Masters in Terrorism and Political Violence - Full time programme

Also Postgraduate Diploma

Taught Element, and PG Diploma:

Full time:

60 credits: IR5901 and IR5902

60 credits: 2 modules from IR5007, IR5033, IR5042, IR5904, IR5921, IR5922

MLitt:

120 credits from the Taught Element plus IR5999

Compulsory modules:

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<th>IR5901 Fundamental Issues and Structures of Terrorism</th>
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This module 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.

Programme module type: Compulsory for the Terrorism and Political Violence Postgraduate Programme - full time mode.

Anti-requisite(s): IR5951

Required for: IR5999

Learning and teaching methods and delivery: Weekly contact: Tutorials and lectures.

Assessment pattern: Coursework = 100%

Module Co-ordinator: Dr P Lehr

Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s): Various
**International Relations - Terrorism and Political Violence - Full time - 2016/7 - August 2016**

### IR5902 Research Methods

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**Planned timetable:** 3.00 pm Mon (lecture) 10.30 am - 11.30 pm Tue (tutorial)

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.

**Programme module type:** Compulsory for the Terrorism and Political Violence Postgraduate Programme - full time mode.

**Anti-requisite(s):** IR5952  
**Required for:** IR5999

**Learning and teaching methods and delivery:** Weekly contact: Tutorials and lectures

**Assessment pattern:** Coursework = 100%

**Module Co-ordinator:** Dr J Argomaniz

### IR5999 Dissertation for Terrorism and Political Violence Studies MLitt

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**Planned timetable:** 3 x supervision sessions, at times to be arranged with the supervisor plus access to online dissertation teaching materials.

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.

**Programme module type:** Compulsory for the Terrorism and Political Violence Postgraduate Programme.

**Pre-requisite(s):** IR5901, IR5902 and 60 credits (2 modules) from IR5007, IR5033, IR5042, IR5904, IR5921, IR5922

**Learning and teaching methods and delivery:** Individual supervision.

**Assessment pattern:** Coursework (Dissertation) = 100%

**Module Co-ordinator:** Dr J Argomaniz
Optional modules:

### IR5007 Terrorism and Liberal Democracy

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**Planned timetable:** Lecture: 1.00 pm Tue and Tutorial: 11.00 am - 12.30pm Wed

This module addresses: conceptual and definitional issues concerning terrorism; the relationship of terrorism to other forms of political violence; the origins, dynamics and development of contemporary terrorism; the efficacy of terrorism as a political weapon; the dilemmas and challenges of liberal democratic state responses to terrorism; and case studies in terrorism and counter-terrorism. The module is convened by Professor Richard English, and is taught by Professor Richard English, Professor Louise Richardson, Professor Bruce Hoffman, Dr Rashmi Singh, and Dr Javier Argomaniz, together with other specialist colleagues from the Handa Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence (CSTPV) and the School of International Relations.

**Programme module type:** Optional for International Political Theory, International Security Studies, Peace and Conflict Studies and Terrorism and Political Violence Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

**Learning and teaching methods and delivery:**

**Weekly contact:** 1 hour lecture, 1.5 hour tutorial per week + advertised office hours

**Assessment pattern:** Coursework = 100%

**Module Co-ordinator:** Dr N Brooke

### IR5042 Gender and Terrorism

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**Planned timetable:** 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm Mon

This module aims to familiarise the students with how gender is a social construction that privileges certain actors over and against others. Bluntly, gender, similarly to race and class, is a tool for the construction and maintenance of power. The process of ‘gendering’ expects different actions and grants different agency to particular actors based upon their biological sex. This often reflects a power differential which has historically (and continues) to privilege men and masculinised subjects over women and feminised subjects. This has a significant impact on International Relations and thus Terrorism Studies. Gender also affects the way that we construct and conceive of actors—groups and individuals—who use political violence.

**Programme module type:** Optional for International Political Theory, International Security Studies, Peace and Conflict Studies and Terrorism and Political Violence Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

**Learning and teaching methods and delivery:**

**Weekly contact:** 1 lecture and 1 tutorial.

**Assessment pattern:** 3-hour Written Examination = 50%, Coursework = 50%

**Module Co-ordinator:** Dr C E Gentry
Increasingly, terrorism and political violence is coming to be seen in the wider theoretical context of political collective action, social movement theory and 'contentious politics', a process which has been assisted on the one hand by this field's own growing interest in transnational activism, and recently by growing interest in civil resistance as a neglected area in the study of insurgency within the framework of conflict studies and IR. This module will address such issues as: What does it mean to take a 'political collective action' approach to terrorism? Social movement theory and terrorism; Terrorism and high-risk activism: understanding recruitment and mobilisation; Terrorism and the Collective Action Repertoire; New Social Movements, New Terrorism? Terrorism in the Context of Transnational Activism.

Motives, Enablers and Implications for State Responses: This module examines how combatants in terrorist groups are able to overcome inhibitions to killing. The nature of these inhibitions is examined, as is the range of circumstances which enables them to be overcome so that lethal violence can be justified, compelling and a source of satisfaction. The module draws not only on terrorism studies but also on scholarship from a wide range of subject areas including war studies, psychology, sociology, theology, anthropology, history and art. The focus is more on individuals’ aims, aspirations, and ways of imagining themselves and their actions, rather than organisational and instrumental purposes. Theory will be explored through case studies. Resulting insights are used to adduce principles for state responses to political violence. The module thus builds on the tradition of scholarship at St Andrews that examines how political violence may be effectively countered in ways that are consonant with liberal democracy.
This module will provide students with an overview of the evolution, characteristics, and decline of terrorist movements and campaigns since 1945 by looking at different forms of terrorism (ethnic, religious, social-revolutionary) as well as the responses that both states and international organisations have developed in order to cope with it. The module will also address state and state-sponsored terrorism and the problems that arise once a state actor is involved in terrorism. Moreover, it will examine why and under what circumstances terrorism and antiterrorism responses have been successful. Finally, students will take part in a simulation of UN antiterrorism negotiations in which they will represent a country, research this country's experience with and stance on terrorism and advance the respective government's key interest regarding a comprehensive UN antiterrorism convention.