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Features

- The School of International Relations is the only one of its kind in Scotland and one of the few that exists in the UK. There are currently 25 members of academic staff in the School.
- There is a large and vibrant postgraduate community, with around 60 taught postgraduate and 70 research students in any year, many from overseas, as are several staff members.
- We have an established reputation throughout the world for high-quality teaching and research.
- In the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise 45 per cent of the School's research was recognised as world leading (4*) or internationally excellent (3*) in terms of originality, significance and rigour.
- The Quality Assurance Agency rated our teaching 'commendable' at its last assessment.
- We have specialist areas in international security, terrorism studies, peace and conflict, international institutions, regional studies including the Middle East, Central Asia and Southern Africa, and international theory.

A Theoretical and Practical Discipline

International Relations is a distinct discipline that draws on diplomatic history, political theory, political economy, political science and international law to provide its own theoretical perspectives to explain the processes and patterns of international affairs in the modern world. This enables you to assess developments in the international system and specific geographic regions. You will explore issues such as the origins of war and peace, the making of foreign policy, trade regimes, international terrorism, human rights, military alliances, and the interaction of political and economic development. You also analyse the ways in which states relate to other international actors, and develop normative theories that relate the world as it is to the world as it might be. All of these have practical applications for you as both citizen and as potential decision maker.

"Returning to St Andrews in 2008 was one of the best decisions in my life. I have focused on the Middle East since my undergraduate years and St Andrews and the School of International Relations have proved to be academically stimulating for my research. It is not only our academic staff who are here to help and challenge us on a daily basis but also the postgraduate community, without which both our academic and social life would not be the same. St Andrews might be small but it is also an experience; it will challenge your academic thinking and work but you will also become part of this warm and vibrant community."

**PAOLA
Vaasa, Finland
Current PhD student**



International Relations has been taught at the University for 25 years, and a separate department was created in 1990, becoming a School in its own right in 2003. We are located at the centre of the University, occupying a brand new purpose-built building. All the International Relations modules taught on our MLitt programmes are distinctive options available only to postgraduate students. At the same time you are incorporated into the wider research life of the School, taking part in our regular research seminars and occasional series organised on specific topics.

The discipline of International Relations is both theoretical and practical. Those involved in the subject spend much of their professional lives reflecting on the nature of the international political order. At the same time they are involved in practical engagement within that order. Academics teaching in the discipline are frequently called upon to apply their insights to the realities of international relations. In consequence many of our staff provide expert judgements in the media, give advice to legislatures or governments, or provide non-governmental organisations with briefings on specific issues or countries.

Qualifications Available

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/intrel

Postgraduate Diploma (Nine Months)

Terrorism Studies (e-learning course)

MLitt (One Year)

International Political Theory
International Security Studies
Middle Eastern & Central Asian Security Studies
Peace and Conflict Studies
Terrorism Studies

MPhil (Two Years)

International Political Theory
International Security Studies
Middle Eastern & Central Asian Security Studies
Peace and Conflict Studies

MRes (One Year)

International Relations

PhD (Three Years)

International Relations

For all Master's degrees there are exit awards available that allow suitably-qualified candidates to receive a Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma.



Research Centres

- **The Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (CPCS)** aims to maintain a forum committed to advancing critical theoretical, conceptual and empirical understandings of the development of responses to conflict and the construction of peace. In particular it aims to interrogate the relationship between conflict and the forms of 'peace' being created in conflict zones mainly in the developing world today. It is currently hosting a number of research projects to this end.
- **Centre for Russian, Soviet, Central and Eastern European Studies (CRSCEES)** aims to promote the study of Russia, the former Soviet Union, and Central and Eastern Europe by bringing together staff and students from different academic disciplines with interests in this field.
- The mission of the **Centre for Syrian Studies (CSS)** is to foster scholarship and dialogue about Syria and exchanges between Syrian and British scholars and others. It undertakes research and holds conferences on contemporary Syria, specifically on economic and political reform in Syria and on security and foreign policy issues concerning Syria. The Centre also publishes the *St Andrews Papers on Contemporary Syria*.
- **Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence (CSTPV)** is one of the oldest and most respected centres in its field. CSTPV is dedicated to policy-relevant, empirical research and teaching on determinants, manifestations and consequences of terrorism and state and societal responses to terrorism and political violence in all its forms.
- **Institute of Middle Eastern, Central Asian and Caucasus Studies (MECACS)** aims to stimulate interdisciplinary discourse, research and teaching on this geographic area by providing venues to bring together specialists and scholars in the field across the University of St Andrews' diverse Schools and disciplines, especially in the partner Schools of International Relations and History.
- **The Centre for Global Constitutionalism (CGC)** provides an institutional home for the exploration of rights, rules and responsibilities at the global level. The Centre aims to provide conceptual clarity on the idea of global constitutionalism and to ameliorate conflicts at the global level that arise from confusing conceptions of rights, rules and responsibilities.



The Range of Degrees

Postgraduate Diploma and MLitt

These are taught courses which extend over two semesters. Courses are taught by lectures, seminars and tutorials and are assessed by both continuous assessment and by examinations at the end of each semester. The taught degrees consist of several components:

- One or more compulsory subject-specific core modules relating to each of the programmes described from page 6 onwards.
- Optional modules are chosen in consultation with your programme co-ordinator. Please see the School website for further details of the modules on offer.
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/intrel
- Those completing an MLitt will also write a 15,000-word dissertation (60 credits), submitted at the end of the academic year. The coursework elements must be passed at a high standard before progression to the dissertation is allowed. The Postgraduate Diploma is awarded for successful completion of module coursework (120 credits), without the dissertation.

MPhil

The MPhil is studied over two years and involves both taught and research elements. In the first year you will follow taught modules, as detailed above for the Postgraduate Diploma. You will then progress to produce a supervised research thesis of up to 40,000 words.

MRes

The MRes in International Relations is a one-year taught course based on a new initiative to provide interdisciplinary training as well as advanced research training in International Relations. It is intended to provide you with the research and professional skills that you will require to perform doctoral research successfully. This assists you to pursue a subsequent three-year PhD after obtaining the MRes (this is described as a 1+3 programme), although progression to the PhD is not guaranteed.

The course includes a block of four modules on general research training in the Social Sciences, including general aspects and features of *Being a Social Scientist*, *the Philosophy of Social Science*, *Qualitative Research Methods*, and *Quantitative Research Methods*.



There is also a subject-specific block of three modules focusing on Research Methods in International Relations, Historical, Theoretical and Philosophical Debates in IR and a choice of one of three IR domains of expertise. Finally, you must write a dissertation applying an individually selected range of research methods in the discussion of a subject-specific issue or problem.

PhD

The PhD is studied over three years and requires the production of a research thesis of up to 80,000 words. Topics for research for these degrees are related to the research interests of members of the School. You will be assigned to supervisors, who will meet with you regularly and review your progress.

GRADskills – enhancing researchers’ skills and employability

PhD and MPhil research students at St Andrews have access to GRADskills, an extensive and award-winning generic skills development programme for early stage researchers. Further details of the GRADskills programme are available at: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/gradskills

Taught Degrees

International Political Theory

Programme Director: Dr Anthony Lang (al51@st-andrews.ac.uk)

Entrance Requirements: A good degree with Honours from a UK university or its equivalent.

Programme Duration: One year

Aim of Programme: This innovative degree is located at the intersection of political theory and international relations. It aims to offer students of IR new conceptual tools for understanding the international system and students of philosophy and political theory the ability to transcend the boundaries of the sovereign state. Students in the IPT programme will take two core modules, which combine the history of political theory as it has related to the study of international relations with prominent methods of interpreting and analysing political theory texts. The weekly seminars consist of a close reading and analysis of classic and contemporary texts in international political thought, ranging from Hobbes’ *Leviathan* and Kant’s *Perpetual Peace* to Schmitt’s *The Concept of the Political* and Rawls’ *Law of Peoples*. In addition, students take two optional modules. The MLitt normally concludes with the writing of a dissertation of 15,000 words on an agreed topic.



International Security Studies

Programme Director: *to be confirmed* (for information contact irpg@st-andrews.ac.uk)

Entrance Requirements: A good degree with Honours from a UK university or its equivalent.

Programme Duration: One year

Aim of Programme: This degree offers an intellectually stimulating analysis of key issues and debates in international security. Students in the ISS programme will take two subject-specific compulsory core modules which address major theories, concepts and issues in the study of international security and provide analytic tools that can be applied to other parts of the degree. Topics covered may include contemporary forms of warfare, the creation of international regimes, new forms of power projection, such as 'soft security' and economic power, and security-related debates arising in a context of globalisation. In addition students take two option modules. The combination of core and optional modules helps bridge the gap between theory and practice, providing students with tools for the analysis of a wide variety of contemporary security issues while preparing them for a variety of career paths, from further graduate study to media, consultancy and policy related work. The MLitt normally concludes with the writing of a dissertation of 15,000 words on an agreed topic.

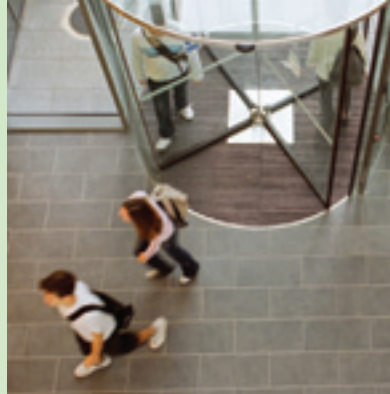
Middle Eastern and Central Asian Security Studies

Programme Director: Dr Sally N Cummings (snc@st-andrews.ac.uk)

Entrance Requirements: A good degree with Honours from a UK university or its equivalent.

Programme Duration: One year

Aim of Programme: This is a multidisciplinary degree offered by the School of International Relations and the Institute of Middle Eastern, Central Asian and Caucasus Studies, which is designed to offer an advanced grounding in the politics of the Middle East and Central Asia. It emphasises the international security, comparative politics, economics, history, cultures and societies of this strategically significant and vast geographical area. Students take a core module, modules on the two regions, and a fourth optional module. The programme also offers an opportunity for language study in Arabic, Persian or Uzbek, in which case students may specialise in their options on either the Middle East or Central Asia. After the degree, students will be equipped to either continue with doctoral work or pursue a non-academic career in which they contribute to analysis, policy and planning (particularly in international diplomacy, international organisations, non-governmental organisations and consultancy work). The MLitt normally concludes with the writing of a dissertation of 15,000 words on an agreed topic.



Peace and Conflict Studies

Programme Director: Dr Roger MacGinty (hrm21@st-andrews.ac.uk)

Entrance Requirements: A good degree with Honours from a UK university or its equivalent.

Programme Duration: One year

Aim of Programme: This degree aims to provide students with an opportunity to work on peace and conflict theory, broader issues relating to peace-building and peace processes and on specific case studies in conflict analysis. Students are required to take two subject-specific core modules in the first semester, *Peace and Conflict Theory* and *Approaches to International Theory, Security and Conflict*. In the second semester, the third core module is *Case Studies in Conflict*, which includes a field trip. The latter includes a guided fieldwork experience for students in a post-conflict and development setting (potentially Bosnia, East Timor, Kosovo, Nepal, or Uganda, depending on conditions), in order to introduce them to both the physical and intellectual terrain of a peace process. (If a fieldtrip cannot be taken for any reason, students will visit the UN in New York.) Students will develop the skills required to analyse the roots, dynamics, key actors and issues in specific conflicts, and to evaluate specific responses to such conflicts. In addition students take one further option module. The MLitt normally concludes with the writing of a dissertation of 15,000 words on an agreed topic.

Terrorism Studies

Programme Director: Professor Max Taylor (mt40@st-andrews.ac.uk)

Entrance Requirements: A good degree with Honours from a UK university or its equivalent in a relevant discipline.

Programme Duration: One year

Aim of Programme: This degree seeks to develop in students a critical understanding of the concept of terrorism and political violence within the context of a multidisciplinary approach to security studies. It will focus on knowledge and understanding of the principal social and psychological factors that influence the emergence, development, and abandonment of terrorism as a method of waging conflict, and offer an understanding and critical evaluation of the political context to contemporary terrorism. It will introduce students to the critical assessment of terrorist incidents around the world, examine selected approaches to counter-terrorism and the development of new responses.



Financing Your Studies

Scottish Overseas Research Students Awards (SORS) are available to 'outstanding' overseas applicants to help cover the cost of fees only. More details of SORS and the award deadline, which usually falls in late February, can be found on the scholarships website: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/scholarships

Please note that the offer of a University place to undertake research or further study does not carry with it the guarantee of financial support. You will be required to support yourself or apply to a grant-awarding body (please refer to www.st-andrews.ac.uk/pgstudents/money for information on current tuition fees and grants available).

The opportunity to work as teaching assistants on first and second year undergraduate courses may also be available to postgraduates on the MPhil and PhD programmes, but cannot be guaranteed for all who apply. Stipends attached to these appointments provide a useful source of support for postgraduate students in their second and third years.

St Andrews has various scholarship opportunities for prospective St Andrews postgraduate students. Our 'Recent Graduate Discount' is designed to recognise the loyalty of current St Andrews students and very recent St Andrews alumni when they apply for postgraduate courses here. Details of all our scholarship opportunities and initiatives can be found on our website. www.st-andrews.ac.uk/scholarships

Admission Requirements and Application Process

If you are planning to enter at MLitt level you should normally have at least a strong 2.1 or equivalent (e.g. GPA of 3.6 or better on a 4-point scale) in your first degree. You are required to submit two academic references, an academic transcript and a sample of academic written work with your application and, for research degrees, a research proposal. Applications are not considered until they are complete. Competition for places is intense and you are encouraged to submit your applications as early as possible. The programme you wish to study should be clearly indicated.

You are expected to be proficient in English, both spoken and written. If your first language is not English, you will be required to sit an appropriate test, and achieve the British Council's English Language Test to level 7.0, or a TOEFL score of 600 or better.



Further information and an online application form can be found on the Postgraduate Admissions web pages (contact details on the back of this leaflet).

Staff Teaching and Research Interests

(Email addresses (in brackets) should be followed by @st-andrews.ac.uk)

Professor John Anderson (jpa): Soviet and post-Soviet politics, religion and politics.

Dr Javier Argomaniz (ja51): European Union counter-terror policies, international co-operation in counter-terrorism, Basque Terrorism.

Dr Michelle Burgis (mb107): international law, international legal theory, the Arab-Israeli conflict, territorial disputes, law in the Arab world.

Dr Sally Cummings (snc): politics of identity, nation- and state-building in Eastern Europe, geographical specialisation: Central Asia.

Dr Rick Fawn (rick.fawn): international security and IR theory with a geographical interest in Central & Eastern Europe and the Caucasus.

Professor Karin Fierke (kf30): international relations theory and methodology, critical security studies, conflict intervention.

Dr Patrick Hayden (jph10): international political theory, human rights and global justice, contemporary political theory, and genocide studies.

Dr Yee-Kuang Heng (ykh1): IR theory, security implications of globalisation and the war on terrorism.

Professor Raymond Hinnebusch (rh10): Syria, Egypt and the international relations and political economy of the Middle East.

Dr Mark Imber (mfi): international organisations and global governance, reform and efficiency of the UN system, environmental politics, attitudes to remembrance of contemporary war casualties in Britain.

Dr Tony Lang (al51): international political theory, US foreign policy, military affairs, Middle East international relations, global constitutionalism, ethics and the use of force.

Dr Peter Lehr (pl17): piracy and maritime terrorism, terrorism and violence in South and South East Asia.



- Orla Lynch** (ol): psychology of terrorism, community based anti-terrorism, radicalisation processes, radicalisation and the prison system, non-violent radicalism, religion and identity.
- Dr Roger MacGinty** (hrm21): civil war and political violence, peace processes and peace negotiations, post-war reconstruction.
- Dr Jareme Mullin** (jrm21): ex-combatants, conflict and post-conflict transition, peacekeeping and peace-building, the United Nations, and African politics.
- Dr Jeffrey Murer** (jrm14): collective violence, ethno-conflict and the psychology of identity politics.
- Professor Nick Rengger** (nrj3): international and global ethics, international relations theory, and the history of political and international thought.
- Professor Oliver Richmond** (opr): peace and conflict theory, peacebuilding, peace keeping, conflict resolution, critical theory and postmodernism in IR.
- Dr Gurchathen Sanghera** (gss10): UN peacekeeping, human rights, globalisation, the 'politics' of race and ethnicity post-9/11 and 7/7, and critical theory.
- Dr Rashmi Singh** (rs71): terrorism, political violence (with special expertise on suicide terrorism, IR theory, the politics of the Middle East, Political Islam, religion, culture and identity in IR).
- Dr Gabriella Slomp** (gs21): history of political thought and modern ideologies.
- Professor Ian Taylor** (ict): international relations of Africa, Africa's political economy.
- Professor Max Taylor** (mt40): terrorism and political violence, internet crime and crime prevention and behavioural criminology.
- Dr William Vlcek** (wbv2): international political economy, offshore financial centres, small states, terrorist finance.
- Dr Frederic Volpi** (fv6): the Middle East; religion and politics.
- Professor William Walker** (wbw): weapons of mass destruction in the international order and Asian security.
- Professor Alison Watson** (amsw): childhood studies, children in international relations, activism, motherhood.
- Professor Andy Williams** (ajw30): international history, conflict resolution.

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Online Prospectus, Subject Leaflets and Admissions information:

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/admissions/pg

Visiting Days

There will be two Visiting Days, 17 November 2010 and 23 March 2011, when you can look round the University and talk informally to staff about courses. Booking for these events is essential. For more information see the prospectus or:

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/admissions/pg/Postgraduatevisits

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