MA International Security (THPL-AFM42)

Course and Award Details

Course title	MA International Security
Route(s)	MA International Security
Awarding body	University of Bath
Award	Masters Degree not mainly by Research
Award name	Masters - Postgraduate Taught
Course mode of delivery	Full time
Course length	1 years
Entry point	September 2024
Main location of study	University of Bath, Main Campus, Claverton Down
Course-owning school/department	Politics, Languages and International Studies

Course Description

Course Summary

Explore the fast-changing and multi-faceted subject of international security. Learn about topics including cybersecurity, counterterrorism and peacekeeping.

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International security has evolved enormously in the 21st century. Because of this, the way governments and organisations prepare for threats like terrorism, human and drug trafficking, and territorial and sovereignty disputes must adapt, too.

This course aims to prepare you for the new landscape of international security. With a focus on contemporary security issues, you'll look at politics and policymaking in the international arena, and the role of global actors within it.

You'll gain important insights into the diverse dimensions of international security through in-depth study of up-to-date practices and challenges. You'll also consider how major security threats impact societies and individuals, and the policy decisions that can prevent and minimise their effects.

Topics you'll cover include:

- interstate and intrastate wars
- conflict, peace and peacekeeping
- terrorism and counterterrorism
- intelligence
- failed states and state building
- cybersecurity
- political violence
- climate challenges

This course is suitable for you if you have a degree in an appropriate subject, such as public policy, government, international affairs, international relations, history or sociology, and a keen interest to expand your knowledge and career prospects.

It's also suitable for you if you want to specialise in security issues, whether you're working in an NGO, government or the private sector, or other relevant fields such as commerce, industry and teaching.

>Watch our webinar about this course(https://vimeo.com/807498303)

Learn from experts in the field
Studying in our Department for Politics, Languages & International Studies(/departments/department-of-politics-languages-international-studies/) will provide you with the opportunity to work with leading researchers. Their first-hand research experience will allow you to gain new perspectives on this complex subject area. Their expertise spans areas like cyberspace politics, gender politics, biological and chemical warfare, and global governance.

Gain important career skills
You'll have the opportunity to gain:

- in-depth knowledge of the new international security environment of the 21st century
- a detailed understanding of the theories and methods underpinning international security
- the ability to analyse current security challenges and practices and their impact on research and policymaking
- a strong foundation for an international career in administration, diplomacy, research and policymaking

Graduate prospects
Studying this course will provide you with an excellent grounding for working in international organisations, government agencies, multinational corporations, NGOs, and public bodies.

Graduates have gone on to successful careers in a wide range of organisations, including:

- Foreign Relations Officer, Office of the Narcotics Control Board
- Policy Advisor, DEFRA
- Analyst, UI's Europe Programme
- NATO consultant, Washington DC
- Global Operations Officer, Drum Cussac Group

Contact hours	You are expected to spend approximately 35 hours per week studying, with around 8-10 hours of this being structured classes.
	This will be made up of a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials, and workshops. You will work as an individual and as part of small groups.
Delivery methods	The following list provides an indication of some of the learning and teaching methods used on the course: Research project Design projects Lectures Online resources Seminars Workshops
Assessment summary	You will experience a balance of different forms of assessment designed to support your professional development. This will include coursework, essays, presentations, examinations, and a dissertation.
	We can make reasonable adjustments to assessment procedures for students with disabilities. Take a look at our Disability Service's pages(/professional-services/disability-service/) for information.
Assessment methods	The following list provides an indication of some of the assessment methods used on the course: Coursework Essay Dissertation Examinations Oral presentation
Budgeting statement	You will need to budget at least £100 for the cost of photocopying, printing and binding. You will also need to budget for the cost of textbooks. Some courses involve

visits away from campus and you may be required to pay some or all of the costs of travel, accommodation and food and drink. If you're on a placement, you're responsible for your own travel, accommodation and living costs. You should also consider the financial implications if you go on an unpaid or overseas placement.

Additional Costs   If you receive an offer, you will need to pay a non-refundable deposit of £1,000 when you accept to secure your place. This will be deducted from your tuition fee when you register.

Course Assessment Regulations

Applicable Assessment Regulations	Postgraduate Taught Assessment Regulations - https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/postgraduate-taught-assessment-regulations/
Exemptions from Regulations	Not specified
Course Progression Requirements	Not specified

Course Structure

Year 1

Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
AY	PL00000	Academic integrity training & test	Extra	Foundation (FHEQ level 3)	0	
S1	PL52156	Research methods in political science and international relations	Part 4 Taught Compulsory	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
S1	PL52115	Critical approaches to international security	Part 4 Taught Designated Essential Unit	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
S1	**MA International Security S1 options CT PGT**					Select 1 module from this group in this period
	PL52128	European Union politics in a changing world	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
	PL52133	Gender theory	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
	PL52140	International terrorism	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
	PL52166	Statecraft and geopolitics	Part 4 Taught	Masters	10	

		in the Indo-Pacific region	Optional	UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	
	PL52171	The politics of the environment	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10
	PL52173	Theoretical approaches of international politics and foreign policy	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10
S2	**MA International Security S2 options CT PGT**					Select 3 modules from this group in this period
	PL52114	Contemporary comparative Russian politics	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10
	PL52116	Democracy v technocracy: modernity and risk	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10
	PL52134	Gender, security and transitional justice from Global South to Global North	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10
	PL52135	Genocides, human rights violations, and transitional justice	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10
	PL52167	The global politics of cyberspace	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10
	PL52168	The politics of Asia and the world	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10
	PL52169	The politics of gender inequality	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10
	PL52170	The politics of organised crime	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10
	PL52172	The resurgence of reactionary politics	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10
	PL52174	Theories of conflict and conflict resolution	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG	10

		conflict resolution	Optional	UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	
DIS	PL52150	MA in International Security dissertation	PGT Project/Dis Compulsory	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	30

Additional rules for module selection
None

Year 2

No units found

The availability of optional units is subject to constraints such as staff availability, minimum and maximum group sizes, and timetabling factors, as well as a student's ability to meet any pre-requisite rules.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, you will be able to

	Knowledge and Understanding	Intellectual Skills	Professional and Transferable Skills	Placement	Study Year Abroad
Critically review current issues of international security, war and peace dynamics, statecraft, and diplomacy	✔				
Develop strong analytical skills and theory-informed reasoning to be able to conduct security related analysis and understand current challenges and developments	✔	✔			
Critically appraise the world of security and how multilateral institutions operate in this domain		✔			
Critically engage with issues and debates surrounding international security to progress into careers in administration, diplomacy, policy formation, political analysis and advising, and research			✔		

Alternative Courses and Exit Awards

Designated Alternative Courses (DAC) and exit awards	Exit awards: Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma For further information see https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/postgraduate-taught-assessment-regulations/ For information on possible named exit awards, please contact your Director of Studies

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