

## Masters in Terrorism and Political Violence - Distance learning mode

### Also Postgraduate Diploma

***Taught Element, and PG Diploma:***

60 credits: IR5951, IR5952

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**MLitt:**

120 credits from the Taught Element plus IR5998

### Compulsory modules – modules run concurrently for distance learners:

IR5951 Fundamental Issues and Structures of Terrorism (Distance learning)			
<b>SCOTCAT Credits:</b>	30	SCQF Level 11	<b>Semester:</b> Whole Year
<b>Planned timetable:</b>	1-hour lecture and 1-hour tutorial per fortnight + advertised office hours and online teaching materials.		
<p>This module is the first of four of an elearning Postgraduate Diploma in Terrorism Studies, and is designed to present core conceptual issues. These issues will include: Terrorism as a field of study - emergence and evolution; Definitional, conceptual, typological and theoretical issues; History of Terrorism; Ideology, Religion and Terrorism; Terrorist Organisations and Campaigns - stand-alone terrorism and terrorism combined with guerrilla warfare and political party work; Terrorism and Democracy - legal and human rights issues; Terrorism and Repression - counter-insurgency and counter-terror; Terrorism and Domestic and International Conflict - asymmetric warfare and humanitarian issues; Terrorism and Crime - linkage and law enforcement issues; Terrorism and Communication - propaganda and psychological warfare. We will cover three structures in relation to these concepts. Inside terrorist organisations and their support groups: Profiles of the most active terrorist groups - case studies. The structure of the international system and international counter-terrorist measures. Victims of terrorism and their national and transnational support organisations.</p>			
<b>Programme module type:</b>	Compulsory for the Terrorism and Political Violence Postgraduate Programme - distance learning mode.		
<b>Anti-requisite(s):</b>	IR5901	<b>Required for:</b>	IR5998
<b>Learning and teaching methods and delivery:</b>	<b>Weekly contact:</b> Distance learners having separate video or audio lectures and attend tutorials via video conferencing. Online support.		
<b>Assessment pattern:</b>	Coursework = 100%		
<b>Module Co-ordinator:</b>	Dr N Brooke		
<b>Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):</b>	Various		

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<b>IR5952 Research Methods (Distance learning)</b>				
<b>SCOTCAT Credits:</b>	30	SCQF Level 11	<b>Semester:</b>	Whole Year
<b>Planned timetable:</b>	Online material and 1-hour tutorial per fortnight + advertised office hours			
This module will present appropriate research methods to enable students to critically understand the professional literature, and to lay the foundations to enable students to engage in further research. The broad aim of this module is to provide students with sufficient research skills to identify, read and understand professional literature, and to undertake their own research activities. It will introduce critical elements of research methodology, introduce and develop skills in qualitative and quantitative research methodologies, describe and illustrate literature and documentation search and retrieval strategies, and provide an introduction to the role of the intelligence analyst as a practical example.				
<b>Programme module type:</b>	Compulsory for the Terrorism and Political Violence Postgraduate Programme - distance learning mode.			
<b>Anti-requisite(s):</b>	IR5902	<b>Required for:</b>	IR5998	
<b>Learning and teaching methods and delivery:</b>	<b>Weekly contact:</b> Distance learners having separate video or audio lectures and attend tutorials via video conferencing. Online support.			
<b>Assessment pattern:</b>	Coursework = 100%			
<b>Module Co-ordinator:</b>	Dr B Blumenau			
<b>Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):</b>	Dr B Blumenau & Dr J Argomaniz			

<b>IR5953 Terrorism: How to Respond (Distance learning)</b>				
<b>SCOTCAT Credits:</b>	30	SCQF Level 11	<b>Semester:</b>	Whole Year
<b>Planned timetable:</b>	1-hour lecture and 1-hour tutorial per fortnight + advertised office hours			
This module examines historical and contemporary counter-terrorism efforts in terms of effectiveness, legality and morality, utilising examples drawing from a broad range of literature from within terrorism studies and beyond. Students will engage with debates on the use of military force, the ethics and effectiveness of intelligence, the need for credible public message on terrorism, difficulties with coordination and cooperation between and within states, as well as strategies for addressing root causes of political violence and learning to live with terrorism in the long term. Students will gain an understanding of what constitutes effective responses to terrorism and why states still fail so often in their efforts.				
<b>Programme module type:</b>	Compulsory for the part-time Terrorism and Political Violence Postgraduate Programme - distance learning mode.			
<b>Anti-requisite(s):</b>	IR5903	<b>Required for:</b>	IR5998	
<b>Learning and teaching methods and delivery:</b>	<b>Weekly contact:</b> Distance learners having separate video or audio lectures and attend tutorials via video conferencing. Online support.			
<b>Assessment pattern:</b>	Coursework = 100%			
<b>Module Co-ordinator:</b>	Dr K McConaghy			
<b>Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):</b>	Dr K McConaghy			

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IR5954 Distance Learning Electives				
<b>SCOTCAT Credits:</b>	30	SCQF Level 11	<b>Semester:</b>	Whole Year
<b>Planned timetable:</b>	Part time - 1-hour lecture (if applicable - not all electives are delivered by lecture) and 1-hour tutorial per fortnight + advertised office hours plus online material.			
<p>This module gives students the opportunity to apply the conceptual and theoretical knowledge gained in the other modules to selected areas of application reflecting where possible the students own interests and needs. Students will cover the following topics in the 2014/2015 academic year (depending on numbers): Critical Infrastructure Protection; Suicide Terrorism; Maritime Irregular Activities: Terrorism, Piracy and Organised Crime; Right wing terrorism and extremism; Terrorism and the Internet; Terrorism in the Age of Barbarism.</p>				
<b>Programme module type:</b>	Compulsory for the Terrorism and Political Violence Postgraduate Programme - distance learning mode.			
<b>Required for:</b>	IR5998			
<b>Learning and teaching methods and delivery:</b>	<b>Weekly contact:</b> Distance learners having separate video or audio lectures and attend tutorials via video conferencing. Online support.			
<b>Assessment pattern:</b>	Coursework = 100%			
<b>Module Co-ordinator:</b>	Dr D Muro			
<b>Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):</b>	Various			

IR5998 Dissertation for Terrorism and Political Violence Studies MLitt Distance learning Programme				
<b>SCOTCAT Credits:</b>	60	SCQF Level 11	<b>Semester:</b>	Whole Year
<b>Planned timetable:</b>	3 x supervision sessions, at times to be arranged with the supervisor plus access to online dissertation teaching materials.			
<p>This module allows students to undertake an in-depth investigation research into issues within or related to the field of Terrorism Studies and to prepare a 15,000 000-word (approximately) dissertation. The dissertation will make use of skills acquired during the Postgraduate Diploma to identify, investigate, analyse and report upon an area of contemporary concern or interest. Supervision of the dissertation will be provided.</p>				
<b>Programme module type:</b>	Compulsory for the Terrorism and Political Violence Postgraduate Programme - distance learning mode.			
<b>Pre-requisite(s):</b>	IR5951, IR5952, IR5953 & IR5954			
<b>Learning and teaching methods and delivery:</b>	<b>Weekly contact:</b> Individual supervision.			
<b>Assessment pattern:</b>	Coursework (Dissertation) = 100%			
<b>Module Co-ordinator:</b>	Dr J Argomaniz			

