Course Syllabus and Policy Requirement Statement

In order to access your course materials, you must agree to the following, by clicking the "Mark Reviewed" button at the end of this document.

By checking the "Mark Reviewed" link below, you are indicating the following:

- You have read, understood, and will comply with the policies and procedures listed in the class syllabus, and that you have acquired the required textbook(s).
- You have read, understood, and will comply with class policies and procedures as specified in the online Student Handbook.
- You have read, understood, and will comply with computer and software requirements as specified with Browser Test.
- You have familiarize yourself with how to access course content in Blackboard using the Student Quick Reference Guide or CSS Student Orientation Course.

ISSA 6310 – Military Intelligence: Strategic, Operational, Tactical

Course Description/Overview

If war is in fact the extension of politics by other means, this course aims to understand how and why states use force in pursuit of their national interests. The class will study the classical theories of warfare, including Clausewitz and Sun Tzu. Case studies in warfare from the 19th and 20th centuries will help students to develop a model of how states have traditionally used war and supporting intelligence to accomplish policy aims at strategic, operational, and tactical levels. The class will also explore what technological and political shifts during the last decade imply about how states can and will use force in the future as a part of their national security policies. Finally, this course reviews how intelligence supports each level of warfare and how intelligence successes and failures affect strategic outcomes.

Click this link for a printable version of the syllabus.

Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes

Objectives: As a result of completing this course, the student will be able to:
1. Understand how military intelligence has historically evolved in its relationship to application of force
2. Understand the complexity of the military intelligence enterprise and its relationship to the larger Intelligence Community (IC) and National Security Enterprise
3. Comprehend how technology has shaped and advanced intelligence capabilities and changed the role of intelligence
4. Understand how military intelligence advances have impacted US military operations at the tactical, operational and strategic levels of warfare

Required Texts:

Recommended Websites

These websites provide access to a broader selection of strategy related literature the student may want to reference for this course.

Online Intel Resources

1. The two leading intelligence journals are Intelligence and National Security and the International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence.
2. The CIA’s Center for the Study of Intelligence publishes unclassified articles reports including the always interesting Studies in Intelligence (https://www.cia.gov/library/center-for-the-study-of-intelligence/).
3. The National Security Archive at George Washington University publishes excellent historical material on intelligence topics (http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/).
6. http://www.afcea.org/content/?q=signal

Periodicals

6. Foreign Policy: http://www.foreignpolicy.com/
8. Foreign Policy Research Institute: http://www.fpri.org/about/

Think Tanks

5. International Institute for Strategic Studies: http://www.iiss.org/

Grading Policies
A Note on Grades: ISSA 6310 is a colloquium (meaning a group discussion, from the Latin Colloqui – to talk together, to have a conversation). As such, weekly participation in the discussion threads is expected and forms part of the grade. Final grades are composed as follows:

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<td>Final Paper</td>
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<td>Due to the instructor by Wednesday of Week 8 at 11:59 PM CST. 12 - 14 Pages</td>
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Midterm Paper (3-5 Pages):
Pick a technological advance or geopolitical/political trend that had a major impact on military intelligence from 1973 to present time. Include the following in your essay:

- Describe the advance or trend (e.g. Drone technology, Cyber communications, Collateral Damage concerns, social media, domestic surveillance concerns, etc.)
- How did this advance/trend impact military intelligence? Did the military embrace the trend and view it as an opportunity? Did the trend degrade or enhance military intelligence capabilities?
- If a technology was the trend did the military drive the technology or become a late adopter?
- Was the trend a positive development or a challenge for intelligence—or both?
- What impact did the trend have on the use of force at the strategic, operational, or tactical level of warfare?
- Students will turn in Midterm Paper on Lesson 4. Instructor will send ungraded version of all midterms to students for their records. Students are expected to read all midterms along with other reading assignments and incorporate content in subsequent weekly discussion threads.
- Due to the instructor by Sunday of Week 4 at 11:59 PM CST

Final Paper Assignment (12-14 Pages):
Pick a strategic, operational, or tactical military event and describe the following military intelligence factors associated with that event. One of your primary texts, Intelligence and Military Operations, offers some excellent historical examples on the study of intelligence in specific events:

- What was the capability of military intelligence at the outset of the event?
- What role did military intelligence play in the event? Was intelligence a paramount component or more a supporting factor?
- Did military or government leadership understand and properly use intelligence?
- Was intelligence synchronized with the planning and execution of the military event?
- What were the technological and geopolitical factors at the time of the event and what impact did they have on intelligence?
- What was the overall relationship of military intelligence with the larger intelligence community? Did they work well together?
- Was intelligence support seen as a success or failure?
- Due to the instructor by Friday of Week 8 at 11:59 PM CST

Angelo State University employs a letter grade system. Grades in this course are determined on a percentage scale:
A = 90 - 100 %
B = 80 - 89 %
C = 70 - 79 %
D = 60 - 69 %
F = 59 % and below.

Course Organization:

Lesson 1: Introduction to the Uses of Military Intelligence in the Pursuit of National Security

Lesson Objectives
1. Introduce the course and cover course requirements, syllabus and policies.
2. Identify the components of US military intelligence.
3. Understand some different frameworks for studying US military intelligence.
4. Understand the basic relationship of US military intelligence with the larger Intelligence Community.
5. Understand the historical perspective of the role and importance of intelligence in military operations at the tactical, operational, and strategic levels.

Readings

Lesson 2: Historical and Doctrinal Review of Military Intelligence

Lesson Objectives
1. Understand Sun Tzu's and Clausewitz's theory of warfare as they relate to the importance of military intelligence in National Security Strategy.
2. Understand the doctrinal differences on how intelligence was used in past operations and the impact on military results.
3. Understand the US Military Strategic, Operational, and Tactical levels of warfare and the role of military intelligence in each.

Readings

Recommended Readings:

Lesson 3: The Impact of Technology and Geopolitics on Military Intelligence

Lesson Objectives
1. Understand how technological advances have impacted military intelligence.
2. Understand how improved intelligence capabilities have transformed military operations.
3. Understand challenges associated with capability improvement.
4. Comprehend which geopolitical/political trends have challenged military intelligence capabilities.
5. Understand the challenges of military intelligence enterprise in the context of multiple spectrum of conflicts encountered in the US National Security arena.

**Readings**


Ackerman, Robert K. "Military Intelligence Looks Within: A Re-examination of Goals and Capabilities Is Forcing the Community to Focus on Human Assets." *SIGNAL Online*, November 2000: [http://www.afcea.org/content/?q=node/652](http://www.afcea.org/content/?q=node/652).

**Lesson 4:** Military Intelligence in the Post-Vietnam Cold War: Strategic Intelligence

**Lesson Objectives**

1. Understand key factors that shaped the evolution of Military Intelligence in the Cold War leading up to the Post-Vietnam era.
2. Understand how military intelligence capabilities were organized, synchronized, and utilized during the Cold War.
3. Understand how technology impacted the development of military intelligence capabilities during the 1970's and 1980's.
4. Understand how Cold War capabilities postured the military intelligence enterprise at the end of the Cold War.

**Required Readings:**


**Recommended Readings:**


**Lesson 5:** Military Intelligence in Desert Storm. (Operational Intelligence)

**Lesson Objectives**
1. Understand the state of military intelligence at the leading up to the Gulf War.
2. Understand the challenges of transitioning intelligence assets to from a strategic to an operational role.
3. What role did the larger Intelligence Community play in supporting an operational level military campaign?
4. Understand how intelligence at all levels was synchronized to support an operational level of warfare.
5. Understand impact of technological advances and their impact on the Gulf War.
6. What were the key intelligence lessons learned in Desert Storm?

**Required Readings:**


**Recommended Readings:**


**Lesson 6:** Military Intelligence in Iraq Counterinsurgency (Tactical Intelligence)

**Lesson Objectives**

1. Understand how military intelligence supported major combat operations and Operation Iraqi Freedom and the challenges faced after MCO was over.
2. Understand relationship of intelligence and Counterinsurgency operations.
4. Understand how intelligence driven operations in Iraq changed the nature of the US Intelligence Community.
5. Understand of how the role of military intelligence professionals changed as a result of COIN operations in Iraq.
6. Understand impact of dramatic changes and intense focus of intelligence operations during war on US National Security in other theaters of operations.

**Required Readings**


**Recommended Readings:**


**Lesson 7: US Military Intelligence Lessons Learned**

**Lesson Objectives**
1. Comprehend the advances in US military intelligence from 1973 to the present in the context of failures and successes.
2. Understand and be able to categorize intelligence failures and successes, both real and perceived.
3. Understand the challenges of defending failure and learning from successes.

**Required Readings:**


**Lesson 8: Way Ahead for Military Intelligence**

**Paper Due**

**Lesson Objectives**
1. Understand how military intelligence challenges in the last 40 years have shaped future capabilities.
2. Understand the ever-evolving relationship of military intelligence with the larger intelligence community as the US moves from one conflict to the other.
3. Understand the inextricable link between intelligence and technology.
4. Understand how inertia and surges in intelligence capabilities hinder and help intelligence operations in the application of US force.

**Required Readings:**


Irwin, Sandra I. "Too Much Information, Not Enough Intelligence ." *Too Much Information, Not Enough Intelligence*. May 2012: [http://www.nationaldefensemagazine.org/archive/2012/May/Pages/TooMuchInformation,NotEnoughIntelligence.aspx](http://www.nationaldefensemagazine.org/archive/2012/May/Pages/TooMuchInformation,NotEnoughIntelligence.aspx)

**Communication**

**Office Hours/Contacting the Instructor**

See the Instructor Information section for contact information.

**University Policies**
**Academic Integrity:** Angelo State University expects its students to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits. Students are responsible for understanding and complying with the university [Academic Honor Code](#) and the [ASU Student Handbook](#).

**Accommodations for Disability**
ASU is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008 (ADAAA), and subsequent legislation.

Student Affairs is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability, and it is the student's responsibility to initiate such a request by emailing studentservices@angelo.edu, or by contacting:

Office of Student Affairs  
University Center, Suite 112  
325-942-2047 Office  
325-942-2211 FAX

**Student absence for religious holidays**
A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. A student who is absent from classes for the observance of a religious holy day shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time after the absence.