

International Security Studies

Programme Requirements:

International Security Studies - MLitt
IR5001 (30 credits) and IR5036 (30 credits) and 60 credits from International Relations optional MLitt Modules and IR5099 (60 credits)

Compulsory modules:

IR5001 International Security			
SCOTCAT Credits:	30	SCQF Level 11	Semester 1
Academic year:	2018/9		
Planned timetable:	11.00 am - 1.00 pm Thu		
This module introduces students to important issues and significant debates in security studies. We begin by examining the nature of war, strategy, and alliances. We then analyze the structure and impact of military power, including both conventional and nuclear weapons. We then probe the causes of interstate war, from domestic politics to the structure of the state system, to bargaining models. Finally, we turn to domestic conflict and delve into the dynamics of insurgency, counterinsurgency, and peacekeeping.			
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 2-hour seminar.		
Assessment pattern:	3-hour Written Examination = 40%, Midterm Examination = 20%, Coursework = 40%		
Re-assessment pattern:	re-sit and/or re-submission		
Module coordinator:	Dr H Tamm		

IR5036 Critical Security Studies			
SCOTCAT Credits:	30	SCQF Level 11	Semester 1
Academic year:	2018/9		
Planned timetable:	1-3 Mon		
This module will examine the challenge to traditional conceptions of security presented by the emergence of Critical Security Studies since the end of the Cold War. Students will explore what it means to study the concept and practice of security from a critical perspective. They will examine the various theoretical traditions that have informed critical security studies and the methodological implications for the analysis of different types of security contexts, ranging from alliance relations, terrorism, the environment, migration, famine, etc.			
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 1-hour lecture and 1-hour tutorial.		
Assessment pattern:	3-hour Written Examination = 50%, Coursework = 50%		
Re-assessment pattern:	re-sit and/or re-submission		
Module coordinator:	Dr C E Gentry		
Module teaching staff:	Dr L Mills		

International Relations - International Security Studies - 2018/9 - August 2018

IR5099 Dissertation for MLitt Programme/s				
SCOTCAT Credits:	60	SCQF Level 11	Semester	Full Year
Academic year:	2018/9			
Planned timetable:	5.00 - 6.00 pm Thu			
Student dissertations will be supervised by members of the teaching staff who will advise on the choice of subject and provide guidance throughout the research process. The completed dissertation of not more than 15,000 words must be submitted by the end of August.				
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: Individual Supervision			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework (Dissertation) = 100%			
Re-assessment pattern:	No Re-Assessment Available			

For Optional modules see: International Relations optional modules 2018-2019