The Information Security & Intelligence (ISI) program started in the Fall 2007. The ISI program was created from the ground up rather than a modification to an existing program. The ISI program was developed in consultation with several corporate and government agencies after a 2006 brainstorming session in Washington, DC. The ISI program continues to be a leader in the cybersecurity field in that it has encompassed cybersecurity and data analytics since its inception, which is a combination that is just recently gaining attention. The ISI program includes a Bachelor of Science with concentrations in Digital Forensics, Penetration Testing and Secure Software, Data Mining, and Network Security. Additional concentration options include a custom concentration developed with an advisor as well as foreign language options.

Ferris State University (FSU) is designated as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense and is the first university in the United States to have been designated as a Department of Defense/Air Force Cyber Command Center of Digital Forensic Academic Excellence.

The ISI programs are highly ranked by many national organizations and are the premier cybersecurity degrees in the State of Michigan. Each ISI faculty member has more than 10 years of in-field work experience, as well as average of four industry certifications. Collectively, the faculty have published numerous journal articles and books. Further demonstration of research activity includes funding by the National Science Foundation, National Security Agency, Department of Defense. Faculty credentials include citation in the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case Riley v. California, expert witness qualification in many jurisdictions, Fulbright Scholar, Distinguished Professor, International Educator of the Year, Michigan Professor of the Year, first faculty member designated an EC-Council Certified Security Analyst v9 Instructor, and Michigan Cyber Civilian Corps team lead. The ISI program is proud to have numerous governmental and industry partners that provide our students the ability experience many cutting edge and best-of-breed cybersecurity technologies used in today’s enterprises and governmental sectors.

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