

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Security Studies programs at ECU are focused on achieving the University's missions. It is our goal to educate students and prepare them to compete for careers that will further their own success as well as contributing to the well-being of our society.

### We do this through:

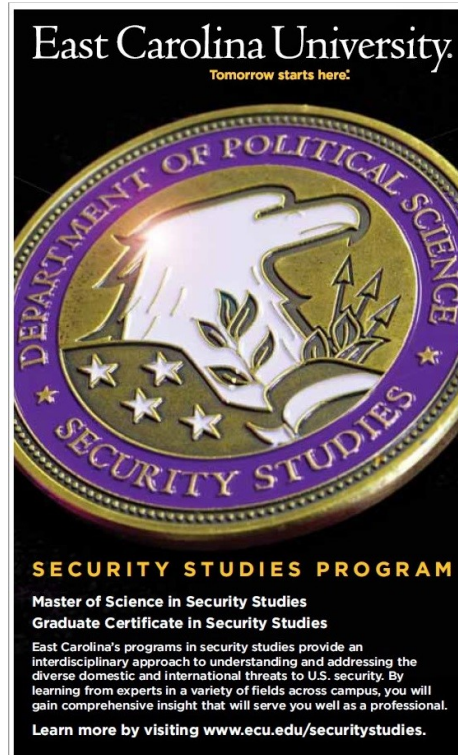
- Offering our graduate programs in a distance education format
- Preparing our students at all levels to confront and overcome security-related challenges. Our programs treat security issues as spanning levels of government from local to national and international. Responding to security issues requires an understanding of the global and multicultural contexts in which they are found.
- Learning about the many different disciplines that are involved in identifying and solving security problems. The Security Studies programs draw classes from 15 different disciplines within 3 colleges.

Students engaged in the Security Studies programs aspire to leadership positions in their career fields. Leadership concepts and principles are emphasized in the curriculum and reinforced in our classes.

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*Students' degree requirements are determined by their catalog year. This brochure is for informational purposes only, and does not constitute a contractual agreement between a student and East Carolina University or the department.*

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# UNDERGRADUATE SECURITY STUDIES MINOR

*Thomas Harriot College  
of Arts & Sciences*

*College of Health &  
Human Performance*

*College of Engineering  
& Technology*



## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A student who specializes in security studies acquires the skills in writing, communication, and analysis that are critical to working in a career field related to homeland or national security. Students may work for any one of the 22 federal agencies that comprise the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Defense, other federal departments or any of the national intelligence agencies that support the homeland security mission. At the state and local levels, students may work in law enforcement, health, environment, transportation, critical infrastructure protection or any number of jobs related to security.

The curriculum is grounded in the knowledge, skills, and abilities related to security career fields that are in demand in today's competitive marketplace.

## SECURITY STUDIES PROGRAMS

Currently, ECU has both a Master of Science in Security Studies and an interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in Security Studies. Additionally, ECU offers a Multidisciplinary Studies: Security Studies track and an interdisciplinary Minor in Security Studies for undergraduates.

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### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Minor in Security Studies 18 semester hours of course work, with 6 hours of core requirements and 12 hours of electives, across a number of academic disciplines.

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

#### CORE COURSES:

**SECS 1000:** Introduction to Security Studies

*Basic concepts and principles of security policy planning and program implementation across multiple academic disciplines with application at the local, state, and federal levels of government as well as the private and nonprofit sectors.*

*(This course will be offered only in the fall semester.)*

**SECS 4000:** Senior Seminar in Security Studies

*This is the capstone course in the Minor field of study. It provides practical application and exercises in security studies, to include threat-based scenarios, consequence management, and disaster assistance planning.*

*(This course will be offered only in the Spring semester.)*

### POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS

Political Science Majors may not take any of the Political Science courses as electives to count toward the Security Studies Minor. They must take all elective courses from other disciplines.

#### ELECTIVE COURSES:

Students will also complete courses (12 s.h.) from the following course list:

**EHST 2110:** Introduction to Environmental Health Sciences

**GEOG 3003:** Political Geography (W.I.)

**GEOG/PLAN 2410:** Fundamentals of GIS

**HIST 3260:** U.S. and the Middle East, 1783 to the Present

**ICTN 2900/2901:** Fundamental Network Security with Lab\*

**ITEC 3800:** Cost and Capital Project Analysis\*

**JUST 1000:** Introduction to Criminal Justice

**PLAN 1900:** Sustainable Cities

**PLAN 4015:** Emergency Management Planning

**POLS 3007:** Selected Topics in International Relations and Comparative Politics\*

**POLS 3080:** Weapons of Mass Destruction

**POLS 3144:** American Foreign Policy\*

**POLS 3155:** National Security Policy

**POLS 3290:** Conflict and Peace in Post Cold War Age

**POLS 3293:** International Organizations

**POLS 4382:** Politics of Terrorism

**POLS 4383:** War in the Modern Age

**SOCI 3235:** Population Trends and Problems\*

*\*MUST complete prerequisite before registering*