



Intelligence Applications (1N0X1)

Performs and manages intelligence activities and functions including developing, evaluating, and providing intelligence information.

Alternate Titles:

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE SPECIALISTS; COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS; INTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS; CRYPTANALYSTS

Duties and Responsibilities:

BACKGROUND

Military intelligence is information needed to plan for our national defense. Knowledge of the number, location, and tactics of enemy forces and potential battle areas is needed to develop military plans. To gather information, the services rely on aerial photographs, electronic monitoring using radar and sensitive radios, and human observation. Intelligence specialists gather and study the information required to design defense plans and tactics.

WHAT THEY DO

Intelligence specialists in the military perform some or all of the following duties:

Study aerial photographs of foreign ships, bases, and missile sites

Study foreign troop movements

Operate sensitive radios to intercept foreign military communications

Study land and sea areas that could become battlegrounds in time of war

Store and retrieve intelligence data using computers

Study foreign military codes

Prepare intelligence reports, maps, and charts

HELPFUL ATTRIBUTES

Helpful school subjects include typing, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and geography. Helpful attributes include:

Interest in reading maps and charts

Interest in gathering information and studying its meaning

Ability to organize information

Ability to think and write clearly

WORK ENVIRONMENT

Intelligence specialists work in offices on land and in tents when in the field.

TRAINING PROVIDED

Job training consists of 9 to 24 weeks of classroom instruction, including practice in intelligence gathering. Training length varies depending on specialty. Course content typically includes:

Planning aerial and satellite observations

Preparing maps and charts

Analyzing aerial photographs

Preparing intelligence reports

Using computer systems

Further training occurs on the job and through advanced courses.

CIVILIAN COUNTERPARTS

Civilian intelligence specialists generally work for federal government agencies such as the Central Intelligence Agency or the National Security Agency. Their duties are similar to those performed by military intelligence specialists. The analytical skills of intelligence specialists are also useful in other fields, such as research or business planning.

OPPORTUNITIES

1,600 new specialists each year. After job training, intelligence specialists collect information and prepare maps and charts under close supervision. With experience, they are given more responsibility for organizing and studying intelligence data. Eventually, they may become chiefs of intelligence units.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Normal color vision is required for some specialties in order to work with color-coded maps.