

# Center for Information & Security Education and Research (CINSER) Minor in Security & Intelligence Studies (SIS) Fact Sheet



## Background and Purpose

The Center for Information & Security Education & Research (CINSER) is the home of the Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence (IC CAE) at CSU. The purpose of the Minor in Security & Intelligence Studies (SIS)

is to improve the racial/ethnic diversity of the Intelligence Community (IC). This minor is to educate individuals in the area of security and intelligence and to prepare CSU students for employment and career opportunities in intelligence and national security agencies and private sector companies.

## Program Format

The SIS minor is a 24-credit hour program consisting of three core courses (9 credit hours), four concentration-option courses (12 credit hours), and an internship (3 credit hours). The minor offers four specialization options. Three of the options (Cybersecurity+, Geospatial Intelligence+, and Information Analytics+) can be completed completely online. One option (Languages+) is a combination of online and campus-based courses. Each minor option includes at least one elective course from one of the other concentration options

Students who select the Language+ option are required to take 6 credit hours of a foreign language (Arabic, Hausa, Kiswahili, or a foreign language deemed critical by the US intelligence community and approved by the CSU's IC CAE) have the option to participate in CINSER's Study Abroad program. Students who are native in one of the languages which are sponsored by CINSER can test out of one or both of the introductory language courses offered at CSU. The CINSER's Study Abroad program will involve an intensive 4-8 weeks of curricular and co-curricular activities are equivalent to two courses. The program is expected to immerse our students into the language/culture of the host country. Students are required to complete the course work for the minor (24 credit hours) in two years. No more than one C grade is allowed in courses required for the minor and a D course grade must be repeated.

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## Admission Requirements

The minor is open to undergraduate juniors in good academic standing enrolled in a major field of study at CSU. Students must have successfully completed CSU's qualifying examinations in English Composition and Reading. Cumulative GPA of a 3.0 or a grade of B or above is required.

## Curriculum

### Core Courses (9 credit hours)

- SIS 4050: The Intelligence Community
- SIS 4060: Collection and Use of Intelligence Information
- SIS 4070: Intelligence Analysis and Security

### Program Options (12 credit hours)-Choose One Option

#### Option 1- Language+

- Two foreign language courses (6 credit hours) taken at CSU: Arabic, Hausa, Kiswahili, or a foreign language approved by CSU's IC CAE.
- Two courses (6 credit hours) that can be fulfilled in one of two ways:
  - o Participating in a Study Abroad undergraduate language and cultural immersion courses (6 credit hours (Pass or Fail))
  - o Taking them from options (2, 3, or 4).

#### Option 2 – Cybersecurity+

- TPS 4070: Informatics Essentials
- TPS 4600: Applied Cybersecurity
- TPS 4605: Applied Ethical Hacking
- 1 course from Option 3 (Geospatial Intelligence+) or Option 4 (Information Analytics+)

#### Option 3 – Geospatial Intelligence+

- GEOG 4805: GIS for Homeland Security
- GEOG 4820: Environmental Remote Sensing
- GEOG 4840: Advanced Remote Sensing
- 1 course from Option 2 (Cybersecurity+) or Option 4 (Information Analytics+)

#### Option 4 – Information Analytics+

- LIS 4510: Database Design for Information Storage and Retrieval
- LIS 4580: Introduction to Information Analytics
- LIS 4590: Introduction to Information Visualization
- 1 course from Option 2 (Cybersecurity+) or Option 3 (Geospatial Intelligence+)

### Required Internship (3 credit hours)