

# Security Studies Major (SST)

Security Studies is an interdisciplinary major and minor designed to give students a foundation in national and international security issues in the framework of a liberal arts education. Due to the broad spectrum of security issues, from weapons of mass destruction to cyber-warfare, environmental degradation, human security and terrorism, students are provided with some flexibility in selecting a course of study that reflects their area of interest. At the same time, all students are expected to gain fundamental knowledge in a core area of study. The major and minor provide students with several future opportunities, including graduate study, as well as government, industry, or research careers.

Students who successfully complete the major will be able to:

- describe issues central to security studies;
- apply understanding of historical and socioeconomic contexts to security studies;
- communicate effectively in writing;
- communicate effectively orally;
- apply methods from related disciplines to security studies;
- analyze problems central to security studies critically.

Degree Type: Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Program Contact: Professor Melissa Scheier

**No minor required.**

**Students majoring in Security Studies must choose one track.**

**Department:** Security Studies

**Type:** B.A.

Core Courses	27 hours
Tracks	12-14 hours
Biology Track	
Chemistry Track	
Physics Track	
Elective Courses	15 hours
Group 1	
Group 2	
Group 3	
Allied Courses	
Total	54-59

## Core Courses

Item #	Title	Credit Hour(s)
	EC0221 or EC0223	3
PSY111	General Psychology	3
SOC220	Equality and Social Justice	3
HIS325	United States Diplomatic History	3
HIS345	Military History	3
POS300	World Politics	3
POS307	Comparative Politics	3
POS341	Force and Security	3
SST450	Security Studies Seminar	3

## Tracks

Select courses from one of the following tracks:

### Biology Track

Item #	Title	Credit Hour(s)
BIO111	Biological Principles	4
BIO212	Cellular and Molecular Biology	4
	BIO311 or BIO314	4

### Chemistry Track

Item #	Title	Credit Hour(s)
CHE111	General Chemistry I	3
CHE111L	General Chemistry I Laboratory	1
CHE112	General Chemistry II	3
CHE113	General Chemistry II Lab	1
	Chemistry Selection	4-6

### Physics Track

Item #	Title	Credit Hour(s)
PHY211	College Physics I	4
PHY212	College Physics II	4
PHY241	Engineering Physics	3
	300/400 Level Physics Course	3

## Elective Courses

## Group 1

Select two of the following:

Item #	Title	Credit Hour(s)
HIS213	East Asian Civilization II	3
HIS333	Europe in Crisis 1871-1949	3
HIS337	Modern England	3
HIS343	Modern Central Europe	3
HIS417	History of Modern Russia	3
HIS424	History of the Middle East	3
HIS430	Recent America	3
POS302	European Politics	3
POS311	Politics of the Pacific Rim	3
POS346	Politics of Latin America	3

## Group 2

Select one of the following:

Item #	Title	Credit Hour(s)
COMM310	Persuasion and Propaganda	3
COMM312	Group Dynamics	3
COMM323	Conflict Management	3
COMM418	Intercultural Communication	3
PHI335	Theories of Economic Justice	3
PHI345	Environmental Philosophy and Ethics	3
PSY260	Social Psychology	3
PSY333	Cognitive Psychology	3
PSY343	Personality	3
PSY380	Psychology and the Law	3

## Group 3

Select two of the following:

Item #	Title	Credit Hour(s)
POS305	Urban Government	3
POS309	State Government	3
POS315	Public Administration	3
POS317	American Constitutional Politics	3
POS319	Constitutional Rights	3
POS321	International Human Rights	3
POS325	The American Legal System	3
POS335	United States Congress	3
POS355	The American Presidency	3
POS407	International Law and Organization	3
POS409	Kentucky Government	3

## Allied Courses

Majors must demonstrate competence in an appropriate world language, approved by the program coordinator, by completing the second half of an intermediate language course (Intermediate II or a more advanced course) or by taking a qualifying examination. Completion of a third year of language is strongly recommended.

*Notes: Topics courses, transfer courses, or other courses meeting the specifications of the major or minor may be substituted at the discretion of the program coordinator.*

**Total credits:**

**54-59**

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