Strategic Intelligence

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Course description:

This course explores the production and application of strategic intelligence to inform national security and policy decisions. It emphasizes the roles, responsibilities, and processes of intelligence analysts within the national security community. Key topics include the intelligence cycle, analytic methodology, structured analytic techniques (SATs), ethical considerations, intelligence failures, and the future of intelligence. Through case studies, practical exercises, and a capstone project, students will gain a clear understanding of the realities and challenges of intelligence analysis, its role in national security, and its applicability to private sector priorities and need.

Academic honesty/integrity statement:

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All work submitted must be original and properly cited. Plagiarism, cheating, or any form of academic dishonesty will result in immediate consequences as outlined in the university's academic integrity policy.

Much of your graded work will be written. We treat AI-based assistance, such as ChatGPT and Copilot, the same way we treat collaboration with other people: you are welcome to talk about your ideas and work with other people, both inside and outside the class, as well as with AI-based assistants. However, all work you submit must be your own. You should never include in your assignment anything that was not written directly by you without

proper citation (including quotation marks and in-line citation for direct quotes).