

## SELECTED SECURITY STUDIES FACULTY AND AREAS OF INTEREST

- Jalil Roshandel, Security Studies Program Director, (PhD, Universite des Sciences Sociale, Toulouse, France). Weapons of Mass Destruction, International Security, Middle East Security / Jihad
- Alethia Cook, Security Studies Program Assistant Director, (PhD, Kent State University). Homeland and International Security, Emergency Response to Terrorism, and Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Marie Olson Lounsbery (PhD, Wayne State University). War
- Dr. Dursun Peksen (PhD, University of Missouri, Columbia) Human Security and International Political Economy
- Dr. Carmine Scavo (PhD, University of Michigan) Public policy, state and local government, intergovernmental and interagency relations
- Dr. Hamid Fonooni (PhD, University of Cincinnati) Loss prevention analysis, system safety
- Dr. Tim Kelley (PhD, The Institute of Ecology at UGA) Environmental health, food and other aspects of safety, waste management
- Dr. Hamid Kusha (PhD, University of Kentucky) Criminal justice, police systems and practices, crime
- Dr. E. Jeffrey Popke (PhD, University of Kentucky) Global issues, political and economic geography
- Dr. John Williams (PhD, UNC-Chapel Hill) International politics and security

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**East Carolina University**

## Undergraduate Minor in Security Studies

*Harriot College of Arts and  
Sciences*

*College of Health and Human  
Performance*

*College of Technology and  
Computer Science*



## ECU SECURITY STUDIES PROGRAM

The goal of ECU's Security Studies Program is to develop new thinking toward National and Homeland Security by understanding emerging threats and coordinated responses between different agencies and levels of government.

The Security Studies Program encourages an integrated view of Homeland Security. Our mission is to develop the knowledge, skills, and abilities expected of students pursuing a career related to homeland security at the national, state, and local levels.

To this end, the Security Studies Program is an interdisciplinary program that pools knowledge and talent from these departments:

- Political Science
- Criminal Justice
- Environmental Health and Safety
- Geography
- History
- Information and Computer Technology
- Industrial Technology
- International Studies
- Planning
- Public Administration
- Safety
- Sociology

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A student who minors 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 which 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 in the private and non-profit sectors.

The interdisciplinary nature of the program affords students a unique opportunity to gain a broad, interagency perspective on security issues, but also to focus on areas where they may have additional educational requirements not offered in their chosen major field of study.

Students receive a grounding in the knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) related to security career fields that are in demand in today's competitive marketplace. We believe ECU's unique approach toward education and developing job-related KSAs will make our students more competitive in the long run.

## UNDERGRADUATE MINOR

The Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Minor in Security Studies is a new program at ECU, first offered in Fall 2005. The program of study requires 24 semester hours of course work, with 15 hours of core requirements and 9 hours of electives, across a number of academic disciplines.

**Core Requirements:** Students are required to take 15 semester hours, which include the following 2 interdisciplinary courses:

**SECS 1000: Introduction to Security Studies. (3) (F)** (FC:SO) This course provides the 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. (3) (S)** 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.

Additional core course requirements. Students chose 3 of the following 4 courses:

- POLS 3155: National Security Policy (3) (F,S)
- POLS 4382: Politics of Terrorism (3) (F,S)
- EHST 2110: Introduction to Environmental Health Science (3) (F,S) (FC:SC)
- PLAN 4015: Emergency Planning Management (3)

**Elective Courses:** Students will also complete 9 semester hours from the following course list:

- \*EHST 2110: Introduction to Environmental Health Science (3)
- GEOG 3003: Political Geography (3) (WI) (FC:SO)
- GEOG 3410: Fundamental of GIS (3)
- HIST 3260: U.S. and the Middle East (3) (FC:SO)
- ICTN 2900, 2901: Fundamentals of Network Security (3) (P: ICTN 2154)
- ITEC 3800: Cost and Capital Project Analysis (3) (P:
- MATH 1065; MATH 2283 or ITEC 3200)
- JUST 1000: Criminal Justice Systems (3)

- PLAN 1900: Planning for the Human Environment (3)
- PLAN 3051: Introduction to GIS in Planning (3) (P:GEOG 3410 or consent of instructor)
- \*PLAN 4015: Emergency Planning Management (3)
- POLS 3144: American Foreign Policy (3) (P: POLS 2020)
- \*POLS 3155: National Security Policy (3)
- POLS 3290: Conflict and Peace in Post Cold-War Age (3)
- POLS 3293: International Organizations (3)
- POLS 4380: Topics in International Politics (3) (P:POLS 2020 or consent of instructor)
- \*POLS 4382: Politics of Terrorism (3)
- POLS 4383: War in the Modern Age (3)
- SOCI 3235: Population Trends and Problems (3) (FC:SO) (P:SOCI 2110)

\*These courses cannot be taken as electives if taken for credit toward the Core Requirement.

**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 three elective courses from other disciplines.

For more information about the Interdisciplinary Security Studies Minor at East Carolina University, please visit our website at: [www.ecu.edu/securitystudies/](http://www.ecu.edu/securitystudies/) or contact Dr. Alethia Cook at [cooka@ecu.edu](mailto:cooka@ecu.edu) or 252-328-5869.

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