

STRATEGIC STUDIES (SEPTEMBER START) (MSc/PgDip/PgCert) 57M100B1/61M100XD/62M100VZ

Duration: 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time (MSc); 9 months full time or 18 months part-time (PgDip); 8 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)
PI5001 Strategic Theory (30 credit points)

Candidates will select one course from the following electives:

PI5027 Religion, Conflict and Security (30 credit points)
PI5034 International Diplomacy Theory and Practice (30 credit points)

Stage 2

Candidates will select two courses from the following:

PI5518 International Energy Security (30 credits)
LS5549 The Use of Force in International Law (30 credit points)
PI5520 Terrorism and Counter Terrorism (30 credit points)
PI5521 Chinese Security Issues (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 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:

PI5001 Strategic Theory (30 credit points)

Plus one course from the following electives:

PI5027 Religion, Conflict and Security (30 credit points)
PI5034 International Diplomacy Theory and Practice (30 credit points)

Plus candidates will select two courses from the following:

PI5518 International Energy Security (30 credits)
LS5549 The Use of Force in International Law (30 credit points)
PI5520 Terrorism and Counter Terrorism (30 credit points)
PI5521 Chinese Security Issues (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 grade of D3 or above in PI5901, irrespective of their performance in other courses.