



SEMESTER ONE 2023-2024

ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

IP26020/IP36020: THE PAST AND PRESENT OF US INTELLIGENCE

Time allowed: **2 HOURS**.

Please answer **TWO** questions from the list provided.

CALCULATORS ARE NOT PERMITTED

STUDENTS MAY SUBMIT ANSWERS TO THIS PAPER IN EITHER
WELSH OR ENGLISH

Once seated, students may complete the front cover of the answer
book(s) and the attendance slip **ONLY**.

**DO NOT TURN THE EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER OVER UNTIL
INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.**

1. What contribution did intelligence make to the British war effort in the American Revolutionary War, 1775-1783?
2. Discuss the role of intelligence in the Union's campaign in the American Civil War, 1861-5.
3. How, and why, was intelligence integral to the attainment, and maintenance of US naval superiority in the war against Imperial Japan, 1941-5?
4. Assess the record of the FBI in countering internal 'opposition' groups and individuals from c. 1945-1975.
5. Assess the successes, and failings, of the US Intelligence Community (USIC) with regard to the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962.
6. Did US intelligence agencies fail the policymakers in Washington DC during the Vietnam War? Or was the US Intelligence Community (USIC) just not listened to?
7. Account for the roots, and discuss the effectiveness, of the reforms that culminated in the so-called 'Year of Intelligence' (1975)?
8. To what degree are the roots of failures of the US National Security State located in the failure to identify a clear and identifiable 'mission' after the Gulf War of 1991?
9. To what degree was the 'War on Terror' a diversion for the US intelligence mission from the greater long-term threats between 2001 and 2017?
10. What are the main threats facing the US Intelligence Community (USIC) today? Do they represent an insurmountable task for a declining USA?