

# BACHELOR OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES WITH A MAJOR IN POLICE AND SECURITY STUDIES

The bachelor of professional studies with a major in police and security studies degree program helps students acquire the knowledge and skills needed to work more effectively as police professionals. Developed by faculty in consultation with metropolitan area law enforcement and police specialists, the core course work is designed to develop three central areas of competency: intelligence and criminal analysis; forensic science; and leadership and management. Elective courses are offered in a variety of disciplines, including sociology, leadership, public health, and international affairs.

Visit the program website (<http://cps.gwu.edu/police-security-studies>) for admissions and additional program information.

## REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 120 credits, including 30 credits in general education courses, 60 credits in required courses, and 30 credits in elective courses.

### Admission requirements:

To be considered for admission to the College of Professional Studies Police and Security Studies program, the applicant must possess an academic record of achievement and be employed as a security and safety professional. The admission requirements are listed below.

- Completion of a college-level English Composition course at a regionally accredited U.S. college or university with a grade of C or higher. **Note:** Applicants may submit an acceptable writing sample taken in a CPS test setting if a college-level English Composition course has not been completed. Test centers are located in DC, Alexandria, Arlington, and Newport News, VA.
- Attended at least one college-level course (minimum 3 credits) at a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
- Two or more years of work experience in the safety and security field.
- Completion of the first 12 credit hours taken at GW with a grade of C or higher. All degree candidates receive provisional admission until completion of their first 12 credit hours at GW.

### Requirements for the degree: 120 credits

Code	Title	Credits
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#### Requirements for the program:

30 credits of general education coursework including:\*

6 credits of English composition or UW 1020 University Writing plus 2 credits of independent research with a focus on the application of the principles learned in UW 1020

6 credits of quantitative and logical reasoning

6 credits of social and behavioral sciences

6 credits of natural sciences, including one laboratory course

6 credits of arts and humanities

60 credits of core courses:

#### Intelligence and Criminal Analysis

CPS 2103	Particular Forms of Crime (Intelligence and Criminal Analysis)
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CPS 2107	Models of Policing
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CPS 2108	Criminal Intelligence
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CPS 2109	Criminal Analysis (Forensic Science )
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CPS 2110	Predictive Policing
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#### Forensic Science

CPS 2130	Introduction to Forensic Science
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CPS 2131	Crime Scene Investigation
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CPS 2132	Computer Crime Investigation
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CPS 2133	Incident Management
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CPS 2171	The Criminal Mind
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#### Leadership and Management

CPS 2102	Resource Management
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CPS 2104	Leading Teams
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CPS 2106	Strategic Planning
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CPS 2134	Ethical Dilemmas in Policing
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CPS 4192	Capstone Simulation
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30 credits of electives selected from the following, in consultation with academic advisor:

CPS 2101	The Criminal Justice System
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CPS 2170	Domestic Violence
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CPS 2172	Comparative Police Systems
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CPS 2173	Transnational Threats and Security
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CPS 2174	Crisis and Emergency Planning
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CPS 2175      Emergency Public Health Issues

CPS 2176      Media, Public Relations, and Crisis  
Communication

General education and elective courses may be completed at any regionally accredited institution. A grade of C or higher is required for transfer credit to be approved. General education and elective course work may be completed before, during, or within five years of completing the other requirements for the bachelor's degree.

## FACULTY

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