



INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY STUDIES

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MASTER OF SCIENCE

EXAMINE KEY ISSUES IN
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INTRODUCTION

Dear Prospective Student,

Intelligence is a vital component in the context of the security framework.

With the ever-constant threat to national and international security and the ever-changing nature of these threats, having a detailed understanding as well as being able to **analyse and evaluate these issues is essential for anyone with a remit that involves intelligence and security matters.**

National governments, international agencies and major corporations recognise the **need for personnel with a strong grasp of intelligence and security issues and increasingly require staff who can also demonstrate exceptional knowledge, research and analysis skills.**

This **postgraduate Intelligence & Security Studies programme equips you with a solid understanding of the many problems facing the international community today, with flexible study options of a PGCert, PGDip and MSc.**

The course provides an analysis of important intelligence and security events and issues from the late 20th century to today and connects the practical basis of intelligence to the broader issues facing the international system. This will assist in contextualising the importance of good intelligence, where failures have occurred and the resulting impact. Your studies will use reflection and analysis to understand and develop your own area of expertise within the fields of intelligence analysis, security studies and criminology.

During the Intelligence & Security Studies programme you will focus on **understanding and applying intelligence and analytical thinking to practical problems by looking at current and emerging security problems as well as evaluating potential solutions to these issues.** You will discover how policing, law enforcement and politicians are trying to counter and combat threats in a global environment.

The course is ideal for professionals seeking career advancement in intelligence settings, law enforcement, defence, customs and immigration, the security industry, international governmental and non-governmental institutions, national foreign ministries and private companies.

The **vocational nature of the postgraduate programme is further enhanced by the dissertation**, which allows you to engage in a substantial piece of research and to apply your knowledge and skills in an area of particular interest to you and your career aspirations.

Giving a thorough grounding in intelligence, the course will equip you for analytical research on contemporary structures, processes and factors in international and transnational security issues. Your course tutors provide up to date research and trends based on their research activities in these increasingly complex areas. **Being delivered 100% by distance learning**, you can organise your learning, and the development of transferable vocational and research skills, around the demands of your work and home life.

I welcome your interest in this course and I look forward to welcoming you as a student to study the fascinating and ever changing field of intelligence and security studies

Dr. Adrian James
Programme Leader



As the former Chief Constable of a Metropolitan Force, a career detective and Head of National Police Chiefs Council Crime Operations Business Area, I know there is an increasing requirement to bridge the gap between the practical application of security legislation, sensitive investigative techniques and the academic study of the phenomenon that is terrorism. There needs to be a joined up understanding of why those who threaten national security do what they do, how they do it and how the threat that they present can be neutralised. This programme draws together each of these strands and will equip those in charge with keeping our citizens safe, with a firm base of theoretical understanding and practical knowledge to complement existing skills and prepare individuals for more senior levels of responsibility.

Sir Jon Murphy QPM DL LLB (hons)
Professor of Advanced Policing Studies at Liverpool John Moores University

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ABOUT THIS COURSE

These courses aim to provide students with a critical view of threats from terrorism, organised crime, radicalisation and intelligence failures, as well as an assessment of security strategies such as horizon scanning.

During the programme, you will use reflection and analysis to understand and develop your own area of expertise within the fields of intelligence analysis, security studies and criminology. The courses aim to provide an analysis of important intelligence and security events and issues of the late 20th and 21st century and connects the practical basis of intelligence to the broader issues facing the international system.

The history of the role of intelligence, including success and failure using case studies and international examples will also help you to contextualise the importance of the impact caused. In particular, you will focus on understanding and applying intelligence and analytical thinking to practical problems by looking at current and emerging security problems as well as evaluating potential solutions to these issues.

These courses are taught by distance learning and aims to connect a diverse body of domestic and international students across to time zones, to share knowledge and develop expertise in the fields.

The courses key aims are:

- ✔ To provide distance learning programmes in Intelligence and Security Studies for full-time employees.
- ✔ To enable students to make an original contribution to the discipline of Intelligence and Security Studies and the advancement of professional security practice.
- ✔ To produce competent, informed reflectively and ethically competent students who have a developed academic understanding the key issues within Intelligence and Security Studies and the theories which underpin the discipline.
- ✔ To enable students to connect the conceptual basis of the disciplines to some of the practical issues facing the international system.

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS



Award:
PGCert / PGDip / MSc Intelligence and Security Studies



Progression:
Students may enrol for just the PGCert (60 credits), or the PGDip (120 credits), or straightaway for the MA (180 credits). Students enrolling onto the PGCert/PGDip level may re-enrol in future years to increase the level of their academic award



Delivery:
Online distance learning



Duration:
11 months (PGCert)
22 months (PGDip)
28 months (MSc)



Mode:
Part-time



Attendance:
100% online



Structure:
Three (PGCert), six (PGDip) or seven (MSc) modules delivered online with associated multimedia resources, discussion forums, team collaboration and tutorial support



Awarded by:
Liverpool John Moores University
This is an LJMU programme and qualification, with enrolment and delivery administered by KNect365 Learning. The course is taught, assessed, quality assured and awarded by Liverpool John Moore University

KEY INFORMATION



When does it start and how long is the course?

We offer one start date per academic year (September).
The programme must be completed within:

PGCert: 11 months

PGDip: 22 months

MSc: 28 months



What are the entry requirements?

- ✔ A relevant second class honours degree or above (such as in criminology, social or political science), or an overseas equivalent qualification is normally required. Alternatively, a graduate level professional qualification of comparable standard and suitable work experience (such as policing, security or military work) may be accepted.
- ✔ Proficiency in English – where English is a second language you will be required to demonstrate a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 or a TOEFL score of 575. In some cases applicants who do not possess the standard entry requirements may be permitted to enrol at the discretion of the programme leader.
- ✔ When you apply, you will need to submit proof of your prior qualifications, your CV, a copy of your passport page and the application fee.



How is the course assessed?

To successfully complete the course you must pass each module. Assessment will incorporate coursework, online examinations, research assignments and essays. You will also be expected to participate in the virtual learning environment with tutors and fellow students. There will be no examinations requiring attendance at a venue.



How much does it cost?

Please go online to www.courses.knect365-learning.com/iss and see the Fees page for full details. An interest-free instalment plan is available. Please contact us for more details.

Postgraduate loan

If you are a UK or EU national, or have UK 'settled status', and have lived in the UK or the EU (or wider EEA) for the last 3 years, plus will be living in the UK on the first day of your course, and haven't been awarded an MSc, MA, MBA or PhD already, you may be eligible for a loan of up to £10,609 from the UK Government to study this course. Contact us for information or call the UK Student Loan Company (0300 100 0031).

WHO IS THE PROGRAMME FOR?

IDEAL FOR...

This programme is ideal for those seeking to enter into or advance their security and intelligence related careers in the public and private sectors, as well as professionals already engaged in such fields who seek to enhance their knowledge, critical thinking and career prospects by undertaking further qualifications.

The course is also of special benefit to anyone wishing to work in security orientated careers or gain promotion in public, private or international organisations. It is ideal for those whose career plans involve dealing with international security affairs and would benefit from a solid academic grounding in the field.

The programme will also be of interest to students who seek to develop a deeper understanding of the key aspects of international relations and of the world in which we live.

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while remaining
in full-time
employment

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

The Intelligence & Security Studies PGCert/PGDip/MSc programme will give you a solid grasp of the multitude of challenges facing the international community today. In particular it will focus on the current and historical use of intelligence and in so doing, it will examine the procedures and techniques of intelligence analysis and the changing and adaptable role of the intelligence analyst. It also reviews the history of the use of intelligence incorporating learning from examples of great intelligence successes and failures.

Over the course of the programme you will:

- ✓ Analyse important intelligence and security events and issues from the late 20th century to today and connects the practical basis of intelligence to the broader issues facing the international system.
- ✓ Focus on understanding and applying intelligence and analytical thinking to practical problems by looking at current and emerging security problems as well as evaluating potential solutions to these issues.
- ✓ Discover how policing, law enforcement and politicians are trying to counter and combat threats in a global environment.

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PROGRAMME LEADER



Dr Adrian James

Dr Adrian James is Reader in Police Studies at the Liverpool Centre for Advanced Police Studies and a former Scotland Yard detective. Awarded his Doctorate by the London School of Economics for a study into the origins and development of intelligence-led policing, Adrian has published extensively on investigative policy and practice. His publications include a research monograph on the UK's National Intelligence Model, which commonly is viewed as the template for intelligence-led policing models that have emerged around the world. He maintains strong links with the policing institution through his research and consultancy work and recently completed a study for the UK's College of Policing into 'what works' in police intelligence practice.

COURSE FACULTY



Dr Rex Li

Dr Rex Li is Reader in International Relations at the Liverpool Centre for Advanced Policing Studies. He worked as a correspondent and editor for several magazines and newspapers before joining academia.

Rex is currently Project Director of the East Asian Security and Peace Project, which seeks to analyse the changing security dynamics in East Asia within the context of the global economic and strategic environment. He is the author of multiple articles, chapters and books exploring security in the Asia-Pacific region.



Dr Nick Ridley

Dr Nick Ridley was a Criminal Intelligence Analyst at the Metropolitan Police, New Scotland Yard Special Branch and the Anti-Terrorist Branch, and then at Europol. At Europol, he was attached to the Anti-Terrorist Unit where he was engaged in operational analysis on the financing of terrorism. He was seconded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Nick holds two PhDs; one from Southampton and another from London Metropolitan University. He is the author of three books covering terrorist finance (2012), terrorism in East and West Africa (2014) and most recently, Michael Collins and the Financing of Violent Political Struggle (2018).



Sir Jon Murphy QPM

Sir Jon Murphy QPM, joined Merseyside Police as a Cadet in January 1975. Following early uniform roles he went on to an almost 20 year unbroken career as a detective, rising to the rank of Detective Superintendent SIO before returning to uniform duties as Force Operations Manager. He is a former SIO and Head of Intelligence who has performed the role of Gold Command during a counter terrorist operation. He is retained as a policing advisor to Government and in 2017, following a 'lone-wolf' terrorist attack on Parliament tragically resulting in the death of a police officer, he conducted a review of security at the Palace of Westminster.



Mick Creedon QPM

Mick Creedon QPM has over 37 years of experience in policing and security, spending the last 16 years working at executive level as a Chief Officer in two East Midlands forces and nationally representing the police service in England and Wales as the first national

policing coordinator for serious and organised crime. He has a career profile as an Operational Detective at all ranks and has investigated numerous homicides, all types of serious and organised crime and cases of serious police corruption – additionally he has advised many forces and national agencies on their own serious investigations.



Dr Daniel Silverstone

Dr Daniel Silverstone is the Director of the Liverpool Centre for Advanced Policing Studies. Previously he was Head of the John Grieve Centre and Criminology at London Metropolitan University, and before this he was a Principal Lecturer at the University of Portsmouth. He has conducted research for multiple funding bodies including the Foreign Commonwealth office and the Home Office. His specific interest is in the incidence and policing of organised crime, where he has published extensively.



Dr Ian Stanier

Dr Ian Stanier, a senior lecturer at Liverpool Centre for Advanced Policing Studies served in two Metropolitan forces and was seconded to both National Counter-Terrorism Policing Operations Centre (as the head of the CT HUMINT Unit) and HM Prison Service as a tactical police advisor. He was awarded his doctorate on information sharing pathologies associated with intelligence failure. As a member of the NPCC intelligence Portfolio, he coordinated the UK review of the National Intelligence Model and now chairs the NPCC Intelligence Practice Research Consortium. He has been directly involved in overt and covert intelligence for over 25 years and is a subject matter expert for the International Institute for Justice on HUMINT, prison intelligence and intelligence management.



Peter Williams

Peter Williams is currently a Lecturer in Policing at the Liverpool Centre for Advanced Policing Studies. Prior to working in higher education full-time, he served as a Police Officer with Merseyside Police, retiring as an Inspector in 2005. He then became a Senior Lecturer in Policing at Teesside University and during that time delivered policing programmes to West Mercia Police, the Royal Military and RAF Police, and the Rwandan National Police. He has written on policing, criminal justice and terrorism, and is a regular contributor to global media on the subjects of policing and terrorism.

INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY STUDIES MODULES

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

PGCert (Intelligence and Security Studies)

Comprises three modules:

1. Security Studies
2. Intelligence Analysis
3. International Financial Crime and Security

PGDip (Intelligence and Security Studies)

Comprises the prior three modules plus the following three modules:

4. Terrorism and Counter Terrorism
5. History of Intelligence: Lessons Learned
6. Contemporary Issues in Crime, Safety and Security

MSc (Intelligence and Security Studies)

Comprises the prior six modules plus a dissertation of 15,000 words

7. Intelligence and Security Studies dissertation

MODULE 1

Security Studies

Security Studies begins by addressing a number of fundamental issues, the most important of which is perhaps defining what we actually mean by the concept. This pursuit is dominated by debates between a variety of discourses: namely, those who seek to retain the discipline's focus purely on military conflict and those who argue that in a globalised world Security Studies needs to be expanded to a consideration of economic, environmental as well as social issues. This Module will seek to address these debates in the context of both national as well as international security issues. At the same time this Module will show that the debates between the traditionalists and the advocates of "new thinking" are having a profound impact on the discipline as both military and non-military issues begin to compete for the attention of academics and policy elites.

Key Topics

PART 1:

THE CONCEPTUAL BASIS OF SECURITY STUDIES

- ✔ Lecture 1: Traditional definitions of security and the state as the referent object
- ✔ Lecture 2: Shifting the focus away from the state as referent object – deepening the concept and considering the individual

PART 2:

TRADITIONAL SECURITY CONCERNS

- ✔ Lecture 3: The causes of war (1)
- ✔ Lecture 4: The causes of war (2)
- ✔ Lecture 5: The theory of deterrence and nuclear proliferation in the post-Cold War era
- ✔ Lecture 6: Collective security, peacekeeping, peace enforcement and humanitarian intervention, historical evolution and development, and the promise or otherwise of multilateralism

INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY STUDIES MODULES CONTINUED

MODULE 2


Intelligence Analysis

This module considers what intelligence and analysis means: its overall role and its application to security related issues of law enforcement, governmental and international agencies, and the private sector. It deals with dealing with issues pertaining to the use of proactive intelligence and analysis.

Key Topics

- ✔ The concept of intelligence
- ✔ The intelligence process
- ✔ The analysis process
- ✔ The nature of sources of information and intelligence
- ✔ Case studies regarding the use and pitfalls of intelligence and 'lessons learned'
- ✔ The nature and deployment of intelligence analysts
- ✔ Analysis relating to crime, and wider international security issues relating to both public and private sector
- ✔ The intelligence cycle



I found the module very well structured and the videos very educative. The interviewed guests provided a good insight on the topic discussed based on their real life experience. The tutor led us in this module with diligence and pointed out any shortcomings in regard to transferring our knowledge on the academic level. 

**Petre Corneliu Neacsu, Field Security
Coordination Officer at the United Nations**

MODULE 3

International Financial Crime and Security

In an era of huge financial insecurity, this module looks at issues of crime within the international criminal system and dwells on emerging crimes. The module deals with the overall aspect and impact of financial crime in the context of the security of the financial system and wider security related issues, including financing of terrorism. Such fundamental issues will be deployed in horizon scanning of the potential macro-economic impact of illicit finances upon national economies, and the impact upon both the public and private financial sectors

Key Topics

Following an introductory session, the module will address the following topics:

- ✔ The international financial system
- ✔ International money laundering and the attempts to establish financial compliance systems and compliance and regulatory regimes
- ✔ Central banks and their involvement in anti-money laundering and potential role in anti-terrorist financing
- ✔ Global issues of financing of terrorism
- ✔ Overall economic impact of such financial crime and terrorist financing on the public and private sectors
- ✔ Vulnerabilities of the private financial sector and financial institutions
- ✔ An overview of international and national counter measures deployed against to financial crime, money laundering and terrorist financing and assessing their effectiveness

INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY STUDIES MODULES CONTINUED

MODULE 4

Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism

This module examines terrorism and political violence conducted by non-state actors. It is equally concerned to analyse counter-terrorism and other responses by the state, the security services and the police. The aims of this module are firstly to explore the phenomena of terrorism, including the different historical definitions of terrorism, and the varying motivational factors for terrorist violence. Secondly, to provide an overview of the different theoretical approaches to terrorism studies. Thirdly, to provide an overview of the threat from 'New Terrorism' and the 'War on Terror'. The module engages closely with key texts by leading scholars in terrorism studies, critical terrorism studies and pays special attention to criminological approaches to the subject.

Learning Activities

- ✔ The contested definitions of political violence and counter-terrorism
- ✔ The definition of state terrorism
- ✔ Understanding non-state terrorism begins, develops and ends
- ✔ Al-Qaeda and the threat from ISIS
- ✔ Far right terrorism and political violence
- ✔ Understanding 'Radicalisation'
- ✔ Contemporary counter-terrorism policy and practice in the UK
- ✔ Key debates within the 'The war on terror'



Well now the final papers have been submitted.... Truly I would not have completed this without your assistance and understanding. I'm sure that all the other students would agree with me in extending my absolute thanks to you all

Shaun, Social Sciences & Counter Terrorism Studies



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MODULE 5

History of Intelligence: Success and Failures

The module integrates with Intelligence Analysis and International Security Studies to ensure the course affords students a holistic and contextual view of intelligence in national and regional contexts. It aims to enhance student awareness of the breadth and scope of intelligence use and procedure by introducing key examples of historical intelligence failure and intelligence success. It encourages and enhances student critical thinking regarding the gathering, securing, storage and use of intelligence. This module gives a long-term overview of the history of intelligence and then drills down into specific past case studies, issues, and areas whose lessons are vital to modern intelligence concepts and practice.

Key Topics

- ✔ Overview of history of intelligence
- ✔ Key milestones in the development of intelligence
- ✔ The emergence of private sector intelligence capabilities
- ✔ Case studies of past intelligence failures and successes and lessons learned
- ✔ HUMINT
- ✔ Technology as an intelligence enabler including the emergence of open source - OSINT
- ✔ Intelligence and operational ethics
- ✔ Intelligence and oversight mechanisms
- ✔ Intelligence, humanitarian intelligence and non-governmental organisations
- ✔ The development of partner intelligence: case studies - prison intelligence

INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY STUDIES MODULES CONTINUED

MODULE 6

Contemporary Issues in Crime, Safety and Security

This module aims to introduce students to emerging paradigms within criminology which tackle safety and security at both local and global levels, and to explore some justifications for the increasing 'securitisation' of social life. Key theories and policies related to crime, safety and security will be examined and tested and their ethical and legal implications, outlined. Lectures will be supplemented by the provision of guest speakers with experience in security and safety provision in a variety of sectors. Students will develop their understanding of contemporary trends in security and emerging security threats and how to counter them through relevant scholarly activity, and through reference to the appropriate academic literature and policy documentation. Finally, the module will prepare students for further independent research when they embark on their dissertation.

Key Topics

- ✔ Introduction to key criminological theories in security
- ✔ Key issues (1) Organised crime
- ✔ Key issues (2) New terrorism
- ✔ Key Issues (3) Cyber crime
- ✔ Key issues (4) Illegal migration/trafficking
- ✔ Key issues (5) Illegal drugs
- ✔ Key issues (6) Inequality
- ✔ Responding to crime, safety and security threats
- ✔ Conclusions: safety, security and the new criminology

MODULE 7

Diplomacy and Security Studies dissertation

The dissertation enables students to investigate in depth a topic within the field of Security Studies. Students can select their own research area, but this is subject to authorisation of the course leader. The dissertation must include independent and original empirical research. Students will be required to submit a formal dissertation plan. Once this has been approved, students will be allocated a dissertation tutor, and for the remainder of the module supervision of the dissertation will be conducted on an individual basis. It is expected that pertinent knowledge and skills gained in other course modules will be reflected in the dissertation.

Key Topics

- ✔ Authorisation of formal dissertation plan
- ✔ Methodology workshops (1)
- ✔ Methodology workshops (2)
- ✔ Revision of dissertation plan if necessary
- ✔ Allocation of dissertation supervisor
- ✔ Personal supervision sessions
- ✔ Submission of dissertation

Notes

The dissertation allows the student to undertake an independent and sustained piece of research into a substantive topic of his or her own choosing. The dissertation must include appropriate extended piece of empirical or theoretical research on a topic in the security studies field.

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Liverpool John Moores University, an institution that has grown and flourished and continues to provide opportunities for all.

Today, with a vibrant community of 25,000 students from over 100 countries world-wide, 2,500 staff and 250 degree courses, Liverpool John Moores University is one of the largest, most dynamic and forward-thinking universities in the UK.

The Intelligence and Security Studies programme is delivered by the Liverpool Centre for Advanced Policing Studies at Liverpool John Moores University. The university combines professionally recognised qualifications with innovative and socially orientated courses. The centre has an outstanding reputation for research, with academic staff contributing regularly to industry journals, advisory groups, governmental policy, as well gaining regular public exposure through the press and broadcast media.

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