



# ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

## THE LESLEY H. AND WILLIAM L. COLLINS COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES



# GRADUATE PROGRAMS

## WELCOME FROM THE DEAN



Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies at St. John's University.

Whether you seek to elevate your professional qualifications or embark on a new career path, a graduate degree is a powerful asset. No matter which path you choose, our programs will pave the way for your career success in emerging and specialized professions.

As you pursue your studies, our dedicated faculty and I are here to support you every step of the way. Do not hesitate to reach out for guidance as you explore program options and plan your graduate studies.

We appreciate your consideration of The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luca Landoli". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Luca Landoli, Ph.D.**

Distinguished Chair and Dean  
The Lesley H. and William L. Collins  
College of Professional Studies

Welcome to The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies (CCPS), where your journey toward academic and professional excellence begins. Are you ready to take the next step in your career?

As a graduate of CCPS, you are equipped with the skills and expertise needed to excel as an innovative industry leader and join an alumni network that spans the globe, connecting you with professionals in organizations such as CNN; Madison Square Garden; NBCUniversal Media, LLC; Netflix; NYU Langone Health; Provitiv Inc.; Spotify; and the United Nations.

We offer an array of dynamic and in-demand graduate programs in industries to match your career goals. Our graduate programs open doors to limitless opportunities in various fields, including

- Computer Science
- Cyber and Information Security
- Data Science
- Healthcare Informatics
- Healthcare Systems
- Homeland Security and Criminal Justice Leadership
- Integrated Advertising Communications
- International Communication
- International Hospitality Management
- Multi-Sector Communication
- Sport Management

For those aspiring to attain terminal degrees, we proudly offer our D.P.S. in Homeland Security, as well as our Ph.D. in Multi-Sector Communication.

As you embark on your studies, rest assured our esteemed faculty members are distinguished experts in their respective fields, deeply dedicated to providing you with invaluable guidance and the mentorship essential for your academic and professional advancement.

Our state-of-the-art facilities and laboratories are designed to enhance your academic and experiential learning to prepare you for the dynamic demands and opportunities of today's rapidly evolving world.

We invite you to explore The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies and discover the program that aligns with your aspirations and ambitions. We look forward to welcoming you to our vibrant community of innovative thinkers; together, let's shape the future. Your journey to success starts here.

## CCPS LABS, CENTERS, AND INSTITUTES

### **Cyber Security Lab**

The Cyber Security Lab provides you with the opportunity to learn, apply, and practice cybersecurity. You work with software and employ techniques for incident response, intrusion detection, malware analysis, network forensics investigation, network perimeter defense, and vulnerability mitigation. The lab is used for both digital and hands-on forensic analysis and uses 2D and 3D cameras and visualizers to capture the hands-on activities and rebroadcast them “live” across the classroom and online.

### **E. Lawrence and Adele V. Deckinger Center for Integrated Advertising Communications**

This specialized educational environment is designed to mimic the setup of a standard advertising agency. It provides you with a sneak peek into potential careers in this industry, offering you invaluable, hands-on learning experiences. The space includes a shared computer center with cutting-edge Mac workstations, Cintiq drawing monitors, high-quality printers, whiteboard walls, and multiple video display screens. It's an incredible asset that increases the competitiveness of our programs and the quality of learning.

### **Farella Innovation Design Factory Global Network**

A new concept based on the Aalto Design Factory, the Farella Innovation Design Factory Global Network is an interdisciplinary product design and learning center that connects students, faculty, and industry leaders. Our mission is to develop a culture of passion-based learning that focuses on strengthening highly sought professional skills such as problem solving, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

### **Homeland Security Lab**

In the true-to-life environment of the Homeland Security/Emergency Management Simulation Lab, virtual emergency management scenarios help you hone decision-making skills and gain the confidence critical for successful crisis resolution. The lab, which serves as both a classroom as well as research support for the Homeland Security Center of Excellence, creates, simulates, and escalates a variety of large-scale incidents, from natural severe weather conditions such as floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, and wildfires, to man-made threats such as terrorist attacks, nuclear strikes, structural collapse, and weapons of mass destruction, in a realistic, physics-based environment.

Visit [www.stjohns.edu/StAugustineLabs](http://www.stjohns.edu/StAugustineLabs) to learn more about our labs, centers, and institutes.

## GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

### **Merit Scholarships**

Students admitted to a master's program are automatically considered for merit scholarships. Awards range from \$3,000 to \$9,000. The admission application is used to determine merit scholarship eligibility automatically; no additional application is required. Scholarships are awarded based on your academic ability and program of study. You are notified of your award in your acceptance letter.

### **Alumni Scholarships**

Alumni scholarships are automatically awarded to students accepted to a master's program who have already earned a degree from St. John's.

### **The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies Graduate Law Enforcement Grant**

Students currently working in criminal justice, homeland security, and related agencies are eligible for a 33 percent tuition grant for the M.P.S. degree in Homeland Security and Criminal Justice Leadership for up to six credits per semester. The applicant must provide supporting evidence of employment. Please contact Patricia Bartolomeo, Senior Secretary, at [bartolop@stjohns.edu](mailto:bartolop@stjohns.edu) for more information and instructions to apply for this law enforcement discount. This award cannot be combined with any other University discount or scholarship.

## COLLINS COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES PROGRAMS

### **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Multi-Sector Communication**

This 60-credit Ph.D. program prepares you for upper-level media management positions as it allows you to cultivate and maintain ongoing partnerships/relationships with international organizations, academia, and the government sector. Graduates of this program may seek employment in academia in the areas of communication, corporate communication, industry, information and communications technology for development and related fields, public relations, and strategic communication.

### **Doctor of Professional Studies (D.P.S.) in Homeland Security**

This innovative, 78-credit program is designed to qualify candidates for mid- to high-level executive positions in academia, government, law enforcement, nongovernmental organizations, and the public and private security industries. You will research and explore the practice of collaborative efforts and gain an understanding of the range of local, national, international, and organizational security issues faced by public and private actors and entities within the Homeland Security Enterprise. While the entry term for the program is summer, this online program includes a one-week summer orientation with classes beginning in the fall.

### **Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.) in Homeland Security and Criminal Justice Leadership**

This 36-credit online and in-person program prepares both preservice students and professional criminal justice personnel for leadership positions in homeland security, law enforcement, courts, corrections, and corporate security. You can attend full time or part time. Courses are taught via two delivery models: fully online and hybrid, which combine conventional classroom meetings with an online component.

### **Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.) in Sport Management**

Drawing on the University's distinguished record of excellence in the field, this 36-credit program applies sound business principles to the sport industry and educates you on the best principles and practices needed to become a high-performing sport coach and leader. You benefit from the abundant internship and job opportunities available in New York City—the world capital of sports and media.

### **Master of Science in Computer Science (M.S.)**

The employment landscape for computer science-related professions is strong, with technology dominating the job market. Beyond the core courses in computer science fundamentals, the curriculum of this 30-credit program is customized around elective courses in specialization areas, such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Cyber Security, Data Science, and Software Development. This program provides a unique opportunity for you to master the skills necessary to be competitive in your field of interest and advance your career in an AI and technology-driven economy.

### **Master of Science in Cyber and Information Security (M.S.)**

Designed for cybersecurity specialists, information technology (IT) enterprise professionals, and data scientists, this 30-credit program appeals to both students wishing to pursue future cybersecurity and data security careers, as well as those already in the field. With the goal to prepare students with the required qualifications to become data security analysts, information security analysts, and IT security architects, our program offers learning flexibility through hybrid, online, and in-person courses.

### **Master of Science in Data Science (M.S.)**

This 30-credit program prepares you for related careers that involve the application of computational and statistical techniques that are becoming more vital to industry and research. This is accomplished through coursework in topics such as big data, data mining and machine learning algorithms, data visualization, database management systems, statistics, and text analytics. Graduates of the Data Science program obtain a variety of skills required to analyze large data sets and to develop modeling solutions to support decision making. The rapid advancement of technology, coupled with the exponential growth of data, ensures that data science remains a critical field in the foreseeable future.

### **Master of Science in Health Care Systems (M.S.)**

As the health care field continues to grow, managers work to meet the needs of patients, hospitals, and clinics. Through the systems approach, where students view legal, operational, policy, and technology issues from a holistic perspective, our 30-credit program prepares you for leadership roles in this dynamic environment.

### **Master of Science in Healthcare Informatics (M.S.)**

This 30-credit online program is designed to provide advanced informatics training to health-care professionals who seek a career as a health informatics researcher or who want to incorporate health informatics skills into their existing employment.

### **Master of Science in Integrated Advertising Communications (M.S.)**

In this 30-credit program, you become familiar with media tools and continuity practices necessary to implement a fully integrated advertising and communication campaign. You learn that advertising “at” the consumer is not enough anymore, and success today relies on the ability to create a dialogue with the recipient of the message while building brand loyalty.

### **Master of Science in International Communication (M.S.)**

The M.S. in International Communication teaches you the skills and insights that employers require today. The innovative curriculum explores all facets of traditional, digital, social, and mobile media. Our professors come from New York City’s most creative agencies, so the learning experience is “real-world” and set you up to be an industry leader.

### **Master of Science in International Hospitality Management (M.S.)**

This 30-credit program offers valuable expertise in hotel management, event planning, and travel and tourism sectors, and delves deep into the impact of business principles on the global hospitality industry. It also highlights the integration of health-care and personal care within global tourism, with a particular focus on enhancing accessible travel options for individuals with disabilities.

Mandatory internships play a pivotal role, providing you with practical experience tailored to your career aspirations, significantly bolstering your employability upon graduation. Our graduates have secured positions with esteemed organizations such as the Boka Restaurant Group, Conrad Hilton, Madison Square Garden, Marriott, Peninsula Hotel, The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, Tao Group Hospitality, and the Union Square Hospitality Group.

- **“Top 10 U.S. Cybersecurity Colleges”:**  
#8 (Spiceworks, 2022)
- **“Best Online Master’s in Criminal Justice Programs”:**  
#33 (U.S. News and World Report, 2023)



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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS



"It's all about a sense of belonging—and I belong here. St. John's welcomes students from all over the world and, conversely, encourages its students to travel the world and experience the homes of so many of the cultures found in Queens."

—**Tiffany Eason '16CPS, '18MS**

Director of Community Engagement, New York City Council Speaker Adrienne E. Adams (District 28)



"My time at St. John's has been the best part of my life. After I graduate, I will miss every person and place. Not all people who go to college can say that—but all people who go to St. John's can."

—**Brooke C. Mosca '23CCPS**

Associate Producer at CNN International



"The Cyber and Information Security program in The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies challenged my analytical mind and provided me with the right toolset to be successful in today's cyber field and leverage for advancement in information technology management."

—**Joel Ndimkora '12C, '22GCCPS**

Information Technology Project Manager/  
Governance, Risk, and Compliance Officer



"Earning my Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and Master of Science degree in Cyber and Information Security from The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies has been a meaningful investment in my professional development."

—**Marc A. Zirillo '18CPS, '22GCCPS**

Information Technology Specialist



## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the online application at [grad.stjohns.edu/apply](https://grad.stjohns.edu/apply), you should submit the following:

- Statement of professional goals and résumé
- Official transcripts from all undergraduate, graduate, and professional schools attended
- One to three letters of recommendation obtained from professional or academic references
- Applicants with credits completed outside of the United States need to have their transcripts accompanied by an evaluation from a National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) member. The foreign transcript evaluation must include a detailed course-by-course comparison, including the US degree equivalency and US grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale. Visit [www.naces.org](https://www.naces.org) for the list of NACES members.
- Applicants who have not completed a degree from our English language exempt countries must submit a TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo, or Pearson PTE Academic exam. Our official school testing code is 2799.
- The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required for select programs, but most programs offer waivers. A GRE may also be requested on a case-by-case basis by the Admission Committee.

## ADMISSION CONTACT

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### ANNUAL SECURITY AND FIRE SAFETY REPORT

The University's *Annual Security and Fire Safety Report*, which contains three years of campus crime and fire safety statistics and campus security policy and procedures, is available online at [www.stjohns.edu/safetyreport](http://www.stjohns.edu/safetyreport). Upon request, prospective students may obtain a paper copy by contacting the Department of Public Safety at 718-990-1435.

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