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EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
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.

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.

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

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.)

** Students may choose to bypass the thesis option by taking two additional courses (3 credits) in their Area of Emphasis. Students selecting the thesis option must complete a minimum of 6 credits of SECS 7000 Thesis coursework. Students pursuing the Area of Emphasis in Science and Technology Security, Computer Science Specialization must combine SECS 7000 Thesis (3 credits) with CSCI 7000 Thesis (3 credits) for a total of 6 credits of thesis.

Students must complete the above required core work plus one area of emphasis. All students must pass a comprehensive exam.

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.

Basic Graduation Requirements

- Minimum of 36 hours including the Core Courses and Area of Emphasis.
- Students should maintain a B average and shall not receive a final grade of C or less in courses totaling in excess of 8 hours.
- Thesis or non-thesis option 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 Requirements

- Students must choose one Area of Emphasis and take 12 credits in that Area.
- All courses are 3 credits, unless otherwise noted. Some courses may have prerequisites which students must first satisfy. If students have not completed such prerequisites as part of their previous studies, the actual number of credit hours needed for their Area of Emphasis may exceed 12, resulting in the student having to take more than the minimum 36 credits.

Areas of Emphasis: Homeland Security Policy

- BIOL 6110: Bioterrorism and Biosecurity
- EHST 6000: Fundamentals of Environmental Health
- HIST 6260: The United States and the Middle East, 1783 to the Present
- JUST 5000: Comparative Criminal Justice
- JUST 6502: Criminal Justice and Terrorism
- PADM 6163: Environmental Policy Analysis
- PADM 6170: Intergovernmental/Intergency Relations
- PADM 6220: Leadership and Ethics in the Public Sector
- PLAN 6065: Emergency/Disaster Planning (Seminar)
- POLS 6332: Global Terrorism
- POLS 6345: Comparative Public Policy
- SECS 6270: Intelligence Analysis
- SECS 6320: Cyber Warfare and Security
- SECS 6440: The Foundation of Homeland Security and Defense
- SECS 6430: Special Topics Seminar
- SOC 5500: Seminar in Population

Areas of Emphasis: International Security

- HIST 6250: War and Society
- HIST 6260: The United States and the Middle East, 1783 to the Present
- INTL 6005: Communication across Cultures
- INTL 6010: Global Issues
- INTL 6500: 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 6250: Policy and Practice of Security
- SECS 6270: Intelligence Analysis
- SECS 6320: Cyber Warfare and Security
- SECS 6330: Covert Action and Hybrid Warfare
- SECS 6350: The Art of Statecraft and International Security
- SECS 6360: Human Security
- SECS 6420: Globalization and Security

Areas of Emphasis: Science and Technology Security

- BIOL 6110: Bioterrorism and Biosecurity
- CSCI 6000: Fundamentals of Environmental Health
- CSCI 6300: Global Issues
- CSCI 6420: Cyber Warfare and Security
- CSCI 6420: Globalization and Security
- CSCI 6450: Internet and Digital Security
- ITEC 6000: Fundamentals of Information Technology
- ITEC 6010: Legal and Ethical Issues in Information Technology
- ITEC 6050: Technology Management Strategy
- ITED 6050: Research Methods in Technology

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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