

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).

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FULLTIME ROUTE

Stage 1

PD5506 Getting Started at the University of Aberdeen (0 credit points)

Candidates will select two courses from the following electives:

- PI5520 Terrorism & Counter Terrorism (30 credit points)
- PI5521 Chinese Security Issues (30 credit points)
- SL5513 Advanced Quantitative Analysis in Social Science (30 credit points)
- SO5512 Dimensions of Globalization (30 credit points)
- SO5519 Sex, Gender, Violence: Critical Approaches (30 credit points)
- SO5529 Peace & Conflict Studies (30 credit points)

Stage 2

IR5901 Dissertation: International Relations (MSc) (60 credit points)

Only candidates who complete the requirements of the above programme at a CGS \geq D3 will be allowed to progress to the dissertation stage. Candidates who fail to achieve the standard for progression to, or elect not to proceed to, Stage 3, shall be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma if they have achieved the appropriate number of credits for that award. Those who achieve the required standard in only half of the taught component (60 credit points) may be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate in International Relations.

Stage 3

IR5001 Theories and Concepts in International Relations (30 credit points)

Candidates will select one course from the following electives:

- IR5007 International Political Economy (30 credit points)
- SL5011 Advanced Qualitative Methods in Social Science (30 credit points)
- PI5027 Religion, Conflict and Security (30 credit points)

Assessment: By coursework, written examination, or a combination thereof, 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 mark of 9 or above in IR5901, irrespective of their performance in other courses.

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PART TIME ROUTE

Stage 1 – January to August 2022

PD5506 Getting Started at the University of Aberdeen (0 credit points)

And 30 credit points from the following list:

- PI5520 Terrorism & Counter Terrorism (30 credit points)
- PI5521 Chinese Security Issues (30 credit points)
- SL5513 Advanced Quantitative Analysis in Social Science (30 credit points)
- SO5512 Dimensions of Globalization (30 credit points)
- SO5519 Sex, Gender, Violence: Critical Approaches (30 credit points)
- SO5529 Peace & Conflict Studies (30 credit points)

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

IR5001 Theories and Concepts in International Relations (30 credit points)

30 credit points from the following list:

- PI5520 Terrorism & Counter Terrorism (30 credit points)
- PI5521 Chinese Security Issues (30 credit points)
- SL5513 Advanced Quantitative Analysis in Social Science (30 credit points)
- SO5512 Dimensions of Globalization (30 credit points)
- SO5519 Sex, Gender, Violence: Critical Approaches (30 credit points)
- SO5529 Peace & Conflict Studies (30 credit points)

Plus

IR5901 Dissertation: International Relations (MSc) (60 credit points)

Stage 5 – September to December 2023

30 credit points from the following list:

- IR5007 International Political Economy (30 credit points)
- SL5011 Advanced Qualitative Methods in Social Science (30 credit points)
- PI5027 Religion, Conflict and Security (30 credit points)

Assessment: By coursework, written examination, or a combination thereof, 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 mark of 9 or above in IR5901, irrespective of their performance in other courses.