Studying by Distance-Learning

Duration
Distance-learning starting in September will take a minimum of 27 months to complete including vacation times. There is usually a maximum duration of 60 months for those who wish to take breaks or reduce the number of modules they study at any one time.

Studying
You will study online in your own time for approx. 20-25 hours per week. There are no set times to be online and no lectures to attend. Coursework will be uploaded to your MyAberdeen e-learning portal on a regular basis. This can take the form of notes, slides, videos, quizzes, case studies, etc. Some lectures may be recorded (audio and/or visual) and made available on MyAberdeen for you to stream at your convenience. You should not need to buy any books as course material will be made available online and you will be able to use our extensive online library for reference material.

MyAberdeen has discussion facilities where you are encouraged to chat with other students and problem solve together. Course tutors will also be online at times and of course you have the usual email and phone support from the programme staff.

Assessment
There will be assignments periodically that you will have to submit online, and exams at the end of May and the end of December which you will arrange to sit in your local British Council office or local university. See Term Dates for exam and vacation times.

First sittings of exams are free at the University of Aberdeen, however this may not be suitable if you live far away and we do not recommend that you travel far for exams in case of any delays. In this case you can sit your exams at your local University or local British Council Office. They will charge you for the service and you should contact them directly to discuss that. There is no requirement to come to the University of Aberdeen at all.

Tuition Fees
See http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cops/graduate/fees-funding-751.php for the latest tuition fees.

Further information
Please contact the Graduate School Admissions Unit using our Online Enquiry Form if you wish to discuss anything further.