

Contemporary U.S. Intelligence

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PPHA 33420

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Schedule: Monday, 8am-10:50am

Location: Room 289B

Course Description

The course examines the U.S. Intelligence Community and its role in national security. It will analyze the intelligence cycle including planning and direction, collection, processing, analysis and dissemination. It will also focus on topics such as warning and surprise, denial and deception, covert action, oversight and the role of policy makers, civil liberties, ethics and accountability and intelligence reform.

It will also compare the organization and activities of foreign intelligence agencies with the U.S. model. Many of these topics will be analyzed in the context of current events including the congressional investigation into Russia's interference with the 2016 presidential election. The course will also feature high ranking current and former intelligence officials as guest speakers.

Required Reading

1. Mark Lowenthal, *Intelligence: From Secrets to Policy*, 7th Edition (CQ Press, 2017)
2. Mike Morell, *The Great War of our Time*, Grand Central Publishing
3. Sun Tzu, *The Art of War*, Chapter 13 on "Using Spies" (Available online)
4. Old Testament, The book of Numbers, Chapter 13(all) and Chapter 14, versus 1-8, 26,30-38 (Available online)

Grading Basis

Course requirement consists of a midterm exam (40% of the final grade), class participation (20% of the final grade), and a paper which will be due November 19th (40% of final grade).

Course Schedule and Reading Assignments

Monday, October 1st

Introduction to Intelligence

Lowenthal, Chapters 1-3
Morell, Chapters 1-4

Guest Speaker: Former CIA Deputy Director Mike Morell

Note: Given the limited time of the ten week course, we are hitting the ground running. Michael Morell will be our guest speaker on the first day of the class. You may want to read ahead in his book, but this is not required.

Monday, October 8th

Class Introduction

Old Testament Readings
Sun Tzu, Chapter 13
Morell, Chapters 5-6

Monday, October 15th

Military Intelligence, covert action links between the CIA and the military

Lowenthal, Chapter 8
Morell, Chapters 7-8

Guest speaker: Former Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, Michael Vickers

Monday, October 22nd

The evolution of surveillance law reform and ethics

Lowenthal, Chapters 13-14
Morell, Chapters 9-10

Guest Speaker: General Counsel, National Security Agency, Glenn Gerstell

Monday, October 29th

Midterm, 8am-9am; Collection 9am-10:50am

Lowenthal, Chapter 5

Guest Speaker: Former Chief of Station, Central Intelligence Agency, Daniel Hoffman

Monday, November 5th

Relationship between intel and policymakers

Lowenthal, Chapters 9-10
Morell, Chapters 11-12

Guest Speaker: Professor Mark Lowenthal

Monday, November 12th

The intelligence process

Lowenthal, Chapter 4
Morell, Chapters 13-14

Monday, November 19th

Collection and Analysis (Papers Due)

Lowenthal, Chapter 6

Monday, November 26th

Nation States, Transnational Issues

Lowenthal, Chapters 11-12

Monday, December 3

Foreign Intelligence Services

Lowenthal, Chapter 13

I reserve the right to adjust this schedule based on the availability of our guest speakers.