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A minor in intelligence and security studies (ISS) familiarizes students with the skills and background necessary for entry-level positions in the Intelligence Community or national security sector.

Course Requirements

A minor in ISS requires students to complete the following courses: ISS 125, ISS 351, ISS 352, ISS 490, ISS 499, and 3 additional hours of ISS courses at the 300+ and 400+ level. Substitutions are permitted at the discretion of the director.

Other Academic Requirements

Admission to the ISS minor is competitive. In addition to other university entrance requirements, students must apply for the minor and be accepted. Not all who apply will likely be accepted. Students may apply for the minor in one of two ways:

A. Students already matriculating at the university who have completed or are taking ISS 125 may apply for the minor (ISS 125 is open to all students). The application process will consider a student's GPA, motivation, choice of major, writing skills, and maturity.

B. Students may apply for direct entry to the program prior to beginning their studies at the University of Mississippi. In addition to gaining regular admission to the university, students must apply for the ISS minor by completing a Supplemental Application, which can be accessed through the CISS website. The application process will consider a student's GPA, ACT/SAT scores, motivation, prospective choice of major, writing skills, and maturity. Students must complete each course in the ISS minor with a grade of "B-" or better and must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0. Students not meeting these requirements may be dropped from the minor.

