



Course Descriptions
Security and Intelligence Studies
SAIS

SAIS 2310 (F) Espionage and Intelligence. This course serves as an introduction to the institutional structure and evolving mission of the United States Intelligence Community and examines the complex political interface between intelligence policy and democratic citizenship in contemporary America 4 s.h.

SAIS 2330 (S) International Terrorism. Since the end of the Cold War, direct threats to America’s security have not come from Soviet-style conventional armies, but rather from underground transnational groups, such as computer hackers, nuclear weapons smugglers, or militant Islamists. This course serves as an introduction to the constantly changing landscape of contemporary unconventional security threats, and examines the complex geopolitical identities of America’s non-state adversaries 4 s.h.

SAIS 2350 (F) Introduction to Intelligence Analysis. This introductory that trains students in the methodologies of analyzing intelligence for the purpose of informing policy decisions. Course participants are instructed to use techniques of crafting factual analyses, reducing ambiguity, avoiding cognitive traps and employing incremental analysis. Students are evaluated in accordance to their dedication to the scientific method, objectivity, and display of intellectual precision 4 s.h.

SAIS 3310 (F) Covert Action: From Secrets to Policy. State-sanctioned covert actions are secret operations that may become known to an adversary, or to the world at large, but the responsible parties cannot always be traced or conclusively proven. This mid-level course examines selected case studies of covert actions and assesses their strategic and political impact, as well as their value as a policy option for governments 4 s.h.
Prerequisite: PSCI 2310 or 2330

SAIS 3350 (S) Advanced Intelligence Analysis. This upper-level course requires participants to use the technical knowledge they acquired in Introduction to Intelligence Analysis in order to perfect their analytical tradecraft. Emphasis is given to analytical forecasting and analytical reasoning, exercised through group work and peer review 4 s.h.
Prerequisites: PSCI 2350

SAIS 3380 (F) Counterterrorism: Concepts and Methods. An introductory course that outlines the strategies, tactics and techniques that government agencies adopt in response to unconventional security threats in the post-9/11 period. Particular attention is given to tactical partnerships between intelligence and security agencies, and multinational organizations, non-state actors, as well as the private sector, in order to advance counterterrorist objectives 4 s.h.

SAIS 3390 (S) Intelligence Ethics. This multi-disciplinary course explores the normative aspects that inform both clandestine operations and intelligence collection. Students are prompted to examine a variety of real-life case studies that illustrate the theoretical, empirical, or historical aspects of intelligence ethics. Known intelligence

controversies serve as the basis for a series of broader discussions on the beliefs and values that inform American national security..... 4 s.h.

SAIS 3730 (F) American Foreign Policy. This course is designed to familiarize the student with American Foreign Policy (AFP), with an emphasis on contemporary issues. The primary goal is to equip students with the conceptual and analytical tools to understand and interrupt connections between contemporary U.S. foreign policies and international relations theory. The course examines the role of power and specific foreign policy issues in the international system. We begin with an overview international relations theory that underlies U.S. foreign policy, move on to investigate the influence of domestic politics, and ultimately students will utilize the knowledge gained to critically analyze a major foreign policy area 4 s.h.

SAIS 3900 (D) Special Topics in Security and Intelligence Studies. Advanced readings and research for Juniors and Seniors majoring in Security and Intelligence Studies2-4 s.h.

SAIS 4310 (S) Advanced Topics in Geopolitics. An upper-level course that analyzes the worldwide interplay between geographical settings, security perspectives, and political processes. The focus is on the manner in which these varied parameters influence the international behavior of state actors, and their significance for American national security. Case studies examined in the course change to reflect current events 4 s.h.
Prerequisites: PSCI 2330 or HIST 2710, or PSCI 3310 or HIST 3710

SAIS 4330 (F) Security Challenges in the 21st Century. This course focuses on pressing security issues facing the United States. Multiple challenges will be addressed, with attention given to the history, context, and implications of these issues. Particular attention will be devoted to the relationships and strategies required to address these challenges, as well as what success and failure might look like. The role of the intelligence community will be specifically discussed..... 4 s.h.

SAIS 4990 Comprehensive Assessment. Undergraduate level. All candidates for a degree from King are required to demonstrate competency in their major field. Students with more than one major must demonstrate competency in each of their major fields. For a B.A. in Security and Intelligence Studies, degree candidates will be required to submit the conclusions of a research project in their area of specialization in the form of a publishable academic paper to an appropriate journal, or present the topic of their research to a panel of experts 0 s.h.