



The Master of Science in Government Information Leadership (GIL) Degree Program is a selective program that addresses the educational needs of defense and government leaders who seek to lead complex and diverse 21st Century organizations. Participants from across defense and other federal, state, and local government organizations create a learning community hallmarked by partnerships, information sharing, and network synergies.

## Curriculum and Degree Concentrations

The 36 credit curriculum of the GIL Degree offers a combination of information management, technology, and leadership intensive courses in a collaborative and interactive environment. Students select the concentration area, which correspond to the College's certificate programs, at the time of admission. Concentration areas include: **Chief Financial Officer Leadership (CFO)**, **Chief Information Officer (CIO)**, **Cyber Leadership (Cyber-L)**, **Cyber Security (Cyber-S)**, and **Information Technology Program Management (ITPM)**.

Subject to graduation time limit requirements, a student may only use up to eight eligible NDU iCollege courses completed prior to MS program admission (i.e. while in certificate-seeking status) toward attaining the MS degree. No courses from other institutions are accepted for transfer. Courses taken for non-credit/professional development are not eligible. All coursework applied toward a M.S. degree must be completed within seven years of the award of the degree. Course which exceed the seven-year time limit are invalidated and subject to repeat. See admissions section of catalog or the iCollege website (<http://icollege.ndu.edu>) for more information. Current and prospective MS students should refer to policies section of the handbook for specific Master of Science admission and academic policies and procedures.

## Cornerstone Seminar

Admitted Master of Science students will be automatically registered in, and must successfully complete, an online not-for-credit cornerstone seminar within six credits of program admission. The cornerstone seminar helps students develop the critical thinking, communication, and collaboration skills necessary for success in iCollege courses and in their careers as government information leaders. Students research a current issue in their concentration and develop clear and cogent positions in both academic and executive level formats.

## Capstone Course

Only admitted Master of Science students are eligible to enroll in and complete the Capstone course. Master of Science students register for the GIL Capstone (CAP) course as the final course for degree completion. While enrolled in CAP, students complete a capstone synthesis project in his or her area of concentration.

## *Successful graduates of the GIL MS will be able to:*

- Employ information and information technology for strategic advantage
- Evaluate the role, challenges, and opportunities of their organizations within the context of cyber, homeland, national, and global security
- Apply critical, strategic, ethical, and innovative thinking to achieve results-oriented organizational goals
- Collaborate across boundaries to leverage talent, resources, and opportunities to achieve mission outcomes and stretch vision
- Create resilient, adaptable, agile, and productive government organizations focused on national security in the Information Age
- Lead Information Age government organizations
- Commit to lifelong development of self and others as reflective learners
- Communicate at the strategic level demonstrating command of the topic, logical organization, compelling argument, and excellence in English grammar and syntax.



*The Global Hub for Educating, Informing, and Connecting Information Age Leaders.*

### *Students*

- DoD military and civilian
- Private Sector
- Non-DoD Federal Agency, state and local government
- International Defense Ministries

### *Flexible Options*

- On Campus (eResident)
- On-Line (Distributed Learning, DL)
- Customized Services and Seminars
- Hybrid eResident and DL
- 14-week CIO Leadership Development Program

### *Information Leadership Graduate Education*

- More than 30 courses, over 200 offerings per year
- Master of Science in Government Information Leadership
- Chief Information Officer competencies
- Chief Financial Officer competencies
- Cyber Security and Cyber Leadership
- IT Program Management

### *Laboratories*

- Attack and Defend
  - Cyber Security
  - Ci Center

### *Academic Partnerships*

The college partners with nearly 40 U.S. universities that accept 9, 12, or 15 graduate credits for iCollege certificates towards Master's and Doctoral/PhD degrees at their institutions. See the iCollege website (Academics tab) for specific degree information and contacts at each partner university. Many partners offer resident, online, full-time and part-time options. In addition, Global Information Assurance Certification (GIAC), an affiliate of SANS, accepts each iCollege course as 12 Certification Maintenance Units (CMUs).



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