B.S. in Global Conflict Studies

The Bachelor of Science in Global Conflict Studies, offers students a variety of courses that use a multidisciplinary approach to provide an understanding of the root causes of human conflict; a knowledge of the history of the major regions of the world and their interactions; the theory behind the management of conflict; the major global security challenges of the day; and a foundation in the methodology, technology, and political processes that attempt to prevent or resolve conflicts. Study-abroad opportunities, language acquisition, and cross-cultural internships provide students with a unique learning experience. The addition of bilingual or multilingual skills in a strategic language gives students the edge to be competitive in the marketplace.

Global Conflict Studies provides a foundation that prepares students who want to live and work in a multicultural environment as: an employee of a homeland defense and security enterprise; a member of the U.S. military; a foreign service officer in the U.S. State Department; an intelligence analyst for the Central Intelligence Agency, the U.S. military or in the private sector; a member of US AID; a volunteer for the Peace Corps; an employee for an international corporation; and a worker for the United Nations, the International Red Cross, or similar non-government entities. Global Conflict Studies majors can also succeed at the graduate level in a variety of related fields including history, political science, economics, human resiliency, and conflict resolution.

Degree Requirements

The Bachelor of Science in Global Conflict Studies requires successful completion of a minimum of 121 credit hours and is normally completed in eight semesters. Students can also pursue two of Embry-Riddle's many minors, including Arabic Studies, Business Administration, Chinese Studies, Communication and Broadcast Media, Forensic Accounting, Terrorism Studies, or Homeland Security. Students are also required to complete a 3-hour capstone project.

Students will:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the culture, society, economy, geography, politics, and history of a given region.
- Critically evaluate the causes and nature of international, transnational, and intranational conflicts.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the global system and the recurring themes in international relations.
- Analyze human security, its causes, impact, and the creation of sustainable societies.
- Develop their abilities to critically assess information and effectively communicate their findings.
- Work collaboratively to deliver research papers, professional presentations, and briefs.
- Critically evaluate emerging and historical threats and opportunities associated with globalization.

General Education Requirements

For a full description of Embry-Riddle General Education guidelines, please see the General Education section of this catalog. These minimum requirements are applicable to all degree programs.

Communications Theory and Skills (COM 122, COM 219, COM 221 or COM 222 or COM 223)	9
Humanities Lower level	3
Social Sciences Lower level	3
Humanities or Social Science - Lower or Upper level *	3
Humanities or Social Sciences - Upper level *	3
Computer Science	3
Mathematics	6
Physical and Life Sciences	6
Total Credits	**36**

GCS Core Requirements

UNIV 101	College Success	1
GCS Required Core Courses		**12**
GCS 101	Introduction to Global Conflict Studies	
GCS 115	Introduction to International Relations	
SS 207	Introduction to Research Methods	
GCS 490	Capstone in Global Conflict Studies	
Conflict Core (Select any 5 of the following, one of which must be 400 level)		**15**
CEGCS 396	Coop Ed Global Conflict Studies	
CYB 485	War, Terrorism and Diplomacy in Cyberspace	
GCS 208	Human Geography	
GCS 300	International Conflict Resolution	
GCS 302	Gender Security	
GCS 304	Political Violence	
GCS 306	Theories of Nations and Nationalism	
GCS 308	Transnational Crime	
GCS 310	International Political Economy	
GCS 314	Religion, Conflict, and Peace	
GCS 337	Globalization and World Politics	
GCS 400	Topics in Global Conflict Studies	
HU 341	World Philosophy	
or HU 345	Comparative Religions	
SS 325	International Studies	
Or any applicable upper-level course with permission from the GCS Coordinator		
Regional Analysis Core (4 of the following; 3 of the courses must focus on a different region)		**12**
GCS 312	Understanding the European Union	
GCS 322	Modern Russian History	
GCS 326	Russian-U.S. Relations	
GCS 333	U.S. - Asian Relations	
GCS 334	Contemporary Africa and the World	
GCS 336	The Modern Middle East in World Affairs	
GCS 353	Early U.S. Foreign Policy	
GCS 363	Inter-American Relations	
HSI 323	Government of the U.S.	
SS 311	U.S Military History 1775-1900	
SS 321	U.S. Military History 1900-Present	
SS 331	Current Issues in America	
SS 340	Modern U.S. Foreign Policy	
Or any applicable upper-level course with permission from the GCS Program Coordinator		
Science and Technology Specified Electives		**9**
GEO 210	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	
Any 2 of the following courses		
CYB 155	Foundations of Information Security	
EC 200	An Economic Survey	
EC 210	Microeconomics	
EC 211	Macroeconomics	
GEO 310	Advanced Geographic Information Systems	
GEO 402	Geographic Information System Applications	
HSI 290	Introduction to Environmental Security	
WX 201	Survey of Meteorology	

Or any applicable course with permission from the GCS Coordinator		
Policy, Program Management, & Communication Specified Electives (Any 2 of the following)		**6**
BA 201	Principles of Management	
BA 308	Public Administration	
BA 325	Social Responsibility and Ethics in Management	
BA 335	International Business	
COM 180	Media Literacy	
COM 265	Introduction to News Writing	
COM 325	Mass Media and Current Events	
COM 326	Social Media Communication	
COM 330	Science and Technology Communication	
COM 350	Environmental Communication	
COM 360	Public Relations	
COM 460	Crisis Communication	
CSO 310	International Space Policy and Law	
HSI 220	National Security Enterprise	
HSI 315	Critical Infrastructure Security, Resilience, and Risk Analysis	
HSI 342	Maritime Security	
HU 332	Cross-Cultural Communication	
SP 230	Space Policy and Law - History	
Or any applicable course with permission from the GCS Coordinator		
Breadth Area		**30**
Students are strongly encouraged to complete their breadth requirement by either two minors (minimum 30 credits total), or one minor and a "coherent block of credits" (minimum 30 credits total) which is determined with consent of GCS Program Advisor.		
Classes from the Core cannot be utilized as part of a Minor or "Coherent Block of Credits".		
Total Degree Credits		**121**

* Students may not use Core courses to fulfill Upper Level Humanities/ Social Science Requirement.

Freshman Year

		Credits
CS 120	Introduction to Computing in Aviation	3
COM 122	English Composition	3
GCS 101	Introduction to Global Conflict Studies	3
MA 120	Quantitative Methods I	3
MA 210	Introduction to Data Science	3
PS 116	Foundations in the Sciences	3
SS 110	World History	3
or SS 120	U.S. History	
SS 207	Introduction to Research Methods	3
GCS 115	Introduction to International Relations	3
	HU 14X Elective	3
	Credits Subtotal	**30.0**
Sophomore Year		
COM 219	Speech	3
	Physical Science Elective with lab	4
	Upper Level Humanities Electives	3
COM 223	Intelligence Writing	3
or COM 221	Technical Report Writing	
or COM 222	Business Communication	

GEO 210	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	3
	Conflict Core	6
	Regional Analysis Core	6
	Science and Technology Specified Electives	3
	Credits Subtotal	**31.0**
Junior Year		
	Upper Level Social Science Elective	3
	Conflict Core - 400 level course	3
	Regional Analysis Core	3
	Science and Technology Specified Electives	3
	Policy, Program Management & Communication Specified Elective	3
	Breadth Area	15
	Credits Subtotal	**30.0**
Senior Year		
GCS 490	Capstone in Global Conflict Studies	3
	Conflict Core	3
	Regional Analysis Core	3
	Science and Technology Specified Electives	3
	Policy, Program Management & Communication Specified Elective	3
	Breadth Area	15
	Credits Subtotal	**30.0**
	Credits Total:	**121.0**