
INTELLIGENCE STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Aim and Scope

Due to the contemporary developments in the global security environment, the intelligence interests, effects and responsibilities of the states and the economic institutions have expanded and diversified. In the field of military intelligence, the intelligence circles at strategic, operative, and tactical levels have come to fore due to their complicated, dynamic, ambiguous, irregular, and unlimited to physical area characteristics. In this context, today's intelligence studies has to evaluate the processes of data gathering, information production and management, information analysis and interpretation via the new methods which can cover both the physical and cyber universes simultaneously.

M.A. Program in Intelligence offered by the International Relations Department in the Strategic Research Institute, subordinate to Turkish War Colleges graduated students between 2009 and 2016. The program then configured as an independent department titled as "Intelligent Studies" as a part of the Atatürk Institute of Strategic Studies (AISS), subordinate to the Turkish National Defence University in 2017 and became one of the two graduate programs on intelligence available in Turkey.

Aside from the Turkish General Staff and force commands under the Ministry of National Defence, National Intelligence Agency, and General Directorate of Security in the military and security fields, private companies, funds, and think tanks also perform intelligence studies and analyses within the context of investment, risk analysis, and commercial competition analysis. The Intelligence Studies Department aims to contribute to the intelligence studies to become an independent scientific research field in the world and Turkey by addressing the intelligence theoretically and analytically.

In this context, the program conducts graduate theses and scientific research projects aiming to understand organizational structure, analysis methods and models, need for coordination and compliance among the intelligence institutions, which are all necessary for production and management of knowledge, production process of intelligence, and production of intelligence, to understand and explain the coherence and relation between intelligence and law and also intelligence and decision-makers, and to develop analytical solution alternatives for problematic areas.

Career Opportunities

Our graduates may continue their academic studies by attending the Ph.D. programs in security studies and international relations offered by the AISS or other universities. They may also have career opportunities in the above-mentioned institutions in public or private sectors, think tanks, and media sector.

M.A. in Intelligence

Semester	Lecture Title	Credit	ECTS	Type
Fall	Scientific Research Techniques and Publication Ethics	3	6	Compulsory
Fall	National Security and Intelligence System	3	6	Compulsory
Fall	Structure and Functioning of Intelligence Organizations	3	6	Compulsory
Fall	Competition Intelligence	3	6	Elective
Fall	Intelligence Manufacturing Process	3	6	Elective
Fall	Intelligence Analysis	3	6	Elective
Spring	Seminar	-	6	Compulsory
Spring	Decision Making Techniques	3	6	Compulsory
Spring	Analysis of Security Policy within the Public Policy	3	6	Elective
Spring	Information Security	3	6	Elective
Spring	Big Data Analysis	3	6	Elective
Spring	Information Management and Analysis	3	6	Elective
Spring	Human Intelligence	3	6	Elective
Spring	Strategic Intelligence	3	6	Elective