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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND NATIONAL SECURITY

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE / GRADUATE DIPLOMA / MASTER

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ALL ABOUT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND NATIONAL SECURITY

There is a growing need for highly trained analysts, researchers and advisors in international affairs capable of understanding the increasingly complex problems of international relations and global security, as well as making informed recommendations and decisions.



The graduate coursework programs in international relations and security studies allow graduates from all disciplines to develop their expertise in international relations and global security. Area studies of important regions will be combined with analysis of diverse challenges emerging in the 21st Century. The graduate programs provide participants with the skills and knowledge to understand contemporary international relations. Core units of the program will introduce world current trends and security challenges at the beginning of the 21st century. Optional units will analyse themes such as strategic geography, international crime, ethnopolitical movements, socio-economic and security issues in specific regions.

COURSE OVERVIEW

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The course can be taken at three levels — graduate certificate, graduate diploma and master degree. Upon successful completion of the Graduate Certificate in International Relations and National Security, students may transfer to the Graduate Diploma, and then subsequently enrol in the Master of International Relations and National Security.

Conversely, if you are enrolled in the master degree and have completed those parts of the program that qualify for either the graduate certificate or graduate diploma you may take out one of these awards instead of completing the master degree.

COURSE STRUCTURE

For the Master of International Relations and National Security completion of two core units, six optional units, and an individual research project (thesis component) is required; for the Graduate Diploma two core units and six optional units; for the Graduate Certificate two core units and two optional units.

COURSE STRUCTURE

| Units | Credits |
|--|---------|
| Year 1, Semester 1 | |
| Contemporary Issues in International Relations 570 OR National Security and Strategy 572 | 25 |
| Select options to the value of 75 credits | 75 |
| Year 1, Semester 2 | |
| Contemporary Security Challenges 571 | 25 |
| Select options to the value of 75 credits | 75 |
| EXIT GRADUATE CERTIFICATE | |
| EXIT GRADUATE DIPLOMA | |
| Year 2, Semester 1 | |
| Advanced Individual Project 690 | 50 |
| Advanced Individual Project 691 | 50 |
| EXIT MASTER | |
| OPTIONAL UNITS | |
| Units | Credits |
| Globalised Terrorism 512 | 25 |
| Asia Pacific Studies 573 | 25 |
| Russian and Eurasian Studies 578 | 25 |
| Enthpolitical Movements 581 | 25 |
| Intelligence and Analysis 581 | 25 |
| Cultures of Violence and Conflict 582 | 25 |
| Security and Conflict in the Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf 583 | 25 |
| Strategic Geography 584 | 25 |
| Geo-Strategy and Energy Security 585 | 25 |
| Regional Study 585 | 25 |

CORE UNITS

Contemporary Issues in International Relations 570

Students study the key characteristics of the international system, the nation state, balance of power and domestic influences on foreign policy.

Understanding Security in the 21st Century 571

This unit examines the challenges to world security, great powers and their role in global security and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

National Security and Strategy 572

The unit will provide students with critical understanding of the conceptual foundations of strategic studies; strategy as a science; national security as a concept.

Advanced Individual Project 690/691

Students complete a research project (thesis) in their area of specialisation under the guidance of a research supervisor.

OPTIONAL UNITS

Globalised Terrorism 512

This unit gives students an understanding of terrorism not just as a security phenomenon but a complex and, often, controversial socio-political matter; the history of terrorism; and, the origins of modern terrorism. Students will also analyse terrorism post-September 11, 2001; the impact of the phenomenon of Al-Qaeda on international extremist movements; the modus operandi of major terrorist groups; and problems with proliferations of weapons of mass destruction and their possible use by terrorists. The effect of the threat of terrorism on Australia's national security and possible ways of countering this threat is also analysed.

Asia-Pacific 573

Analysing and prescribing the prospect for peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region through a number of specific issue-oriented studies. Issues covered include multilateralism versus regionalism, modernism versus ecopessimism, globalism versus cultural imperialism, human rights versus state rights, techno-globalism versus techno-nationalism and traditionalism versus feminism.

Russian and Eurasian Studies 578

An examination of the history, culture and religion of Central Asia, the role and place of nomad society in the development of states and nations in Central Asia, interaction with Western Europe and Russia, Russia's colonial policy in the region, Kazakhstan and Eurasia, the Eurasian idea in the 21st century.

Ethnopolitical Movements 581

A study of minority groups and governments within the international arena and the impact of minority groups within and across state borders.

Intelligence and Analysis 581

The unit will provide students with critical understanding of the systematic, structured approach to analysis; the role and place of the intelligence capability in the system of national security and defence; the role of intelligence in national strategic and defence planning; intelligence and traditional warfare; the role of intelligence in counter-insurgency campaigns and as a counter terrorism instrument; different research methodologies and models employed by academic and relevant professional communities, including the intelligence cycle.



Cultures of Violence and Conflict 582

An exploration of a comparative range of historical and contemporary constructions and definitions of crime and the criminal. Social processes and environments producing differing notions of crime with a focus on the multivocal narratives of crime through core thematic areas. Utilisation of extensive case study materials for student research projects - pre-industrial, modern and globalised constructions of crime.

Security and Conflict in the Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf 583

An examination of the geographical and historical framework, subregions, interests and instruments of external powers involved in regional affairs, and the evolution of regions as a strategic area. The interaction between external local states, relations within subregions, domestic and international sources of foreign policy for regional states such as Indonesia, India, Pakistan and Iran.

Strategic Geography 584

An examination of geographical approaches to the study of strategic issues and to issues of international and intranational conflict. Consideration of both classical geopolitical approaches and more contemporary methods incorporating a wide range of international core studies.

Geo-Strategy and Energy Security 585

This unit examines the conceptual framework of contemporary strategy formulations, especially in the context of accessing and securing traditional and alternative energy resources. Geopolitical problems and challenges associated with exploration and extraction of energy resources and their transfer to consumers are also analysed, including future strategies for governments and private business based on critical international risk assessment.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Graduate Certificate: A Bachelor degree in any field of study from a recognised tertiary education institution.

Graduate Diploma: A Bachelor degree in any field of study from a recognised tertiary education institution.

Master: A Bachelor degree in any field of study from a recognised tertiary education institution plus at least one year of work experience. Applicants who have completed the Graduate Diploma in International Relations or the first four units in that course will also be considered for entry.

DURATION

Graduate Certificate: One semester full-time or equivalent part-time study

Graduate Diploma: Two semesters full-time or equivalent part-time study

Master: Three semesters full-time or equivalent parttime study

INTAKES February and July

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COURSE DETAILS

| AWARD TITLE | COURSE CODE | CRICOS CODE |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Graduate Certificate in International Relations and National Security | 306667 | 050588G |
| Graduate Diploma in International Relations and National Security | 306668 | 050589G |
| Master of International Relations and National Security | 306642 | 046040A |

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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REASONS TO STUDY

1. The Logical Choice. Curtin is the leading provider of postgraduate courses in International Relations and Strategic Studies in Western Australia.

2. Interdisciplinary approach. Perspectives from Political Science, Anthropology and Sociology, History and Sustainable Development.

3. International expert team. Internationally renowned staff, providing expert teaching from all over the world - Australia, Canada, Japan, Russia and the UK.



GRADUATE PROFILE

AMY V R LUGG
(Singapore)
GRADUATE 2007



Perth is commonly described as 'the most isolated city in the world' and at first glance would seem an odd choice of location to study International Relations. This could not be further from the truth. I was pleasantly surprised to discover that my choice of location and course was indeed truly 'international' with both lecturers and fellow students from as far afield as Europe, the United States, Africa and Asia, not to mention the locals as well.

The format of the course was well structured, giving students ample opportunity to explore different areas of International Relations over two semesters before closing in on a specific area of interest. I would recommend International Relations at Curtin University as it provides a diverse course content which, when coupled with enthusiastic lecturers, encourages an analytical approach and independent thought

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