

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GOVERNMENT INFORMATION LEADERSHIP**



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 a degree concentration area of their choice, 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 Security (Cyber-S)**, and **Information Technology Program Management (ITPM)**. A complete listing of Master of Science concentration descriptions and courses can be found on the NDU College of Information and Cyberspace (CIC) website (<http://cic.ndu.edu>) under programs.

Students will have a maximum of seven years from their date of acceptance to successfully complete the M.S. degree program. Courses which exceed the seven-year time limit are invalidated and subject to repeat. A student may use up to eight (8) eligible CIC courses completed prior to MS program admission (i.e. while in certificate-seeking status) toward attaining the MS degree. Courses taken for non-credit/professional development or outside the graduation time limit requirements are not eligible. In addition, no courses from other institutions are accepted for transfer. Current and prospective M.S. students should refer to the CIC website and the policies section of the CIC Catalog for specific Master of Science admission and academic policies and procedures.

### **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 Master of Science in Government Information Leadership will be able to:*

- Employ information and information technology for strategic advantage;
- Evaluate the role, challenges, and opportunities of their organization 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.

### **Minimum Admissions Eligibility Criteria:**

- Bachelor's degree (3.0 GPA minimum)
- Civil service pay grade of GS-13 or officer rank of O-4
- Civil service pay grade of GS-14 or officer rank of O-5 (CFO concentration only)

For more information refer to the CIC website or catalog