

## 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.

### **National Security and Cyberspace Studies concentration**

The Master of Science in Government Information Leadership with a concentration in National Security and Cyberspace Studies (NSC) focuses on the information/cyberspace instrument of national security. It provides graduate-level education to senior military and civilian leaders with an emphasis on the military, government, and private sector dimensions of information/cyberspace as a critical component of national security strategy. The program concentrates on developing the habits of mind, conceptual foundations, and cognitive faculties graduates will need at their highest level of strategic responsibility. Students in the National Security and Cyberspace Studies concentration will be able to:

1. Evaluate the national security environment with an emphasis on the impact of the Information instrument of national power.
2. Integrate Joint Doctrine with Trans-Regional, Multi-Domain, Multinational perspectives into information and cyberspace operations.
3. Analyze the critical aspects of the human-made terrain that underpins information and cyberspace operations to include the technology, law, and policy that supports that terrain.
4. Apply principles of strategic leadership, including creative and critical thinking, decision-making, and ethical conduct.

### *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.

### **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 or paper in his or her area of concentration

### **Minimum Admission Requirements**

Bachelor's degree. Civil service pay grade of GS-13 or officer rank of O-4.

\*CIC is seeking approval for revisions and a name change of the GIL MS degree to Strategic Information and Cyberspace Studies. Students admitted to the NSC concentration for Spring 2021, and thereafter, may be awarded an MS degree with this new title.