

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW (JANUARY START)
(MSc/PgDip/PgCert) 57LMIJB1**

Duration: 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time.

Duration (MSc); 9 months full-time or 18 months part-time (PgDip); 4 months full-time or 8 months part-time (PgCert).

Content:

All candidates must take the following courses:

FULL TIME ROUTE

Stage 1

Candidates must take the following compulsory course:

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

LS553X Foundations of International Law (0 credit points)

LS551T Critical Legal Thinking and Scholarship (0 credit points)

Plus courses to the value of 60 credit points. At least one course from the PI electives and one from the LS courses must be taken.

PI Electives:

PI5518 International Energy Security (30 credits)

PI5520 Terrorism & Counter Terrorism (30 credit points)

PI5521 Chinese Security Issues (30 credit points)

PI5535 US Foreign Policy & Diplomacy (30 credit points)

LS Electives

LS5590 International Human Rights Law (30 credit points)

LS5549 The Use of Force in International Law (30 credit points)

Stage 2

IR5901 Dissertation in International Relations (60 credit points)

Stage 3

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

LS501U International Law: A Time of Challenges (30 credit points)

PART TIME ROUTE

This route will run over two years. Students can take up to 120 credit points in a single year. Compulsory courses LS553W and LS551T must be taken in Year 1 and IR5901 must be taken in Year 2.

Stage 1 – January to August 2022

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

LS553X Foundations of International Law (0 credit)

LS551T Critical Legal Thinking and Scholarship (0 credit points)

30 credit points from one of the following elective groups (please note that in Stage 2, you will only be able to select a course from the elective group not chosen in Stage 1) **PLEASE SEE OVER →**

PI Electives:

- PI5518 International Energy Security (30 credits)
- PI5520 Terrorism & Counter Terrorism (30 credit points)
- PI5521 Chinese Security Issues (30 credit points)
- PI5535 US Foreign Policy & Diplomacy (30 credit points)

LS Electives

- LS5590 International Human Rights Law (30 credit points)
- LS5549 The Use of Force in International Law (30 credit points)

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

30 credit points from the following list:

- IR5001 Theories and Concepts in International Relations (30 credit points)
- LS501U International Law: A Time of Challenges (30 credit points)

30 credit points from the PI Electives list if not already selected in Stage 1, or 30 credit points from the Law Electives list if not already selected in Stage 1:

PI Electives:

- PI5518 International Energy Security (30 credits)
- PI5520 Terrorism & Counter Terrorism (30 credit points)
- PI5521 Chinese Security Issues (30 credit points)
- PI5535 US Foreign Policy & Diplomacy (30 credit points)

LS Electives

- LS5590 International Human Rights Law (30 credit points)
- LS5549 The Use of Force in International Law (30 credit points)

- IR5901 Dissertation in International Relations (60 credit points)

Stage 5 – September to December 2023

30 credit points from the following list:

- IR5001 Theories and Concepts in International Relations (30 credit points)
- LS501U International Law: A Time of Challenges (30 credit points)

Assessment: By course work, by written examination, or by a combination of these, as prescribed for each course. The degree of MScIR will not be awarded to a candidate who fails to achieve a CGS mark of D3 or above in the specified dissertation course, irrespective of their performance in other courses: such candidates may, at the discretion of the Examiners, be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma.