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.
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.

**MILITARY STUDENT OPTIONS**
Our program is dedicated to assisting military students in their pursuit of higher education goals. Our Distance Education opportunities facilitate participation in Security Studies courses for both active duty and reserve military personnel.

**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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**GRADUATE SECURITY STUDIES CERTIFICATE**

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**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

**CORE COURSES:**
- SECS 6000: Security Studies Foundations
- SECS 6155: Changing Nature of National Security

**ELECTIVE COURSES:**
Choose three of the following courses—9 s.h.:
- CSCI 6100: Cryptography and Information Security
- EHST 6010: Fundamentals of Environmental Health
- HIST 6260: The United States and the Middle East, 1783 to the Present
- ICTN 6823: Information Security Management
- INTL 6500: International Problem Solving and Decision Making
- JUST 6502: Criminal Justice and Terrorism
- PADM 6170: Intergovernmental / Interagency Relations
- PADM 6220: Leadership and Ethics in the Public Sector
- PLAN 6015: Emergency/Disaster Planning
- POLS 6382: Global Terrorism
- POLS 6425: War, Peace, and Security in the Middle East
- SECS 6260: Intelligence and National Security
- SECS 6270: Intelligence Analysis
- SECS 6300: Weapons of Mass Destruction
- SECS 6320: Cyber Warfare and Security

**ADDITIONAL COURSES**
Other ECU graduate courses may become available during the year which may be substituted for the above core classes. Consideration may be made on a case-by-case basis. Students should seek written permission before enrolling in any courses not included here to assure they receive credit.

**CONNECTIONS TO OTHER PROGRAMS**
Students currently enrolled in the Master’s programs below can pair them with their security studies interests through formal arrangements with these programs:
- Masters of Public Administration (MPA)
- Master of Arts in International Studies (MAIS)
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice (MSCJ)
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Special consideration can also be made for students in the:
- Master of Public Health (MPH)
- Master of Science in Environmental Health (MSEH)