

STRATEGIC STUDIES AND DIPLOMACY (JANUARY START) (MSc/PgDip/PgCert)

572L5JB1 / 612L5JVX / 622L5JVZ

Duration: 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time.

Content:

FULL TIME ROUTE

Stage 1

Candidates must take the following compulsory courses:

- PD5506 Getting Started at the University of Aberdeen (0 credit points)
- PI5521 Chinese Security Issues (30 credit points)
- PI5535 US Foreign Policy and Diplomacy (30 credit points)

Stage 2

- PI5901 Dissertation in Strategic Studies (60 credit points)

Stage 3

Candidates must take the following courses:

- PI5001 Strategic Theory (30 credit points)
- PI5034 International Diplomacy Theory and Practice (30 credit points)

PART TIME ROUTE

Stage 1 – January to August 2025

- PD5506 Getting Started at the University of Aberdeen (0 credit points)

Plus 30 credit points from one of the following list:

- PI5521 Chinese Security Issues (30 credit points)
- PI5535 US Foreign Policy and Diplomacy (30 credit points)

Stages 2, 3 and 4 – September 2025 to August 2026

30 credit points from one of the following list:

- PI5001 Strategic Theory (30 credit points)
- PI5034 International Diplomacy Theory and Practice (30 credit points)

30 credit points from one of the following list:

- PI5521 Chinese Security Issues (30 credit points)
- PI5535 US Foreign Policy and Diplomacy (30 credit points)

- PI5901 Dissertation in Strategic Studies (60 credit points)

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Stage 5 – September to December 2026

30 credit points from the following list:

PI5001 Strategic Theory (30 credit points)

PI5034 International Diplomacy Theory and Practice (30 credit points)

Assessment: By coursework, written examination, or a combination thereof, as prescribed for each course, and by submission of a dissertation. The degree of MSc shall not be awarded to a candidate who fails to achieve a CGS grade of D3 mark of 9 or above in IR5901, irrespective of their performance in other courses.