



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

Minor Intelligence Studies

Study the internal and external world of intelligence

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.

Learning objectives

- To gain insight in the functioning, processes and proceedings of intelligence and security agencies;
- To learn and apply the skills and craft of intelligence studies, with emphasis on analytical skill training;
- To learn how to think interdisciplinary and how to apply qualitative skills and methods;
- To gain knowledge directed at specific elements of the intelligence discipline.



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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.

Simon Wilmetts Associate Professor

‘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.’



Overview programme

Main courses

- Introduction to Secret Affairs
- Qualitative Analysis Techniques for Intelligence Studies

Choose 15 ECTs out of:

- Intelligence Failures
- Intelligence Revolutions
- Secret Affairs 2
- Intelligence Communities, the Cold War, and Decolonization
- The Gatekeepers: secret services in the democratic legal order

Any questions?

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

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up to and including
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