

## **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).

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### **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)
- PI5027 Religion, Conflict and Security (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)
- PI5027 Religion, Conflict and Security (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.