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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.

MISSION STATEMENT

East Carolina University is the third largest of six constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina. Enrollment, as of 2017, stands at nearly 29,000. The university has ten professional schools with a 18:1 student-to-faculty ratio. The university is located within a two-hour drive of both the state capital in Raleigh and the Atlantic Coast beaches.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Graduate assistantships are sometimes available for full-time students. Assistantships will usually be in the Department of Political Science, but sometimes can be located in other academic units. Also, the Federal Work Study Program is now open to Graduate students. This program can help finance one’s education and does not require repayment. If you qualify for this program, you can be employed by the department in a graduate assistant-like capacity. Financial aid applications for student loans and other programs, including the Federal Work Study Program, are available through ECU’s Office of Financial Aid at www.ecu.edu/financial/

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Graduate School application can be accessed at http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/gradschool/Apply-Landing-Page.cfm

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.
**Master of Science in Security Studies**

**ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

The Master of Science in Security Studies program provides students an interdisciplinary approach to understanding and addressing the diverse domestic and international challenges to U.S. security. These threats may be posed by natural disasters or by man, whether through governments or non-state actors such as terrorist groups. The program is designed to enable students to evaluate situations and develop responses at the international, national, state, and local levels.

**CORE REQUIREMENTS**

- SECS 6000: Security Studies Foundations
- SECS 6155: Changing Nature of National Security Policy
- SECS 6260: Intelligence and National Security
- SECS 6300: Research Methods for SECS
- SECS 6350: Weapons of Mass Destruction
- SECS 6450: Internship
- SECS 7000: Thesis **or** non-Thesis option (6 s.h.)

**AREAS OF EMPHASIS REQUIREMENTS**

- Students must choose one Area of Emphasis and take 12 credits in that Area.

**AREAS OF EMPHASIS: HOMELAND SECURITY POLICY**

- BIOL 6110: Bioterrorism and Biosecurity
- ENGL 6000: Fundamentals of Environmental Health
- HIST 6260: The United States and the Middle East, 1783 to the Present
- JUST 5000: Comparative Criminal Justice
- JUST 6500: Criminal Justice and Terrorism
- JUST 6520: Transnational Crime
- PADM 6163: Environmental Policy Analysis
- PADM 6170: Intergovernmental/Interagency Relations
- PADM 6220: Leadership and Ethics in the Public Sector
- PLAN 6015: Emergency/Disaster Planning (Seminar)
- POLS 6380: Comparative Policy Analysis
- POLS 6385: Political Communication
- SECS 6270: Intelligence Analysis
- SECS 6320: Cyber Warfare and Security
- SECS 6330: Counter Action and Hybrid Warfare
- SECS 6380: The Art of Statecraft and International Security
- SECS 6390: Fundamental Network Security
- SECS 6429: Globalization and Security
- SOC 5500: Seminar in Population

**AREAS OF EMPHASIS: INTERNATIONAL SECURITY**

- HIST 6210: War and Society
- HIST 6230: The United States and the Middle East, 1783 to the Present
- INTL 6005: Communication across Cultures
- INTL 6050: Global Issues
- INTL 6505: International Problem Solving and Decision Making
- INTL 6510: Global and Multicultural Discourse
- POLS 6000: American Foreign Relations
- POLS 6330: Political Modernization and the Non-Western World
- POLS 6360: Causes of International War
- POLS 6382: Global Terrorism
- POLS 6425: War, Peace and Security in the Middle East
- POLS 6430: Seminar in International Politics
- POLS 6440: Seminar in International Organization
- SECS 6325: Policy and Practice of Security
- SECS 6720: Intelligence Analysis
- SECS 6830: Cyber Warfare and Security
- SECS 6835: Covert Action and Hybrid Warfare
- SECS 6880: The Art of Statecraft and International Security
- SECS 6890: Human Security
- SECS 6892: Globalization and Security

**AREAS OF EMPHASIS: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SECURITY**

- BIOL 6110: Biotechnology
- BIOL 6112: Biotechnology and Biosecurity
- ENGL 6000: Fundamentals of Environmental Health
- HIST 6260: The United States and the Middle East, 1783 to the Present
- JUST 5000: Comparative Criminal Justice
- JUST 6500: Criminal Justice and Terrorism
- JUST 6520: Transnational Crime
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**BASE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Minimum of 36 hours including the Core Courses and Area of Emphasis.
- Students must maintain a B average and shall not receive a final grade of C or less in courses totaling in excess of 6 hours.
- Thesis or non-Thesis completion.
- Successfully pass a comprehensive exam.
- Coursework must be completed within six years. Extensions may be applied for with the Director of SECS and ECU Graduate School.

**AREAS OF EMPHASIS:**

- **HOMELAND SECURITY POLICY**
- **INTERNATIONAL SECURITY**
- **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SECURITY**

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

A student who specializes in security studies acquires the skills in writing, communications, and analysis that are critical to working in a career field related to 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.

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