

**The History of Modern Intelligence
HIS343Y -- Summer Abroad (Virtual) 2021**

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Course Description and Objectives:

How have spies shaped the past, and how will they shape the future? HIS343 explores the rise of modern intelligence over the long 20th century, from Anglo-Russian imperial competition before World War I through to the post-9/11 era. Students will study the contribution of intelligence services to victories and defeats in war, and their role in times of peace. The course will also examine the relationship between intelligence services and their society. What do we really know about espionage – and how do we know what we know?

This is an intensive virtual class. Although we cannot visit some of the key historical sites in person because of COVID-19, we will take advantage of the recent digitization of recently declassified intelligence materials from several different time periods and intelligence organizations around the world. Students will read primary source accounts of intelligence operations and examine and compare notable intelligence analyses from a range of global crises. Through intensive reading in secondary sources, and discussion and exploration of primary sources, students will work with original intelligence materials to gain an introduction into the history of modern intelligence.

Tentative Marking Scheme (subject to change)

Participation:	30%
Intelligence Briefings (Presentations) (2 x 10%):	20%
Intelligence Analysis (Primary Source Analysis):	20%
Final Assessment:	30%

Format:

Classes take place Monday-Thursday morning. Afternoons will be devoted to preparing for the next morning's discussion. There is no class on Friday.

There will be a final assessment at the end of the class. This will be a "take-home" assignment and will only require reference to material assigned and discussed in the course.

Tentative Course Outline:

NB: (This outline is subject to change.)

Week 1: From the Great Game to the Great War

- What is Intelligence History? Why study it?
- The Great Game: Anglo-Russian Competition in Asia
- Spy Scares, War Scares, and the Origins of Modern Intelligence

Week 2: The First World War and the Interwar Era

- Intelligence at War (Part I)
- The Russian Revolution and Soviet Intelligence
- Intelligence in the Era of Appeasement

Week 3: The Second World War

- Surprise Attacks and the War's Origins
- Intelligence at War (Part 2)
- D-Day, Deception, and the War's Endgame

Week 4: The Cold War and Beyond

- The Cold War: Atomic Spies, Covert Operations, and Nuclear Crises
- The Explosion of Intelligence: 9/11, the Global War on Terror, and the Uncertain Future