

INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS, MASTER OF SCIENCE

MS in Intelligence Analysis (<https://advanced.jhu.edu/academics/graduate/ms-intelligence-analysis/>)

The Master of Science in Intelligence Analysis program provides students interested in launching or advancing their career in intelligence analysis with the core competencies needed to succeed in an array of intelligence analysis roles. The program provides a theoretical grounding in the discipline, as well as mastery of the core skills required to succeed as an intelligence analyst in the public and private sectors. JHU's MS in Intelligence Analysis degree emphasizes the critical thinking and analytical skills necessary to identify actionable insights from diverse and complex intelligence sources and persuasively communicate those findings to decision-makers. Courses are taught by leading practitioners in the intelligence community with significant opportunities for students to engage with both faculty and their peers. Graduates of the program will be highly qualified for key roles within public and private sector intelligence agencies.

Admissions Criteria for All Advanced Academic Programs (<https://e-catalogue.jhu.edu/arts-sciences/advanced-academic-programs/Admission/#admissionrequirementstext>)

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

In addition to meeting the general Advanced Academic Programs criteria for admission, applicants should submit:

- **Resume**
- **Two Letters of Recommendation**
- **Statement of Purpose:** Please provide a statement, up to one page in length, describing the applicant's personal background and/or a part of their life experience that has shaped their goals. The applicant may elaborate on personal challenges and opportunities that have influenced their decision to pursue a graduate degree at Johns Hopkins.
- **Writing Sample:** Write about an emerging security and technology trend that will likely influence the intelligence analysis profession. Drawing on at least three sources, detail the implications of the trend for the future of U.S. private and/or public intelligence operations and present the findings in a two-page executive brief to a senior decision-maker. Write the memo in full paragraphs without numbers or bullets and without AI assistance. Source the factual information in the text of the essay.

Program Requirements

Students in the MS in Intelligence Analysis program must complete:

- Eight required core courses
- Four elective courses

Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses-Required:		24
AS.473.600	The Art & Practice of Intelligence (Introductory course)	
AS.473.602	Intelligence Analysis	
AS.473.604	Applied Critical Thinking and Analysis	
AS.473.605	Strategic Culture Analysis	
AS.473.607	Intelligence Ethics	
AS.473.608	Leading Intelligence Organizations	
AS.473.800	Research Seminar	
AS.473.801	Capstone: Current Issues in Intelligence	
Elective Courses:		12
Select four of the following:		
AS.473.606	Legal Issues in Intelligence	
AS.473.609	Introduction to Intelligence in the Five Eyes Community	
AS.473.610	Analysis of Military Capabilities	
AS.473.611	Private Sector Intelligence	
AS.473.644	Technical Collection of Intelligence	
AS.473.663	The Intelligence-Policy Nexus	
AS.473.665	Human Intelligence Operations	
AS.473.668	Intelligence to Secure the Homeland and Hometown	
Other Electives:		
AS.430.601	Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	
AS.470.605	Global Political Economy	
AS.470.606	U.S. Security in a Disordered World	
AS.470.611	Global Terrorist Organizations	
AS.470.644	Democracy and Its Modern Critics	
AS.470.681	Probability and Statistics, Introduction to Data Analytics and Policy	
AS.470.692	Military Strategy & National Policy	
AS.470.709	Quantitative Methods, Quantitative Methods for Policy and Political Analysis	
AS.470.756	Understanding Modern War	
AS.470.795	The Constitution and National Security	
AS.472.600	Introduction to Geospatial Intelligence	
AS.472.611	Analyzing Social Media and Geospatial Information	
Total Credits		36

Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the Master of Science in Intelligence Analysis program are expected to be able to:

- Discern, extract, and synthesize relevant information from diffuse and extensive intelligence sources in response to current policy and security challenges.
- Employ time-sensitive critical analysis in an environment of ambiguity.
- Inform and persuade diverse audiences using oral, written, and visual media to inform decision-making.

- Evaluate ethical and legal principles in the field of intelligence analysis.
- Analyze and apply effective leadership and management skills for resourcing intelligence operations and organizations.
- Create an inclusive approach to decision-making that fosters awareness of regional and global contexts.