Ferris State University is part of the state university system of Michigan. The ABET accredited Bachelor of Science in Information Security & Intelligence (ISI) program is available face to face, via hybrid and fully online. The ISI programs are designated as a National Security Agency Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense.

Housed in a new $32 million facility, the program is part of the Center for Cybersecurity & Data Science. This includes one of the most advanced man-trap secured double nested two room Faraday facilities in the United States, as well as built for purpose competition space, pen testing labs and a space/satellite lab. The facility also includes separate segmented research networks, collaboration facilities, and a working digital forensic cybercrime lab. The ISI program was one of the first cybersecurity programs in the United States and is distinguished as being designed from the ground up rather than modifying an existing degree.

ISI students focus on cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, information assurance, compliance and auditing, digital forensics, business intelligence, incident response, and project management. The program has over a dozen industry partnerships including Amazon Web Services Academy, EC-Council Accredited Training Center, and CompTia Academy. Ferris State University was the first University in the United States to be designated as a Department of Defense/Air Force Cyber Command Center of Digital Forensic Academic Excellence.

The Master of Science in Information Security & Intelligence, which was ranked #14 in the United States by US News & World Reports for graduate IT programs in 2024. The graduate program is available as an accelerated master’s program for ISI students.

Each ISI faculty member has more than 10 years of in-field work experience, an average of four industry certifications, and has published numerous books and journal articles. Further demonstration of research activity includes funding from the National Science Foundation, National Security Agency, Department of Defense, and other organizations. The faculty include 3 Fulbright Scholar recipients and students originating from 58 countries.