

The BA/BS in Multidisciplinary Studies: Security Studies



- *This is general advising information for Security Studies majors. Please consult with your academic advisor regarding any questions or concerns you have about major requirements and your specific situation.*



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What Is Security Studies?

Wars, insurgency, terrorism, transnational organized crime, WMD, arms races, weapons proliferation, cyberwar, diminishing resources, climate change, peacekeeping, conflict resolution, economic collapse, genocide, and pandemics – these are all complex security issues that shape international politics today. ECU's Security Studies program explores all of the aforementioned security challenges from an interdisciplinary perspective and it equips our students with the knowledge and analytical skills for a career in national security, law enforcement, and foreign affairs.

We offer courses in:

- Homeland Security
- International Relations
- National and International Security



What Is Security Studies?

- Security Studies started out as a specialization in the discipline of International Relations, which is itself a specialization in the discipline of Political Science.
- It is now an interdisciplinary field that seeks to develop analytical tools for understanding the problem of security.
- In its essence, security is about survival.




Career Options With a Security Studies Degree

- Armed Forces
- Law Enforcement
- Intelligence Agencies
- Private Security Sector 
- International Organizations
- Think Tanks
- Or the Government/ National Security Sector more generally



Security Studies at ECU

- The degree is offered as a BA or BS in Multidisciplinary Studies: Security Studies.
- The program is housed within the Department of Political Science. 
- Twelve departments contribute to the Security Studies program.



The Curriculum

- 40 hours General Education
- 15 hours Core Courses
- 24 hours Elective Courses
- 3 hours Cognates
- Minimum of 18 hours of a Minor
- Altogether 120 hours are required for graduation



Foreign Language Requirement

A **Bachelor of Arts** degree requires foreign language through level four (2004)

ECU Offers the following languages:

French (FREN) German (GERM) Ancient Greek (GRK)

Japanese (JAPN) Latin (LATN) Russian (RUSS)

*Spanish (SPAN) (placement test is required for Spanish)

To take online placement test in Spanish, French, or German visit www.ecu.edu/foreign

Look for test under the “resources” link. Instructions are on website

Students typically take the following sequence 1001, 1002, 2003, and 2004. However, students who take the placement test* can receive bypass credit without a grade, only upon successful completion of the course into which they place, as follows:

- Upon passing 1002, students receive bypass credit for 1001.
- Upon passing 2003, students receive bypass credit for 1001, 1002.
- Upon passing 2004, students receive bypass credit for 1001, 1002, 2003.
- Upon passing a course above level 2004, students receive bypass credit for 1001, 1002, 2003, 2004.

**Students may drop down one level if they feel their placement score is inaccurate*

If you are continuing with a language in which you have prior experience, it is recommended to start your foreign language as soon as possible.



General Education: Natural Sciences

Must have 7 hours (including 1 lab) to graduate

- **Sciences with labs**

- ANTH 2015/2016 Intro to Biological Anthropology (3,1)
- BIOL 1050/1051 General Biology (3,1)
- BIOL 1060/1061 Environmental Biology (3,1)
- BIOL 2015/2016 Intro to Biological Anthropology (3,1)
- GEOG 1250/1251 Water & Environment (3,1)
- GEOL 1500/1501 Dynamic Earth (3,1)
- GEOL 1550/1551 Oceanography (3,1)
- PHYS 1080/1081 Physics & Universe/Astronomy (3,1)

- **Sciences without labs**

- ATMO 1300 or GEOG 1300 Weather & Climate
- CHEM 1020 General Descriptive Chemistry
- EHST 2110 Intro to Environmental Health Science
- GEOL 1010 Geology Goes to Hollywood: Natural Disasters
- GEOL 1600 Earth & Life through time
- GEOL 1700 Environmental Geology
- GEOL 1800 Geology of National Parks
- PHYS 1050 Physics & Environment



General Education: Social Sciences

Must have 3 courses (from 2 different disciplines)

- AAAS 1000 Intro to African & African American Studies (DD)
- ANTH 1000 Intro to Anthropology (GD)
- ANTH 1001 Aliens, Atlantis and Archaeology
- ANTH 1050 Global Understanding (GD)
- ANTH 1200 (001) *Anthropology of Monsters, Zombies, and Vampires*
- ANTH 1200 (002) *Anthropology of War & Violence*
- ANTH 2000 Archaeology Around the World
- ANTH 2005 Environmental Anthropology
- ANTH 2010 Societies Around the World (GD)
- ANTH 2200 Cultural Anthropology (GD)
- ANTH 2250 Race & Ethnic Relations (DD)
- COMM 1001 Intro to Communications
- COMM/LING 2050 English for Global Communication (GD)
- ECON 2113 Principles of Microeconomics
- ECON 2133 Principles of Macroeconomics (pre-req: ECON 2113)
- ETHN 2002 Intro to Ethnic Studies
- COMM/LING 2050 English for Global Communication (GD)
- GEOG 1000 People, Places, and Environments
- GEOG 2003 Geography in the Global Economy
- GEOG 2019 Geography of Recreation
- GEOG 2100 World Geography: Developed regions (GD)
- GEOG 2110 World Geography: Less developed regions (GD)
- GEOG 2300 Geography of Environmental Resources
- GEOG 2350 Climate Change: Science and Society
- GENS 2400 Intro to Gender Studies
- GERO/HDFS/SOCW 2400 Intro to Gerontology
- HIST 2012 American Business History
- HIST 2150 Shop Til You Drop: Consumerism (GD)
- HIST 2222 Western Europe Since 1500
- HIST 2444 History of Sports in Western Society
- INTL 1000 Intro to International Studies
- LING 2710 English Grammar
- PLAN 1900 Sustainable Cities (GD)
- PLAN 2030 Global Cities (GD)
- POLS 1010 National Government
- POLS 1050 Politics and Global Understanding (GD)
- POLS 2010 Intro to Comparative Gov't and Politics (GD)
- POLS 2020 International Relations
- PSYC 1000 Intro to Psychology
- PSYC 2777 Ethnocultural Psychology (pre-req: PSYC 1000) (DD)
- RCSC 2601 Leisure in Society
- RUSI 2002 Intro to Russian Studies (taught in English)
- SECS 1000 Intro to Security Studies
- SOCI 1010 Race, Gender, Class (DD)
- SOCI 1025 Courtship and Marriage
- SOCI 1050 Global Understanding: Sociological perspectives (GD)
- SOCI 2110 Intro to Sociology (DD)
- SOCI 2111 Modern Social Problems (pre-req: SOCI 2110) (DD)



General Education: Humanities

Must have at least 1 to graduate

- CLAS 1300 Greek and Latin
- CLAS 1500 Classical Mythology (GD)
- CLAS 1600 Sex, Spells & Sacrifices: Religion in the Classical World (GD)
- CLAS 2000 Intro to Classics
- CLAS 2220 Great Works of Ancient Lit: Greece (GD)
- CLAS 2230 Great Works of Ancient Lit: Rome (GD)
- CLAS 2400 Women in Classical Antiquity
- CLAS 2500 Greek Tragedy in Translation
- ENGL 1000 Appreciating Literature
- ENGL 1500 Topics in Words, Images, and Ideas
- ENGL 2000 Interpreting Literature
- ENGL 2100 Major British Writers
- ENGL 2200 Major American Writers
- ENGL 2230 Southern Literature
- ENGL 2400 World Literature in English (GD)
- ENGL 2420 Short Story
- ENGL 2470 Topics in Popular Literature
- ENGL 2480 Science Fiction
- ENGL 2570 The Supernatural
- ENGL 2630 The Bible as Literature
- ETHN 2001 Intro to Ethnic Studies (DD)
- FILM 2900 Intro to Film Studies
- FORL 1060 Global Understanding through literature (GD)*
- FORL 1551 Intro to Russia: Land of the Firebird (GD)
- FORL 1662 Intro to Hispanic Studies (GD)
- FORL 2220 Sci-Fi: East and West (GD)
- FORL 2520 French Cinema Classics (GD)
- FORL 2600 Literature in Translation—the Holocaust (GD)*
- FORL 2620 French Literature in Translation (written in English (GD))
- FORL 2622 Francophone Literature of the Americas (written in English) (GD)
- FORL 2624 Francophone Literature of Africa (written in English)
- FORL 2660 Spanish Literature (written in English)
- FORL 2661 Latin-American Literature (written in English)
- FORL 2662 Special Topics in Hispanic Cinemas (GD)
- FORL 2665 Don Quixote (written in English) (GD)
- FORL 2666 Latino Texts (written in English) (DD)
- FORL 2680 German Literature (written in English) (GD)
- FORL 2690 Intro to German Cinema (GD)
- FORL 2760 Special Topics in Hispanic Studies
- GLST 1000 Intro to Global Studies (GD)
- GRBK 2000 Intro to the Great Books
- GRBK 2010/ASIA 2010 Great Books of Modern China
- GRBK 2400 Great Books of the Middle Ages & Renaissance
- GRBK 2500 Great Books of the Enlightenment
- GRBK 2600 Great Books of the 19th & 20th Centuries
- HIST 1030 World Civilizations to 1500 (GD)
- HIST 1031 World Civilizations since 1500 (GD)
- HIST 1050 American History to 1877 (DD)
- HIST 1051 American History since 1877 (DD)
- HIST 2300 Passion and Sex in Asian History
- INTL 2003 Intro to Chinese Culture
- LING 2700 Intro to Language Studies (DD)
- LING 2720 Invented Languages
- LING 2740 Language in the USA (DD)
- MRST 2000 Intro to Medieval and Renaissance Studies
- MRST 2400 Intro to Medieval Studies
- MRST 2500 Intro to Renaissance Studies
- PHIL 1110 Intro to Philosophy
- PHIL 1175 Intro to Ethics (*any ethics course good for pre-med students)
- PHIL 1176 Intro to Social and Political Philosophy
- PHIL 1180 Critical Reasoning
- PHIL 1290 Intro to Philosophy of Religion (GD)
- PHIL 1500 Intro to Logic (NOT for students WEAK in MATH)
- PHIL 2261 Intro to Philosophy of Science
- PHIL 2271 Intro to Philosophy of Art
- PHIL 2274 Business Ethics
- PHIL 2275 Professional Ethics
- PHIL 2280 Intro to Philosophy of Sport
- PHIL 2282 Philosophy of Law
- PHIL 2453 Existentialism and Phenomenology
- PHIL 3281 Intro Phil Ethics in Health Care
- RELI 1000 Intro to Religious Studies
- RELI 1500 Use and Abuse of the Bible (DD)
- RELI 1600 Sex, Spells & Sacrifices: Religion in the Classical World (GD)
- RELI 1690 World Religions (GD)
- RELI 2340 Religion & Science
- RELI 2350 Religion & Sexuality
- RELI 2400 Religion and Film (GD)
- RELI 2691 Classical Islam
- RELI 2692 Buddhism (GD)
- RELI 2693 Hinduism (GD)
- RELI 2694 Indigenous Religions
- RELI 2695 Intro to Old Testament (GD)
- RELI 2696 Intro to New Testament (GD)
- RELI 2697 Judaism (GD)
- RUSS 2001 Intro to Russian Studies (taught in English)
- RUSS 2120 Intro to Russian Culture (taught in English)
- THEA 2235 Global Theater (GD)



General Education: Fine Arts

Must have at least 1 to graduate

- ART 1001 Color and Design
- ART 1105 Ceramics Appreciation
- ART 1250 Digital Photography for non-art majors
- ART 1827 Photography Changes Everything
- ART 1910 Art Appreciation (GD)
- COMM 2020 Fundamentals of Speech
- COMM 2410 Public Speaking
- DNCE 1000 Intro to Dance (DD)
- DNCE 1001 Fundamentals of Ballet
- ENGL 2815 Intro to Creative Writing
- ETHN 2003 Intro to Ethnic Studies
- MUSC 1008 Music Theory for non-music majors
- MUSC 1018 Music Reading and Fundamentals for non-music majors (2 s.h.)
- MUSC 1208 Non-music major group piano I (must contact instructor)
- MUSC 1308 Non-music major group guitar I (1 s.h.)
- MUSC 1625 Concert Choir (audition only-contact instructor) (1 s.h.)
- MUSC 1635 University Chorale (audition only-contact instructor) (1 s.h.)
- MUSC 1705 Marching Band
- MUSC 1715 Concert Band (1 s.h.)
- MUSC 2207 Enjoyment of Music (GD)
- MUSC 2249 Music in World Cultures (GD)
- MUSC 2257 Jazz Appreciation (DD)
- RUSI 2003 Intro to Russian Studies (taught in English)
- THEA 1000 Intro to Theater (GD)
- THEA 1010 Intro to Acting **typically open to non-majors in spring*
- THEA 2015 Voice & Articulation **typically open to non-majors in spring*



Core Courses

- SECS 1000 – Introduction to Security Studies
- JUST 1000 – Introduction to Criminal Justice
- POLS 2020 – Introduction to International Relations
- POLS 3031 – Research Design in Political Science
- SECS 4000 – Senior Seminar in Security Studies



The Elective Courses

- Anthropology (ANTH)
- Biology (BIOL)
- Criminal Justice (JUST)
- Environmental Health (EHST)
- Geography, Planning and Environment (GEOG)
- History (HIST)
- Information and Computer Technology (ICTN)
- Industrial Technology (ITEC)
- Political Science (POLS)
- Religious Studies (RELI)
- Sociology (SOCL)
- Urban and Regional Planning (PLAN)



Elective Courses

ANTH 3027 – Human Health and Disease Ecology
BIOL 4150 – Pestilence, Politics, and Conquest
EHST 2110 – Introduction to Environmental Health Science
EHST 3350 – Safe Water and Lab (3351) 3+1 sh
EHST 3370 – Waste Water Management and Lab (3371) 3+1 sh
EHST 4350 – Vector Borne Disease Ecology and Lab (4351) 4+0 sh
EHST 4520 – Biological and Chemical Health Hazards
EHST 4530 – Physical and Radiological Health Hazards
EHST 5010 – Principles of Toxicology and Lab (5011) 3+1 sh
EHST 5800 – Solid and Hazardous Water Management
GEOG 2300 – Geography of Environmental Resources
GEOG 2350 – Climate Change: Science and Society
GEOG 2410 or PLAN 2410 – Fundamentals of GIS or Introduction to GIS in Planning
GEOG 3003 – Political Geography
GEOG or PLAN 3430 – Geographic Information Systems I
GEOG 4250 – Environmental Impact Analysis
GEOG 4325 – Resources, Population, and Development
GEOG 4340 – Introduction to Medical Geography
GEOG 4410 – Advanced Cartographic Design and Production
GEOG or PLAN 4430 – Geographic Information Systems II
HIST 3121 – American Military History to 1900
HIST 3122 – American Military History since 1900
HIST 3260 – U.S. and the Middle East 1783 to the Present
HIST 3350 – War and Society
HIST 3680 – Women and Gender in the Middle East
ICTN 2150, 2151 – Network Fundamentals with Lab
ICTN 2900, 2901 – Fundamental Network Security with Lab
ITEC 3800 – Cost and Capital Project Analysis

JUST 3101 – Conflict Management
JUST 3500 – Principles of Criminal Law
JUST 3501 – Criminal Procedure
JUST 4005 – Organized Crime
JUST 5000 – Comparative Criminal Justice
PLAN 1900 – Sustainable Cities
PLAN 4015 – Emergency Management Planning
POLS 3080 – Security and Weapons of Mass Destruction
POLS 3144 – American Foreign Policy
POLS 3155 – National Security Policy
POLS 3180 – The U.S. Intelligence Community
POLS 3260 – Middle Eastern Political Systems
POLS 3290 – Conflict and Peace in Post Cold War Age
POLS 3291 – Politics of Genocide in the 21st Century
POLS 3393 – International Organizations
POLS 4382 – Politics of Terrorism
POLS 4383 – War in the Modern Age
POLS 4983 – Internship 3 sh
RELI 1690 – World Religions
RELI 2691 – Classical Islam
RELI 3691 – Islam and the Modern World
RELI 3800 – Religion and Violence
SOC 3219 – Sociology of Immigration
SOC 3220 – Sociology of Deviant Behavior
SOC 3235 – Population Trends and Problems
SOC 3600 – Power and Politics in Society
SOC 4330 – Criminology



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Register!

- You will receive your registration pin upon the completion of the PIER quiz. Use the pin and register for classes following the guidance on the previous slides
- For step by step instructions on how to register, visit <https://thcasadvising.ecu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/225/2019/09/How-to-Register-for-Classes51.pdf>
- If you run into registration PROBLEMS, visit <https://thcasadvising.ecu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/225/2019/08/HANDOUT-registration-problems.pdf> for solutions.



Fall Registration Advice

- **SECS 1000 Introduction to Security Studies**
- **JUST 1000 Introduction to Criminal Justice**
- BA degrees may get started with your Foreign Language
- Add any general education courses including
 - ENGL 1100 (if closed, you can take it in the spring)
 - MATH 1050 Explorations in Math or MATH 2228 Elementary Statistics
 - No minimum SAT/ACT score needed!
 - Natural Sciences
 - Social Sciences
 - Humanities
 - Fine Arts
 - HLTH 1000 (this closes quickly--you have plenty of time to take this)
 - **KINE 1000 (closed—you have plenty of time to take this)**



Important Reminders

- Register for 12 or more hours. Classes that are closed now may open up later so keep checking banner regularly.
- Check your ECU email daily. See [tutorial](#) on setting up email.
- Explore our [THCAS Academic Advising & Resource Center](#) (AARC) website in addition to your major department's website (linked from the AARC page)
- View your [undergraduate catalog](#) for major requirements, course descriptions, general education, and academic policy.



Final Tips

- Be sure to follow the virtual orientation schedule so you can learn all about your major and college (and perhaps learn about minors or double major opportunities). This is your chance to explore all of the major/minor offerings at ECU!
- Review your [Admissions Checklist](#) to make sure you have taken care of everything.
- Always communicate with your academic advisor any questions or concerns you have now and during the semester.



The Security Studies Faculty



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Thank You For Your Interest In Security Studies!



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