The Multidisciplinary Studies: Security Studies program provides students an interdisciplinary approach to understanding and addressing the diverse domestic and international threats 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 threats and develop responses to those threats at the international, national, state, and local levels. The program will also increase student understanding and skills of the response coordination required to meet the challenges posed by such threats.

ECU Mission Statement
To be a national model for student success, public service, and regional transformation, East Carolina University:
- Uses innovative learning strategies and delivery methods to maximize access;
- Prepares students with the knowledge, skills and values to succeed in a global, multicultural society;
- Develops tomorrow’s leaders to serve and inspire positive change;
- Discovers new knowledge and innovations to support a thriving future for eastern North Carolina and beyond;
- Transforms health care, promotes wellness, and reduces health disparities; and
- Improves quality of life through cultural enrichment, academics, the arts, and athletics.

The Multidisciplinary Studies and 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 MULT: SECS programs draw classes from 15 different disciplines within 3 colleges.

Students engaged in the MULT: SECS programs aspire to leadership positions in their career fields. Leadership concepts and principles are emphasized in the curriculum and reinforced in our classes.

Basic Admissions Requirements
- Completed 30 s.h.
- Have a minimum 2.0 gpa
Multidisciplinary Studies: Security Studies Requirements

Core Requirements 15 s.h.

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

Major Electives (Availability permitting and in coordination with their advisor, students should select classes from at least 4 different prefixes with no more than 12 hours from any one prefix).

Choose 24 s.h. from:

- 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 s
- 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 Waste Management
- GEOG 2300 Geography of Environmental Resources
- GEOG 2350 Climate Change: Science and Society
- GEOG or PLAN 3430 Geographic Information Systems I (P: GEOG 2410 or PLAN 2410)
- GEOG 4325 Resources, Population and Development (WI)
- GEOG 4330 Agricultural Geography
- GEOG 4340 Introduction to Medical Geography
- GEOG 4410 Advanced Cartographic Design and Production (P: GEOG 2410 or PLAN 2410)
- GEOG or PLAN 4430 Geographic Information Systems II (P: GEOG 3430 or PLAN 3430)
- 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 3670 History of the Middle East Since 1500 (WI)
- ICTN 2150, 2151 Network Fundamentals
- ICTN 2900, 2901 Fundamental Network Security with Lab (P: ICTN 2150) *Students with a strong interest in network security should discuss that with their advisor. Additional opportunities exist.
- ITEC 3800 Cost and Capital Project Analysis (P: 1065 & ITEC 2000, ITEC 3000, MIS 2223)
- JUST 4600 Special Topics in Criminal Justice
- PLAN 1900 Planning for the Human Environment
- PLAN 4015 Emergency Planning Management
- POLS 3080 Weapons of Mass Destruction
- POLS 3144 American Foreign Policy
- POLS 3155 National Security Policy
- POLS 3290 Conflict and Peace in Post Cold War Age
- POLS 3291 Politics of Genocide in the 21st Century
- POLS 3293 International Organizations
- POLS 4380 Topics in International Politics
- POLS 4382 Politics of Terrorism
- POLS 4383 War in the Modern Age
- POLS 4981, 4982 Internship, 1 and 2 hours, respectively
- RELI 1690 World Religions
- RELI 2691 Classical Islam
- RELI 3691 Islam and the Modern World (WI)
- RELI 3800 Religion and Violence (WI)
- SOCI 3220 Sociology of Deviant Behavior
- SOCI 3235 Population Trends and Problems
- GEOG 4410 Fundamentals of GIS
- PLAN 2410 Introduction to GIS in Planning

Writing Cognate

- ENGL 3030 Introduction to Rhetorical Studies (WI)
- ENGL 3040 Introduction to Professional Writing (WI)
- ENGL 3870 Introduction to Editing and Abstracting (WI)
- ENGL 3880 Writing for Business and Industry (WI)
- POLS 2090 Writing for Political Science (WI)

Communication Cognate

- COMM 2020 Fundamentals of Speech Communication
- COMM 2410 Public Speaking
- COMM 2420 Business and Professional Communications

All students who intend to graduate with the Multidisciplinary Studies: Security Studies concentration must also complete:
- A minor (24 s.h.)
- The Foundations Curriculum (42 s.h.)
- Writing Intensive courses (12 s.h.)
- A minor of 27 s.h. above the 2999 level
- A minimum of 123 s.h.

Additional opportunities exist.

- A strong interest in network security with Lab (P: ICTN 2150) *Students with additional educational requirements or issues, but also to focus on areas where they may have additional educational requirements not offered in their chosen field of study. The curriculum is grounded 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.

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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 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 country’s 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 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 field of study. The curriculum is grounded 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.

A v BS: Students who wish to receive the Bachelor of Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies: Security Studies must also complete a foreign language through level 1004 (12 s.h.). Foreign language skills can have a significant positive impact on the employment opportunities in this field. There is no foreign language requirement for students pursuing the Bachelor of Science degree.