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“The role of intelligence in policy and decision making is still to a large extent a ‘missing dimension’. Few people know what it actually consists of. In the light of its growing importance, we think it is important to strengthen our knowledge on intelligence and security services.”



Minor Intelligence Studies

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Uncovering the covert: understanding the organisations, activities, and context of intelligence and security services.

Study the internal and external world of intelligence and security services

Since the Second World War, intelligence and security services have played an important role in policy and decision making, particularly with regards to a state's national security. In this minor programme we study both the organisations, their working methods, their analysis techniques, as well as the political, bureaucratic, and social context of intelligence and security services.

What will you learn?

In this minor programme, you will learn about the structure, working methods, and the analysis techniques used by intelligence and security agencies in the Western world. Furthermore, the programme offers the choice to a specific focus on cyber intelligence, spy cases during the Cold War, intelligence failures, and the position and powers of intelligence services in the democratic legal order.

For whom is this minor?

This English minor programme hopes to attract students who have a keen interest in the work of intelligence and security services in general and the institutional, organisational, and operational aspects of their work in particular. Students interested in ethics, policy, and (international) politics are more than welcome too. Any foreknowledge of the issues discussed in the minor is not necessary, but students are expected to have affinity with security issues.

Any questions?

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to intelligencestudies@fgga.leidenuniv.nl



Register via uSis from 3 May 13:00 hrs. up to and including 15 July 2021

Course

Block 1	Semester	Block	ECTS	Level
Introduction to Secret Affairs*	1	I	5.0	300
Qualitative Analysis Techniques for Intelligence Services*	1	I & II	10.0	300
Intelligence Failures	1	I	5.0	300
Secret Affairs 2	1	I	5.0	300
Unrestricted Warfare: Offensive Intelligence and Cyberwarfare in the 21st Century	1	II	5.0	300
Intelligence Communities, the Cold War, and Decolonization	1	II	5.0	300
The Gatekeepers: secret services in the democratic legal order	1	II	5.0	300

*Compulsory