

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW (MSc/PgDip/PgCert)**  
**57LMINB1/61LMINVX/62LMINVZ**

*Duration:* 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time. *Duration* (MSc); 9 months full-time or 18 months part-time (PgDip); 4 months full-time or 8 months part-time (PgCert).

*Content:*

All candidates must take the following courses:

**FULL TIME ROUTE**

**Stage 1**

- PD5006 Getting Started at the University of Aberdeen (0 credit points)
- LS501T Critical Legal Thinking and Scholarship (0 credit points)
- IR5001 Theories and Concepts in International Relations (30 credit points)
- LS501U International Law; A Time of Challenges (30 credit points)

**Stage 2**

In addition to the above, candidates must take courses to the value of 60 credit points. At least one course from the PI electives and one from the LS courses must be taken.

*PI Electives:*

- PI5518 International Energy Security (30 credits)
- PI5520 Terrorism & Counter Terrorism (30 credit points)
- PI5521 Chinese Security Issues (30 credit points)

*LS Electives*

- LS5590 International Human Rights Law (30 credit points)
- LS5549 The Use of Force in International Law (30 credit points)
- LS551G International Humanitarian Law (30 credit points)

**Stage 3**

- IR5901 Dissertation in International Relations (60 credit points)

**PART TIME ROUTE**

This route will run over two years. Students can take up to 120 credit points in a single year. IR5901 must be taken in Year 2.

- PD5006 Getting Started at the University of Aberdeen (0 credit points)

The following courses are compulsory and can be taken in either Year 1 or Year 2:

- IR5001 Theories and Concepts in International Relations (30 credit points)
- LS501U International Law; A Time for Challenges (30 credit points)
- LS501T Critical Legal Thinking and Scholarship (0 credit points)

Plus at least one course from the PI electives and one from the LS courses must be taken.

*PI Electives:*

- PI5518 International Energy Security (30 credits)
- PI5520 Terrorism & Counter Terrorism (30 credit points)
- PI5521 Chinese Security Issues (30 credit points)

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*LS Electives*

LS5590 International Human Rights Law (30 credit points)

LS5549 The Use of Force in International Law (30 credit points)

LS551G International Humanitarian Law (30 credit points)

*Assessment:* By course work, by written examination, or by a combination of these, as prescribed for each course. The degree of MScIR will not be awarded to a candidate who fails to achieve a CGS mark of D3 or above in the specified dissertation course, irrespective of their performance in other courses: such candidates may, at the discretion of the Examiners, be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma.