 12 courses (four core courses and eight electives). An optional cybersecurity concentration consists of four designated courses, which count toward the electives requirement. Students who complete the cybersecurity concentration also receive a Graduate Certificate in Cybersecurity.

All courses are taught online. Admitted students can be enrolled part-time or full-time. Students are required to complete the program within six years of the admission term.

Students who are U.S. citizens and international students with permanent residency status may apply for federal financial aid. Students are required to be enrolled in a minimum of two classes per semester to meet eligibility for federal financial aid.

Veterans, service members, or their eligible dependents may qualify for educational benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs. Students wishing to use their VA Educational Benefits should work with The Citadel’s Veterans Services Office.

Admitted students who are currently employed are encouraged to contact their human resource manager to learn about their company’s tuition assistance program(s).