


Security MA



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Security MA

Terrorism, civil wars, migration, modern slavery, climate change and predatory states all threaten the stability of our international system. Liberal states struggle to find political and military answers to the ongoing challenges of security in the 21st Century. This programme is designed to educate and inform students who wish to understand the complexities of global politics at an advanced level. It also offers opportunities for those who wish to be trained to work in diplomacy, international organisations, international charities or in the stewardship of global peoples and global resources. This policy relevant programme, which studies real problems in real places, is taught by experts specialising in International Relations and Security Studies.

The Centre for Security Studies which is located in Politics and International Studies, runs its own bespoke seminar programme and arranges lectures, trips and activities in all areas of contemporary security. Those studying for this MA have membership of the Centre.

Programme of study

Our Security MA explores contemporary security issues in global politics. From the defence of the UK, the future of NATO and pressing issues such as hybrid war, cyber threats and the ambition of states such as Russia and China, we examine the security challenges of our time. Among the most pressing concerns are migration, development and the ecological threats to communities posed by global warming. As such this MA bridges the gap between undergraduate work and higher-level study. The MA is both theoretical, covering ideas and concepts that inform the study of international security, but is also practical and has an emphasis on problem-solving. Our experts, who all teach and work in security, lead students towards an understanding of conflict in our world. Subjects studied include conflict, civil wars and military/political responses. Our experts operate through small group teaching and individual supervision in a supportive environment geared to the work of understanding the world. There is emphasis on engagement with practice and policy work.

Who should apply?

This degree will appeal to students who wish to pursue a career in international politics, in the charity and humanitarian sectors, or working on security issues, as well as those who wish to study for a PhD degree.

Careers

This programme is designed for those interested in working in diplomacy, journalism, civil service, policy-making, campaigning, and/or research, as well as more generally those of you wanting to learn more about security threats and how these are framed and responded to.

Assessment

Assessment on the programme includes essays, presentations, policy-briefs and an extended dissertation on a security topic tailored to your particular interests and potential career ambitions.

Course structure

The programme is taught through a series of modules within which there is considerable flexibility to focus on the security issues that most concern you. The programme also includes a dissertation which allows you to analyse a security issue of your choice in considerable depth.

The modules are:

- Security, Conflict & Defence in Global Politics
- Research Design and Practice for Security Studies
- International Politics: issues and policies
- Ethical Dilemmas and Security in the 21st Century
- Governing Crises
- Security in the Developing World
- Urban Warfare
- Dissertation in Security Studies

Entry qualifications

At least an Upper Second Class Honours Degree or relevant professional qualifications as recognised by Loughborough University.

ELP. IELTS should be 6.5 overall with a minimum of 6.0 in each subject: Reading, Listening, Writing and Speaking.

Details of Loughborough University's Postgraduate Application process are available online via:

<https://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/>

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