St. Cloud State is one of the largest public universities in Minnesota with more than 14,000 students. The university is located northwest of Minneapolis between downtown St. Cloud and the Beaver Islands, a group of more than 30 islands that form a natural maze for a two-mile stretch of the river. The St. Cloud metropolitan area is 24th on Forbes magazine's “Best Small Places for Businesses and Careers.” St. Cloud State is ranked in Forbes magazine’s “America's Top Colleges.” Students can choose from more than 200 majors, minors, and pre-professional programs.

The School of Graduate Studies offers more than 60 programs, including doctoral degrees in Higher Education Administration and Educational Administration and Leadership, as well as a Master of Business Administration from the acclaimed Herberger Business School.

The comprehensive Master of Science Information Assurance (MSIA) program prepares students to be experts in information assurance. They are equipped with information security technologies and knowledge to protect the nation’s information infrastructure, conduct advanced research, and develop skills in both management and technical areas. Students can choose the 5-Year Track Information Systems and MSIA, completing both the Information Systems undergraduate major and Master of Science in Information Assurance in five years.

Students who major in cybersecurity will find themselves working on issues with global impact in a field that continuously evolves. They’ll learn to assess the security needs of a computer and network system, recommend safeguards and manage the implementation and maintenance of security devices, systems and procedures to protect it. They’ll study databases and programming and the theories on computer networks and security and how to apply them to real-world problem solving. And, they’ll learn to think critically and be creative and innovative in solving problems that arise in this ever-changing field.

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