

## **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (JANUARY START) (MSc/PgDip/PgCert)**

**57IRJSB1/61IRJSVX/62IRJSVZ**

*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:*

### **FULLTIME ROUTE**

#### **Stage 1**

Candidates will select two courses from the following electives:

- PI5502 Global Security Issues (30 credit points)
- PI5516 Research Design, Data and Presentation (30 credit points)
- PI5520 Terrorism & Counter Terrorism (30 credit points)
- SL5511 Approaches to Quantitative Analysis in Social Research (30 credit points)
- SO5512 Dimensions of Globalization (30 credit points)
- SO5515 The Comparative Studies of European Societies (30 credit points)
- SO5519 Sex, Gender, Violence: Critical Approaches (30 credit points)
- SO5525 Post-Conflict Justice and Peacebuilding (30 credit points)
- SO5526 Global Conflict and Peace Processes (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)
- PI5021 Qualitative Research Methods in Politics and International Relations (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.

### **PART TIME ROUTE**

Year 1

Students will select one course from the following:

- PI5502 Global Security Issues (30 credit points)
- PI5516 Research Design, Data and Presentation (30 credit points)
- PI5520 Terrorism & Counter Terrorism (30 credit points)
- SO5512 Dimensions of Globalization (30 credit points)

SL5511 Approaches to Quantitative Analysis in Social Research (30 credit points)  
SO5515 The Comparative Studies of European Societies (30 credit points)  
SO5519 Sex, Gender, Violence: Critical Approaches (30 credit points)  
SO5525 Post-Conflict Justice and Peacebuilding (30 credit points)  
SO5526 Global Conflict and Peace Processes (30 credit points)

Year 2

All students must take the following:

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

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

Students will select one course from the following. Courses taken in previous years cannot be taken again:

PI5502 Global Security Issues (30 credit points)  
PI5516 Research Design, Data and Presentation (30 credit points)  
PI5520 Terrorism & Counter Terrorism (30 credit points)  
SL5511 Approaches to Quantitative Analysis in Social Research (30 credit points)  
SO5512 Dimensions of Globalization (30 credit points)  
SO5515 The Comparative Studies of European Societies (30 credit points)  
SO5519 Sex, Gender, Violence: Critical Approaches (30 credit points)  
SO5525 Post-Conflict Justice and Peacebuilding (30 credit points)  
SO5526 Global Conflict and Peace Processes (30 credit points)

Year 3

Students must take one course from the following. Course already taken in Year 2 cannot be taken again:

IR5007 International Political Economy (30 credit points)  
PI5021 Qualitative Research Methods in Politics and International Relations (30 credit points)  
PI5027 Religion, Conflict and Security (30 credit points)

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