



About WGU

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Western Governors University Now Offers an Online Master of Science in Information Security and Assurance Degree

SALT LAKE CITY - Western Governors University (www.wgu.edu) is pleased to offer an online [Master of Science in Information Security and Assurance degree](#). In this program, students will develop the necessary skills for the protection of networks, communication, and data, as well as the knowledge base for planning, implementing, and managing enterprise level security and system integrity.

Like all WGU programs, progress in your online IT master's degree is measured by passing challenging assessments. In this degree, some of the assessments are actual industry certification exams provided at no additional cost. Two industry-recognized IT certifications included in this online degree program are the CompTIA Network+ and the PW0-200 Wireless LAN Security Exam, which constitutes half of the requirements for the Certified Wireless Security Professional Certification.

This program is aligned with security standards put in place by the National Security Agency and encompasses the 10 security domains that are the foundation of the Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP). This program incorporates many of the competencies required for the CISSP and can assist you in preparation for this certification.

WGU's personalized competency-based education approach makes it possible for students to accelerate their programs. The actual time to completion will depend on the incoming student's prior college, professional experience, and time commitment to study. Most students who already possess several years of professional or IT management experience can complete the program in about 2 years, or less.

WGU is a non-profit university with affordable tuition. Tuition for this degree is just \$2,890 per 6-month term, or just \$5,780 per year. This is less than half what other reputable online universities typically charge.

For more information go to www.wgu.edu/security or call 1-866-225-5948 (866-CALL-WGU)

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"I like the idea of a competency-based program. In some areas I already had expertise and skills so I could take an independent study class and build the portfolio and take the exams. In other areas I needed more instruction."

—Gretchen Burr, WGU graduate, high school teacher

"I am an expert..."

"Western Governors has raised the bar for online courses. Instead of graduating from their courses and saying, "I have passed all of the requirements," they want their students to say, "I graduated from WGU and I am an expert in the field of..."

—Jeffrey Cravy, WGU graduate student

"Competency-based..."

"Google has pioneered the idea of access to information. The reason Google thinks WGU is such a good idea is because WGU has pioneered the concept of competency-based education whenever you want it."

—Eric Schmidt, CEO of Google Inc.

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