Graduate Degree

The Southwestern College master’s degree in security administration will prepare you for advancement in the security profession. Learners master problem solving techniques, leadership skill, critical thinking, and application of theory and practice in this recently revamped program. Online classes give students the ability to attend class on their time from anywhere as they balance work and family life. Learn from security experts who bring real experience and application to the virtual classroom!

Applied Learning

Hands-on experience through real-life scenarios and projects

Enhanced Curriculum

Naval Post Graduate School - Center for Homeland Defense & Security

Flexible

Six-week online classes

Expert Instruction

Learn from practicing professionals

About Southwestern College

Southwestern College Professional Studies offers practical online degree programs focused on an enhanced learner experience, provided by a regionally accredited, 130+ year old non-profit institution. Each learner can expect: hands-on counselors to help you navigate your program requirements; generous transfer credits to reduce your overall cost and time to completion; progressive, nationally recognized programs; accessible student resources to minimize the stress of degree completion; and small class sizes with experienced, practicing faculty to facilitate interaction and ensure your academic success.
Core Major Requirements

- MSA 500 Contemporary Security Administration
- MSA 505 Security Administration Business Strategies
- MSA 510 Enterprise Risk Management
- MSA 515 Physical Security Planning and Vulnerability Assessment
- MSA 520 Administration of Information Security
- MSA 560 Security Law
- MSA 565 Organizational Security Investigations
- MSA 570 Homeland Security Defense and Administration
- MSA 575 Best Practices and Special Issues in Homeland Security
- MSA 580 Terrorism: Perspectives and Consequence Management
- MSA 585 Emergency, Disaster and Consequence Management
- CAPS600 Graduate Project

Graduation Requirements

1. Complete the specific program requirements of the master’s program
2. Have an overall grade point average of 3.0, with no grade below a C (2.0)
3. Complete at least 30 credit hours

Program Description

The Master of Science in Security Administration (M.S.S.A.) program prepares students to take on increasing levels of responsibility and leadership positions as mid-to-upper level managers in the security industry. In addition to knowledge in security-related subject matter, individuals will learn problem solving techniques, leadership skills, critical thinking, and how to apply theory to practice. The program is directed toward those not only entering into, but advancing in the growing security industry in private or government security fields such as physical security, vulnerability assessment, information security, homeland security, emergency management, risk management, contingency and continuity planning, and crime prevention. Courses concentrate on business strategies, risk management, planning, assessment, best practices, and security concepts and practices.

Admission Requirements

1. Complete graduate application forms
2. Provide current resume
3. Submit two professional letters of recommendation (at least one from a current or former employer)
4. Turn in one-page personal essay
5. Submit an official transcript from a bachelor’s degree-granting institution. Official transcripts must be received within 8 weeks following the start of class.

All degree requirements are subject to change. Please see the Southwestern College Catalog for the most current degree requirements. All course descriptions can be found online at ps.sckans.edu