

Introduction to U.S. Intelligence and National Security Studies (2020)

Examine the development of the field of U.S.

Intelligence. [SSINSS1](#)

- a** Explore the history of U.S. Intelligence efforts from American Revolution through the Civil War. [SSINSS1.A](#)

- b** Explain the application of U.S. intelligence from the World War I to World War II. [SSINSS1.B](#)

- c** Explain how the late and post-Cold War era shaped U.S. intelligence agencies. [SSINSS1.C](#)

- d** Analyze the current challenges to the U.S. Intelligence community (e.g. social media and information warfare). [SSINSS1.D](#)

Describe the basic roles and functions of the Intelligence field. [SSINSS2](#)

- a** Define Intelligence as the process of collection and analysis of information gathered within or outside the U.S. that involves threats to our nation, its people, property, or interests. [SSINSS2.A](#)

- b** Explain the purpose and uses of Intelligence for the U.S. government. [SSINSS2.B](#)

- c** Describe the various career paths for a person entering the Intelligence field (e.g. Analytical, Operational, and Technical). [SSINSS2.C](#)

- d** Explain the security clearance process (e.g. include barriers to acquiring the various types). [SSINSS2.D](#)

- e** Describe levels of vulnerability for Intelligence Security. [SSINSS2.E](#)

Explore the different types of Intelligence, collection methods, and information sharing. [SSINSS3](#)

- a** Identify the six basic intelligence sources and methods of collection and explain their uses (Signals Intelligence (SIGINT/aka COMINT), Imagery Intelligence (IMINT), Measurement and Signature Intelligence (MASINT), Human-Source Intelligence (HUMINT), Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT), Geospatial Intelligence (GEOINT)). [SSINSS3.A](#)

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- b Describe other sources and types of Intelligence such as: Medical Intelligence, Cyber Intelligence, Environmental Intelligence, Economic and Competitive Intelligence, Law Enforcement Intelligence, Cultural Intelligence, Strategic Intelligence, and Financial Intelligence. SSINSS3.B**

 - c Compare and contrast the strengths and weaknesses inherent in the various sources and types of Intelligence in SSINSS3a-b. SSINSS3.C**

 - d Explore current trends in different types of Intelligence that challenge collection methods. SSINSS3.D**

 - e Explain how recent events affect how information is shared with partner nations. SSINSS3.E**
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Analyze the Intelligence Cycle. SSINSS4

- a Describe the stages of the Intelligence Cycle (e.g. Planning, Collection, Processing, Analysis, Dissemination, and Feedback). SSINSS4.A**

 - b Distinguish between raw and finished Intelligence. SSINSS4.B**

 - c Explain how to be successful at each stage of the Intelligence Cycle and describe the strengths and weaknesses of the current model. SSINSS4.C**
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Evaluate role of an Intelligence Analyst. SSINSS5

- a Describe the role of an analyst in assessing the value of information. SSINSS5.A**

 - b Explain how analysts use structured analytic techniques such as analysis of competing hypotheses and key assumptions check. SSINSS5.B**

 - c Describe the authorized activities (Military/Civilian, International/Domestic) of each of the federal agencies comprising the Intelligence Community. SSINSS5.C**

 - d Explain the purposes and processes for sharing of information between U.S. Intelligence agencies. SSINSS5.D**

 - e Describe the role of Fusion Centers in coordinating federal and state information sharing. SSINSS5.E**
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Analyze the ethical, moral, and legal considerations of Intelligence. SSINSS6

- a Describe how ethical standards and moral dilemmas challenge intelligence analysts as they relate to secrecy, war and peace, ends versus means, nature of the opponent, and national interest. SSINSS6.A**

 - b Explain how changes over time in societal ethics and morality, both domestic and foreign, affect intelligence officers. SSINSS6.B**

 - c Explain how Intelligence professionals relate ethical and moral issues to collection and covert action. SSINSS6.C**

 - d Describe the legal constraints and challenges to the collection of intelligence domestically and abroad. SSINSS6.D**
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Compare and contrast the roles and missions of the U.S. federal agencies comprising the U.S. Intelligence Community. SSINSS7

- a Identify all U.S. federal agencies which make up the U.S. Intelligence Community, including their functions and area of focus.** SSINSS7.A

- b Describe the role of the Director of National Intelligence in coordinating information sharing between agencies.** SSINSS7.B

- c Explain the role of Congress as an oversight body to the U.S. Intelligence Community.** SSINSS7.C