



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

STRATEGIC STUDIES

STRA 534: SPECIALTOPIC: INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY

30 POINTS

TRIMESTER 1 2014

Important dates

Trimester dates: 3 March to 2 July 2014

Teaching dates: 3 March to 6 June 2014

Easter/Mid-trimester break: 18 April to 4 May 2014

Withdrawal dates: Refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/withdrawals-refunds. If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination, refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats.

Class times and locations

Lectures: Mondays 17:10-20:00

Venue: Murphy (MY) 103

Names and contact details

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Communication of additional information

This course uses Blackboard and presumes that all enrolled students have valid myvuw.ac.nz addresses. Please check that this account is active and you have organised email forwarding. Additional information and any changes to the timetable or lecture and seminar programme will be advised by email, announced in lectures, and posted on the course Blackboard site.

Prescription

Good intelligence is fundamental to achieving sensible security policies and strategies. This course examines the theory and practice of intelligence processes and their relationships to policy outcomes.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course should be able to:

1. Assess the wider strategic context in which the intelligence community operates
2. Evaluate the contribution of intelligence in informing government decision-making on national security issues
3. Analyse historical and contemporary examples in the practice of intelligence to illustrate leading approaches and challenges
4. Evaluate key findings and perspectives on intelligence within the academic literature in the context of intelligence practice

Teaching format

The course is taught through interactive seminars. Students will need to have covered the background reading set for the session and be prepared to discuss the questions of the day in small groups and with the class as a whole. There will be a number of visiting subject matter experts.

The basic course agenda is shown below. Detailed session prescriptions, readings and questions for discussion will be given out at the first session and will be available on Blackboard.

	Date	Topic
1	3 Mar	Introduction: what is intelligence
2	10 Mar	The imagined intelligence world
3	17 Mar	The intelligence process
4	24 Mar	NZ's intelligence system –components and processes
5	31 Mar	Intelligence and its relationship to policy making
6	7 Apr	International partnerships
7	14 Apr	Strategic Intelligence success and failure
8	21 Apr	Mid trimester break
9	28 Apr	Mid trimester break
10	5 May	Intelligence oversight
11	12 May	Intelligence and terrorism
12	19 May	The 'misuses' of intelligence
13	26 May	Final Test
14	2 Jun	Queen's Birthday
15	9 Jun	Study period (not applicable to this course)

Mandatory course requirements

In addition to achieving an overall pass mark of 50%, students must complete the written work, including the final in-class test.

Workload

This is a 30 point course and as such there is an expectation that students will devote some 300 hours across the trimester. This will include 33 contact hours for seminars. The remainder of the workload is up to the individual student. As a guide, time might be spent in seminar preparation (60 hours), essay preparation and writing (120 hours) and revision for the final test (80 hours).

Assessment

Assessment is based on formal essays and an in-class test conducted on-line.

Assessment items and workload per item		%	CLO(s)	Due date
1	2,500 word essay	30%	1, 2, 3	7 Apr
2	5,000 word essay	45%	1, 2, 3, 4	5 May
3	Final in-class test (3 hours)	25%	1, 2, 3	26 May

Submission and return of work

Essays should be submitted by email or in hard copy to the course coordinator.

Essays will be returned in class or by arrangement between the student and the course coordinator.

Extensions and penalties

Extensions

Extensions to essay deadlines must be arranged with the course coordinator in advance.

Penalties

Essays handed in late without an agreed extension will be penalised 1% for each day overdue.

Set texts

There are no set texts. Students should be familiar with the document 'New Zealand's National Security System', available at: <http://www.dpmc.govt.nz/sites/all/files/publications/national-security-system.pdf>.

Recommended reading

Recommended reading for each session will be provided in a separate document in the first session of the course.

Class representative

The class representative provides a useful way to communicate feedback to the teaching staff during the course. A class representative will be selected at the first lecture of the course. You may like to write the Class Rep's name and details in this box:

Class Rep name and contact details:

Student feedback

Student feedback on University courses may be found at www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php.

Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism
- Aegrotats: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats
- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin
- Grades: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades
- Resolving academic issues: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Special passes: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy
- Student support: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support
- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability
- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter
- Student Contract: www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract
- Subject Librarians: <http://library.victoria.ac.nz/library/resources/subjectcontacts.html>
- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure
- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz