

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

**57L2MJB1**

*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**

PD5506 Getting Started at the University of Aberdeen (0 credit points)  
LS553X Foundations of International Law (0 credit points)  
LS551T Critical Legal Thinking and Scholarship (0 credit points)

Candidates must select on Strategic Studies course and one Law course from the following:

#### **Strategic Studies Electives**

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

#### **Law Electives**

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

#### **Stage 2**

PI5901 Dissertation in Strategic Studies (60 credit points)

#### **Stage 3**

Candidates must take the following compulsory courses:

PI5001 Strategic Theory (30 credit points)  
LS501U International Law: A Time of Challenges (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.

### **PART TIME ROUTE**

#### **Stage 1 – January to August 2022**

PD5506 Getting Started at the University of Aberdeen (0 credit points)  
LS553X Foundations of International Law (0 credit points)  
LS551T Critical Legal Thinking and Scholarship (0 credit points)

30 credit points from one of the following elective groups (please note that in Stage 2, you will only be able to select a course from the elective group not chosen in Stage 1)

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### Strategic Studies Electives

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

### Law Electives

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

### Stages 2, 3 and 4 – September 2022 to August 2023

30 credit points from one of the following list:

- PI5001 Strategic Theory (30 credit points)
- LS510U International Law: A Time of Challenges (30 credit points)

30 credit points from the Strategic Studies list if not already taken in Stage 1, or 30 credit points from the Law list if not already take in Stage 1:

### Strategic Studies

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

### Law

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

- PI5901 Dissertation in Strategic Studies (60 credit points)

### Stage 5 – September to December 2023

30 credit points from the following list:

- PI5001 Strategic Theory (30 credit points)
- LS510U International Law: A Time of Challenges (30 credit points)

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