

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

## Strategic intelligence and forecasting 879 (SEC 879)

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| <b>Qualification</b>          | Postgraduate                                     |
| <b>Faculty</b>                | <a href="#">Faculty of Humanities</a>            |
| <b>Module credits</b>         | 30.00  |
| <b>NQF Level</b>              | 09   |
| <b>Programmes</b>             | <a href="#">MA Security Studies (Coursework)</a> |
| <b>Prerequisites</b>          | No prerequisites.                                |
| <b>Contact time</b>           | 1 lecture per week                               |
| <b>Language of tuition</b>    | Module is presented in English                   |
| <b>Department</b>             | Political Sciences                               |
| <b>Period of presentation</b> | Semester 1 or Semester 2                         |

### Module content

National security is closely related to threat perception, and threat analysis is in turn largely dependent on sound strategic intelligence. Attention is given to contemporary theory and practice as far as strategic intelligence is concerned; questions of policy on, agencies for an control over the intelligence process; and the current processes, focus, value and utilisation of strategic intelligence in a changing world. Strategic forecasting (with the inclusion of risk analysis and scenario construction) is linked to threat perception and national security to the extent that it forms an important part of planning for the future - hence the study of the nature, methodology and use of forecasting in the security environment.

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