

Dates, Times & Locations

Monday, July 14 - Friday, July 18, 2025

UNG's Cumming Campus

From 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Friday Trip & Tour

Friday, July 18, 2025

Round-trip motor coach travel from Cumming campus to and from Dahlonega campus on last day of the Academy.

Course Instructor:



Dr. Edward L. Mienie

Executive Director,
Strategic & Security Studies Program
& Partnerships and
Professor of Strategic & Security
Studies, University of North Georgia

Previous Speakers:



Dell Spry, former Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation followed by serving as an adjunct instructor teaching national security matters at the FBI Academy.



Jack Barsky, born in Germany, became a chemistry professor, was recruited by the KGB, spent 10 years in the US spying for the Russians, and ended up a US citizen and information technology executive.



Melvin Gamble, retired Senior Intelligence officer, Mr. Gamble served in senior executive positions in the Directorate of Operations in the Central Intelligence Agency.

Why at UNG?

If you are interested in an intelligence career, UNG has the following related academic programs:

- Strategic and Security Studies
- Modern and Classical Languages
- Criminal Justice Intelligence Minor
- Institute for Environmental & Spatial Analysis
- Cybersecurity, Computer Science, and Information Systems Analysis

Fee for Participants: \$250

The fee defrays the expenses of all on-campus meals, course materials, and the motor coach travel on the last day of the program. UNG awards a limited number of scholarships to students who would otherwise be unable to attend due to financial limitations.

Note: This is a day academy, this is not an overnight academy. Students are responsible for the cost of daily travel to and from the Cumming campus and any incidental purchases of snacks and beverages.

Application Open:

December 1, 2024

Application Deadline:

March 15, 2025

Apply for the 2025

National Intelligence Summer Academy



Scan the code
for more information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please e-mail your questions to:

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Are you thrilled or fascinated by the field of intelligence – spying and counter spying?

Are you considering a career in the U.S. Intelligence Community? Did you know that the U.S. Intelligence Community is made up of 18 separate agencies? Sign up for an intense and exciting five days of learning from highly qualified Master's and Ph.D. University of North Georgia instructors and practitioners from July 14-18, 2025.

This Academy will:

- Lift the veil of secrecy on the hidden world of intelligence, exploring the history, challenges, and controversies.
- Provide a context for understanding the important role intelligence has played in our nation's history and continues to play today.
- Provide foundational knowledge of intelligence, setting the stage for possible careers in the field.
- Provide opportunities to learn from the Academy's instructors including academia, practitioners, and guest speakers.
- Hear from experts that have worked with the CIA, FBI, and the former Soviet Union KGB.

Who is Eligible?

- 50 U.S. high school students who will be sophomores, juniors or seniors in fall 2025.
- Priority consideration given to students with a weighted cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Priority consideration also given to students who have studied a strategic language (such as Arabic, Farsi, Russian, Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, and Korean) in school or elsewhere.
- 10 Georgia high school teachers may audit the course. Teachers who would like to audit the course, please contact Dr. Edward Mienie.

Topics include:



The Intelligence Community



History of U.S. Intelligence



Roles and Missions of U.S. Intelligence Agencies



Role of the Director of National Intelligence



Basic Roles and Functions of the Intelligence Field



Current Challenges to Collection Methods



Explore Intelligence Sources and Methods of Collection



Adversarial Intelligence Agencies



Discovering Other Sources and Types of Intelligence



Analyze the Stages of the Intelligence Cycle



Art of Concealment Devices and Making a Device

Polygraph Demonstration



Distinguishing Between Raw and Finished Intelligence



Role of an Intelligence Analyst



Sharing of Information Between U.S. Intelligence Agencies



Role of Fusion Centers



Art of Disguise and Deception



The Ethical, Moral, and Legal Considerations of Intelligence



Legal Constraints and Challenges to Collection of Intelligence Domestically and Abroad



An Introduction to Cyber Security