BSST635 Countering Violent Extremism: Policy and Practice (3 Credits)
In recent years, the understanding of how and why individuals engage in violent extremism and terrorism has evolved and become more nuanced, as have the tools to mitigate these threats. A field of policy and practice called Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) has emerged that focuses on countering the pull of terrorist recruitment and influence by building resilience among populations vulnerable to radicalization.

BSST636 Quantitative Research Methods in Terrorism Studies (3 Credits)
Introduction to probability, statistics and data analysis, particularly with respect to how they are used in the study of terrorism. Students will learn fundamental principles of probability and statistical inference, how to summarize data and make statistical inferences, and how to manipulate and analyze data in a statistical software package (Stata) that is widely used in the discipline. The course provides a foundation in quantitative analysis that will enable students to critically evaluate extant quantitative research and manipulate their own data. It will also prepare interested students for more advanced statistics training.

Restriction: Students must be in the Graduate Certificate in Terrorism Analysis program. All other students should contact education@start.umd.edu to obtain permission to register.

BSST637 Qualitative Research Methods in Terrorism Studies (3 Credits)
Explores research design and qualitative methods using a hands-on approach. The course considers general themes such as the logic of inquiry, the appropriateness of qualitative approaches, as well as more specific topics such as process tracing, archival research, and survey methodology. It also provides students with the opportunity to learn and apply different tools for social science research.

Restriction: Students must be in the Graduate Certificate in Terrorism Analysis program. All other students should contact education@start.umd.edu to obtain permission to register.

BSST638 Special Topics in Terrorism Studies (3 Credits)
A special topics course for students in the Global Terrorism Minor program. Topics that may be offered are Psychology of Terrorism; Development of Counterterrorism Policies and Programs; Terrorism and Popular Culture; Terrorism and the Media; International Perspective on Terrorism and Counterterrorism; Education Abroad; The Evolution of Hezbollah; Terrorism and Small Wars; Political Islam in the West.

Restriction: 9 credits if content differs.

BSST698 Seminar in Terrorism Studies (1-3 Credits)
A special topics seminar course for graduate students interested in terrorism studies.

Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.

BSST699 Independent Study in Terrorism Studies (3 Credits)
An independent study course for students in the Global Terrorism Minor program.

Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.