APPLIED INTELLIGENCE
MASTER OF SCIENCE

ABOUT
RIDGE COLLEGE OF INTELLIGENCE STUDIES AND APPLIED SCIENCES

The demand to hire qualified research and intelligence analysts is on the rise. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, analyst jobs are projected to increase by as much as 27 percent by 2020. Our rigorous, competitive graduate program prepares graduate students to become highly competent analysts who are capable of leading analytical teams in competitive business, law enforcement and national security.

The curriculum approaches intelligence as a process; therefore, the material stems from a theoretical and practical framework. Core coursework focuses on communication, research methods, and theories and applications, while a selection of electives further focuses a student’s studies in law enforcement, national security or competitive intelligence. Students develop advanced research abilities, learn to apply analytic techniques and methodologies, as well as hone their analytical writing and briefing skillsets.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Graduates of the Master of Science in Applied Intelligence program will be able to:

- Interpret the theory and history of the discipline of intelligence
- Apply critical thinking skills to real-world issues
- Appraise collected data and information using a variety of analytic techniques and methodologies
- Prepare analytic products in written, oral, visual and/or multimedia formats
- Devise open source research and collection management practices
- Facilitate and manage intelligence processes and practices
- Produce research in the intelligence field

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GRADUATE ADMISSIONS
Information about fees, financial facts, graduate assistantships and employment, veteran’s benefits, as well as students loans may be obtained through the Office of Graduate Admissions.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
• An application form, which can be found online at apply.mercyhurst.edu.
• All official transcripts from accredited higher education institutions. (All documents and credentials submitted must be translated into English; Mercyhurst recommends that international students contact World Education Services at wes.org, the foremost organization specializing in transcript and credential evaluation, to provide such translations.)
• An essay of 300-500 words outlining the student’s personal, professional and educational goals.
• An official score report from the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) or the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). This may be waived for students who have already completed several graduate courses from another accredited institution, international students without access to examination sites, or individuals with extensive work experience in the intelligence field; email graduate chair for waiver.
• Three recommendations from supervisors or faculty.
• A resume or curriculum vitae.
• International students from countries where English is not a native language must submit an official score report from the TOEFL or IELTS examination.

PROGRAM OPTIONS
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Whether students are just graduating from undergraduate studies or possess experience in the field, the resident on-campus program is an appropriate choice to expand their understanding of the intelligence field. This program operates on a semester calendar. Students attend day classes on a full-time schedule, completing the program in two years.

ONLINE
Designed primarily for working professionals, the online program offers flexibility in scheduling, access to the campus library and software, and small classes with direct connection to instructors. The online program operates on a term calendar, with fall, winter, spring and summer terms lasting 10 weeks each. Students may choose to attend full or part time.

BENEFITS
• Graduates receive a comprehensive and diverse master’s education that makes them employable in several job settings.
• Our strong focus on developing in-demand skillsets enables graduates to approach research, writing and communication with sophistication.
• Every student has access to unparalleled resources including expert faculty, extensive facilities for learning and robust online learning tools.
• Since 1995, we have graduated more than 500 alumni who continue connecting students with job placements, internships, experiential learning and mentoring opportunities.
• The program’s applied focus ensures that students will experience life beyond the classroom well before graduation. Concrete experience leads to strong job placement for Mercyhurst graduates.
• The competitive nature of the program allows for small classes. This environment cultivates individual attention from faculty, which provides an engaging learning environment.

CORE COURSES
INTL 501 Research Methods in Intelligence
INTL 510 Intelligence Theories and Applications
INTL 540 Competitive Intelligence
INTL 576 Law Enforcement Intelligence
INTL 580 Intelligence Communications
INTL 615 Contemporary Leadership in Intelligence
INTL 655 Managing Strategic Intelligence

ELECTIVE COURSES
INTL 520 Advanced Analytic Techniques
INTL 535 Grand Strategy: Strategic Planning and Intelligence
INTL 560 Cyber Threat Analysis
INTL 565 Business Writing & Visual Presentation
INTL 590 Intelligence Support to Targeting
INTL 595 Geospatial Intelligence
INTL 605 Data Analytics for the Private Sector
INTL 612 Social Media Analysis
INTL 620 Nonproliferation Analysis
INTL 625 Intelligence and Business Strategy
INTL 626 Financial Intelligence Analysis
INTL 627 Graduate Seminar: National Security
INTL 633 Studies in Terrorism
INTL 638 Social Network Analysis
INTL 640 Intelligence, the Military, and Warfare
INTL 646 Counterintelligence Policy & Practice
INTL 650 Topics in Intelligence
INTL 675 Internship

CAPSTONE COURSES
INTL 680 Thesis in Applied Intelligence and
INTL 679 Intelligence Thesis Seminar (1 credit) or
INTL 676 Research-Based Project (online students only)