

# Contemporary U.S. Intelligence

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PPHA 33420

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**Schedule:** Mondays, 8:00am-10:50am

**Location:** Keller Center, TBD

## **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, and 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.

I 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 post-Trump intelligence reform efforts, intelligence/counterterrorism operations in Afghanistan, Ukraine, and the Mar-a-Lago issue. 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*, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition (CQ Press, 2022)
2. Mike Morell, *The Great War of our Time*, (Grand Central Publishing, 2015) - Paperback Edition
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, verses 1-8, 26, 30-38 (Available online)

*Please note that all readings are to be completed **PRIOR** to their assigned lecture.*

## **Grading Basis**

Course requirements consist of a midterm exam (40% of the final grade), class participation (20% of the final grade), and a paper which will be due November 21<sup>st</sup> (40% of final grade).

## Course Schedule and Reading Assignment

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| <b>Monday, October 3</b><br>Lowenthal, Ch. 1-4<br>Old Testament Readings<br>Sun Tzu, Ch. 13<br>Intel 101 Handout | <b>Class Introduction</b>   |
| <b>Monday, October 10</b><br>Morell, Chapters 1-14<br>Lowenthal, Chapters 5-6, 8                                 | <b>Collection and analysis, covert action</b><br>Guest Speaker: Former CIA Director Mike Morell   |
| <b>Monday, October 17</b><br>Handout   | <b>Human Intelligence Collection, the Art of Recruiting Spies and Stealing Secrets</b><br>Guest Speaker: Daniel Hoffman, Former CIA Station Chief, Moscow                   |
| <b>Monday, October 24</b><br>Lowenthal, Chapter 13-14<br>Handout   | <b>The evolution of surveillance law, reform, and ethics</b><br>Guest Speaker: Glenn Gerstell, Former General Counsel, National Security Agency                             |
| <b>Monday, October 31</b><br>Lowenthal, Ch. 8  | <b>Military Intelligence, covert action links between the CIA and the military</b><br>Guest Speaker: Michael Vickers, Former Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence     |
| <b>Monday, November 7</b><br>Lowenthal, Chapter 7<br>Handout   | <b>Counterintelligence, intelligence community under the Trump and Biden administrations, and lessons from Mar-a-Lago</b> Review for midterm                                |
| <b>Monday, November 14</b>   | <b>Midterm</b>  |
| <b>Monday, November 21</b><br>Lowenthal, Chapters 11, 12, 15   | <b>Paper Due</b><br><b>Nation States, Transnational Issues, Foreign Intelligence Services</b><br>No Class due to Thanksgiving Holiday<br>Supplemental Reading for Lost Week |
| <b>Monday, November 28</b><br>Lowenthal, Ch. 9, 10   | <b>Relationship between intel and policymakers</b>  |

**Due to the fact that lectures take place on Mondays and the quarter begins on Tuesday, September 27, we will have one make-up lecture on a date TBD.**

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

## **Academic Integrity**

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