

SEC499 Security Studies Project

Level: 4

Credit Units: 10 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY SEMESTER

Synopsis:

Compulsory to students studying the programme at honours level, this course consolidates students' learning and further develops their intellectual capability and curiosity by requiring them to undertake an individual research-based project on topics relating to Security Studies and/ or Counter Terrorism. The course prepare students to conduct independent research in Security Studies and to present the findings of such research in a formal report.

Topics:

- Introduction and Research Methods I
- Research Methods II
- Online Discussion
- Submission of Project Proposal & Presentation of Proposal Report
- Submission of Final Report

Textbooks:

: Ethical Security Studies, Routledge Routledge
ISBN-13: 9781317431817-AA

: Understanding Global Security, Routledge Routledge
ISBN-13: 9781351751254-AA

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Learning Outcome:

- Compare contemporary debates, theories and methods in political science and security studies.
- Design a Literature Review in political science (with a focus on security studies).
- Select a Research Problem in security studies with the supervisor.
- Hypothesize issues in security studies with the supervisor.
- Formulate a Research Hypothesis in security studies with the supervisor.
- Design a Research Question in security studies with the supervisor.
- Differentiate between a Research Question and a Research Hypothesis.
- Evaluate a Research Plan in security studies.
- Construct interviews, focus groups and simple straw polls.
- Propose a thesis to student peers and supervisors.
- Analyze public policies with regards to security issues in late modernity.
- Rate a thesis proposal through group discussion.
- Practice operational security concepts at the Honours Year level.
- Appraise work-based problems at the Honours Year level.
- Demonstrate competence in academic writing (political science honours level).

Assessment Strategies:

Continuous Assessment Component	Weightage (%)
PROJECT PROPOSAL	20
Sub-Total	20

Examinable Component	Weightage (%)
Project	70
Oral Exam	10
Sub-Total	80

Weightage Total **100**