

Subject card

Subject name and code	Role and Functioning of Special Forces, PG_00147504						
Field of study	National Security						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject			2026/2027	
Education level	Master's studies		Subject group			Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group	
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery			at the university	
Year of study	2		Language of instruction			Polish	
Semester of study	4		ECTS credits			3.0	
Learning profile	practical		Assessment form			credit	
Conducting unit	Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		prof. dr hab. Jacek Tebinka				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	30		0.0		45.0	75
Subject objectives	Providing basic knowledge about the role of intelligence and its place in special services in the modern world. As a result, the student should know the basic terminology related to intelligence, the methods of its operation and learn about the legal acts in force in Poland concerning the functioning of intelligence. Acquiring the ability to analyze documents.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[BNMU2_W12] Has advanced knowledge of Poland's place and role in international security systems.	-	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[BNMU2_W07] Has advanced knowledge of the processes and factors shaping them in public security institutions and structures.	-	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[BNMU2_W09] Has advanced and structured knowledge of the essence, dynamics, and specificity of security threats in various spheres of social life.	-	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[BNMU2_U02] Has advanced research skills in determining political, social, economic, legal, cultural and ethical structures in the modern world.	-	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[BNMU2_U03] Analyses in-depth the causes and course of processes and their evolution related to security, predicts challenges, trends and threats to the social, political, legal, economic and ethical environment using tools and methods specific to security sciences.	-	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[BNMU2_U01] Identifies and interprets in-depth the processes of change in the area of security effects.	-	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[BNMU2_K05] Is prepared to professionally perform professional tasks in the field of security, observe and develop the principles of professional ethics, and conduct activities aimed at integrating the security environment, taking into account changing social needs.	-	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/report [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[BNMU2_U07] At an advanced level identifies and explains the conditions of state security and predicts the impact of social processes on security in particular in relation to the dependencies in which Poland participates.	-	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[BNMU2_W04] Knows in an extended way the principles of functioning of individuals and social groups in public life and understands the role of social institutions and organizations in this respect. Knows the conditions and forms of citizens' participation in social life at its various levels.	-	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[BNMU2_W03] Has advanced knowledge of the interdisciplinary nature of social, cultural, historical, ethical, legal and economic determinants of security and knows the use of multidimensional approaches to knowledge in the field of security.	-	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[BNMU2_K02] Is prepared to be active in the labour market in the area of security, is aware of the need to independently and critically improve qualifications, collect and analyse information.	-	[SK2] presentation/project/paper/report [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[BNMU2_U09] Speaks foreign language at level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages and uses specialised terminology in the field of security.	-	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents	Explanation of basic terms: intelligence, counterintelligence. Tasks and origins. Organization and management of intelligence and its place in special services. Sources of intelligence information. Agents, signal intelligence, aerial photographs, role of satellites. Circulation of intelligence information. Acquisition, circulation, analysis and use. International intelligence cooperation. Causes, problems and results. Intelligence failures. Role of intelligence during the Cold War and after its end. Role, organizational changes and legal basis for functioning of civilian intelligence in Poland after 1989. Intelligence Agency, organization, tasks, legal basis for functioning. Evolution of military intelligence in Poland after 1989. Use of special services in Polish politics after 1989. Contemporary intelligence organizations of great powers: USA, Great Britain, France, China. Intelligence services of Poland's neighbors		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Exam	51.0%	40.0%
	Power point presentation	60.0%	60.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Roger Faligot, Remi Kauffer, Służby specjalne, W-wa 2006. Herman M, Potęga wywiadu, Warszawa 2002. Hughes-Wilson J., Największe błędy wywiadów świata, Warszawa 2002. Kahn David, Łamacze kodów. Historia kryptologii, Warszawa 2004. Keegan John, Wywiad w czasie wojny, Warszawa 2004. Martinet Bruno, Marti Yves-Michel, Wywiad gospodarczy. Pozyskiwanie i ochrona informacji, Warszawa 1999. Polmar Normam, Thomas B. Allen, Księga Szpiegów, Warszawa 2000. Siemiątkowski Zbigniew, Wywiad a władza. Wywiad cywilny w systemie sprawowania władzy politycznej PRL, Warszawa 2009. Zalewski S., Funkcja informacyjna służb specjalnych w systemie bezpieczeństwa RP, AON, Warszawa 2005. Żebrowski A., Ewolucja polskich służb specjalnych. Wybrane obszary walki informacyjnej, Kraków 2005	
	Supplementary literature	Andrew Christopher, Oleg Gordijewski, KGB, W-wa 1997. C. Andrew, W. Mitrochin, Archiwum Mitrochina, Warszawa 2001. Biała Księga. Akta Śledztwa prowadzonego przez Prokuraturę Warszawskiego Okręgu Wojskowego w Warszawie w sprawie wniosku MSW z dnia 19.12.1995 r. i 16.01.1996 r., Warszawa 1996. D. Stafford, Churchill i tajne służby, Kraków 1999. J. Tebinka, Służby specjalne Wielkiej Brytanii i Polski w XX wieku. Problem współpracy i rywalizacji, (w:) Czas XX wieku nie tylko w polskiej perspektywie, pod red. R. Wapińskiego, Gdańsk 2000	
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	Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	List the types of sources of intelligence information	
Work placement	Not applicable		

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