

**STRATEGIC STUDIES AND INTERNATIONAL LAW (SEPTEMBER START)  
(MSc/PgDip/PgCert)**

**57L2M2B1/61L2M2VX/62L2M2VZ**

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

*Content:*

**FULL TIME ROUTE**

Stage 1

Candidates must take the following compulsory courses:-

PD5006 Getting Started at the University of Aberdeen (0 credit points)  
LS501T Critical Legal Thinking and Scholarship (0 credit points)  
PI5001 Strategic Theory (30 credit points)  
LS501U International Law: A Time of Challenges (30 credit points)

Stage 2

Candidates are required to take one Law course and one Strategic Studies course from:

Strategic Studies

PI5520 Terrorism and Counter Terrorism (30 credit points)  
PI5521 Chinese Security Issues (30 credit points)  
PI5522 International Energy Politics and Security (30 credit points)

Law

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

Stage 3

PI5901 Dissertation in Strategic Studies (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. PD5006 and LS501T must be taken in Year 1. PI5901 must be taken in Year 2. The following courses are compulsory and can be taken in either Year 1 or Year 2:

PD5006 Getting Started at the University of Aberdeen (0 credit points)  
LS501T Critical Legal Thinking and Scholarship (0 credit points)  
PI5001 Strategic Theory (30 credit points)  
LS501U International Law: A Time of Challenges (30 credit points)

Candidates are required to take one Law course and one Strategic Studies course from:

Strategic Studies

PI5520 Terrorism and Counter Terrorism (30 credit points)  
PI5521 Chinese Security Issues (30 credit points)  
PI5522 International Energy Politics and Security (30 credit points)

**PLEASE SEE OVER →**

## Law

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

LS5590 International Human Rights Law (30 credit points)

*Assessment:* By written examination, essay work and class presentation, 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 result of D3 or above in PI5901, irrespective of their performance in other courses.