

This 4-week course will cover the following topics, with a PowerPoint presentation for each week and a few other optional readings.

Week 1: Definition of Intelligence, History, Examples, Categories: OSINT (Open Source Intelligence), HUMINT (Human Intelligence), SIGINT (Signals Intelligence), IMINT (Imagery Intelligence), MASINT (Measurement and Signatures Intelligence), other technical fields, such as Acoustic Intelligence, which are usually outgrowths of the “basic” five.

Week 2: Nuts and bolts of the intelligence cycle, collecting and analyzing “information” to produce “intelligence,” how intelligence is used to inform public policy – within the USG and occasionally (usually leaks) to the public.

Week 3: Makeup of the U.S. Intelligence Community (IC), with its 18 member organizations, and what type of intelligence they gather and analyze. History of the IC and some problems associated with intelligence sharing among agencies.

Week 4: Intelligence sharing within the USG and with U.S. Allies – issues, problems, possible solutions. Explanation and history of “Five Eyes” (U.S., UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand). Classification categories and how documents are classified. Clearance categories and how clearances are granted. Miscellaneous topics surrounding intelligence, particularly in the U.S. and other democracies, e.g., ethical challenges of intelligence collection and mirroring (assuming others do it like “we” do).