

## **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:**

: Islam and Politics (3rd Edition) 3rd Routledge  
ISBN-13: 9781138486980

**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 (Evening Class):**

<b>Components</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Weightage Allocation (%)</b>
Overall Continuous Assessment	PROJECT PROPOSAL 1	20
Overall Examinable Components	Project	70
	Oral Exam	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>