

Appendix G:
Degree Planning Worksheet for
Master of Security Studies (M.S.S.) in Intelligence, Security Studies, and Analysis
{Non-Thesis Option}

Required Courses		
18 hours		
<i>*Courses must be taken in the last semester.</i>		
Course	Credit Hours	
ISSA 6300: Seminar in Intelligence Analysis and National Security Perspectives	3	
ISSA 6301: Grand Strategy, Intelligence Analysis, and Rationality	3	
ISSA 6302: The Transformational Imperative: Reorganizing in a Multi-polar World	3	
ISSA 6303: Advanced Intelligence Analysis: Operating in Complex Environments	3	
ISSA 6304: The Practice of US Intelligence and National Security	3	
ISSA 6305: Introduction to Research Methods and Statistics	3	
Elective Courses:		
<i>18 hours of elective courses are required for the degree. 12 hours of elective credit will be awarded by students completing CYBR 3422 Computer Network Qualification Course (ACE: NNCS 5175) or 9 hours of elective credit will be awarded by students completing CYBR 3420 ROC Foundations (ACE: NNCS 0675) through the National Security Agency (NSA).</i>		
ISSA 6307: Cryptology	NSA Credit Awarded For CYBR 3422 (ACE: NNCS 5175)	12
ISSA 6335: Data Mining		
ISSA 6342: Cybersecurity and Constitutional Issues		
ISSA 6350: Cyber Vulnerability		
ISSA 6306: Applied Statistics		
ISSA 6309: Intelligence Support to Policy Making: The Impact of 9/11		
ISSA 6310: Military Intelligence: Strategic, Operational, and Tactical		
ISSA 6311: Special Operations: Creating Strategic Intelligence Effects		
ISSA 6312: Cyber Arms Race and the Intelligence Policy Nexus		
ISSA 6313: Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism		
ISSA 6314: Strategic Thought and Leadership		
ISSA 6315: Legal and Ethical Issues in Intelligence		
ISSA 6321: Intelligence for Homeland Security and Law Enforcement		
ISSA 6351: Emerging Technologies in Homeland Security		
ISSA 6371: Internship		
ISSA 6381: Special Topics		
ISSA 6391: Independent Research		

Students who have successfully completed the SSET 4005 Special Agents Training Course (ACE: NNCS 5188) course may receive 6 graduate-level transfer credits related to the following courses:

ISSA 6315 Legal & Ethical Issues in Intelligence
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ISSA 6321 Intelligence for Homeland Security
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Students may also transfer in CHIN5401 (ACE: NNCS 5179) for 3 credits.

Alternatively, credit may be given for graduate-level DLPT scores of 3 or above or OPI scores of 2+ or above in other languages.

A maximum of 12 credits may be transferred into the degree.

*You may take Criminal Justice, Global Security Studies or Border Security graduate courses as advanced electives with the department chair's permission.

Thesis Option

Students wishing to take the Thesis Option must take the 18 credit hours of required ISSA courses, 6 credit hours of prescribed electives (ISSA 6399 or 6699) and an additional 12 credit hours of electives.

Non-Thesis Option

Students wishing to take the Non-Thesis Options must take the 18 credit hours of required ISSA courses and an additional 18 credit hours of electives, including ISSA 6380.