

SECURITY STUDIES

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE
POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA
MASTER OF SCIENCE

INVESTIGATING THE KEY ISSUES
AND EMERGING PARADIGMS
OF SECURITY, INTELLIGENCE
ANALYSIS AND CRIMINOLOGY
AT LOCAL, NATIONAL AND
INTERNATIONAL LEVELS

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INTRODUCTION

Dear Prospective Student,

Security is one of the fastest growing areas of concern in the academic, corporate and public domains. This is due not only to the threats of war and terrorism but also issues related to crime, safety, global strategy and political upheaval. More than ever before, national governments, international agencies and major corporations recognise the need for personnel with a strong grasp of intelligence and security issues who can also demonstrate exceptional skills of research and analysis.

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

The programme examines key themes and debates shaping the concepts of security and security studies. **It addresses critical areas of contemporary concern** within security studies, covering issues stretching from **foreign policy** through to the role of **radicalisation in international politics** to the evolving dangers of financial crime all within and including the background of the **cyber or digital dimension**.

The Security Studies programme will not only equip you to analyse these types of problems but will also help you to place them in the context of broader military, strategic and political considerations. **You will gain a solid academic grounding in criminology, terrorism studies and intelligence studies.** This is combined with the practitioner experience of our teaching team, all of which will enable you to engage with institutions and individuals central to the wide area of security.

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

The **vocational nature of the postgraduate programme is further enhanced by the dissertation**, which is particularly useful for working professionals who want to focus their efforts on a topic that has particular relevance either to their own work environment or one in which they want to further develop their career.

Giving a thorough grounding in intelligence, the Security Studies programme 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 information about research and trends concerning these increasingly complex issues.

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 security studies.

Dr. Daniel Silverstone
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

The courses will account for what we mean by the concept of 'Security' and to explore some justifications for the increasing 'securitisation' of social life. The courses will provide an overview of important security events and issues of the 20th and 21st centuries including the evolving tensions of the Cold War.

Finally, these courses will connect the conceptual basis of the discipline to some of the practical issues facing the international system and to some of the emerging security threats and issues pertaining to law enforcement, government agencies and the private sector. These include a critical view of threats from terrorism, organised crime, radicalisation and intelligence failures.

Students will be expected to use reflection and analysis to understand and develop their own area of expertise within the fields of Security Studies, Intelligence analysis and Criminology. More specifically to gain an understanding of how the concept of security has been rearticulated and challenged in our contemporary context through an engagement with some of the most pressing issues of our day. These include the ramifications of the Cold War, terrorism, the proliferation of dangerous weapons, organised crime, globalisation and financial crime.

The students will be looking at current and emerging security problems as well as evaluating potential solutions to these issues.

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS



Award:
PGCert / PGDip / MSc Security Studies



Mode:
Part-time



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



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



Delivery:
Online distance learning



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



Awarded by:
Liverpool John Moores University
This is an LJMU programme and qualification, with enrolment and delivery administered by Informa Connect. The course is taught, assessed, quality assured and awarded by Liverpool John Moores 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.security-studies.com 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 £10,906 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 course 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 through further qualifications.

In addition to this, the course is particularly valuable if you are interested in policy issues. It is ideal for those whose career plans will involve dealing with international security affairs and would benefit from a solid academic grounding in the field.

Gain a Masters
while remaining
in full-time
employment

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

The Security Studies programme introduces you to emerging paradigms within security studies, security and intelligence at local, national and global levels. It explores what we mean by the concept of 'security' and analyses justifications for the increasing 'securitisation' of social life. The course provides an analysis of important security events and issues of the 20th and 21st centuries.

In addition, the programme connects the conceptual basis of the discipline to key practical issues facing the international system and to some of the emerging security threats and issues pertaining to law enforcement, government agencies and the private sector. These include a critical view of threats from terrorism, organised crime, radicalisation and intelligence failures.

Over the course of the programme, you will:

- ✓ **Examine key themes and debates** shaping the concepts of security and security studies.
- ✓ **Address critical areas of contemporary concern within security studies**, such as foreign policy, the role of radicalisation in international politics and the evolving dangers of financial crime.
- ✓ **Gain a solid academic grounding in criminology, terrorism and intelligence.**

Apply straight
to MSc level or
build up your
qualification by
starting with
PGCert/PGDip

Benefit from
international
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teaching

PROGRAMME LEADER

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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.

COURSE FACULTY



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.



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.



Dr Xin Liu (Calvin)

Dr Xin Liu (Calvin) is an international historian and international theorist whose research draws upon the nexus between historical knowledge and international theories to reveal how the former disseminates critical values for the latter. Calvin joined Liverpool John Moores University in July 2017, before which he taught in various British and overseas higher education institutions including the University of Sussex, Birkbeck College of London and the University of Sharjah in the UAE. Calvin's areas of teaching have ranged from international history and Chinese studies to international relations theories and social research methods.



Dr Rex Li

Dr Rex Li is Reader in International Relations at Liverpool John Moores University. 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.



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 has written on policing, criminal justice and terrorism, and is a regular contributor to global media on the subjects of policing and terrorism.



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).

SECURITY STUDIES MODULES

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

PGCert (Security Studies)

Comprises three modules:

1. Security Studies
2. Intelligence Analysis
3. Contemporary Issues in Crime, Safety & Security

PGDip (Security Studies)

Comprises the prior three modules plus the following three modules:

4. Terrorism and Counter Terrorism
5. Strategic Change in the Global Environment
6. International Financial Crime and Security

MSc (Security Studies)

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

7. 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



It was excellent: concise, relevant, well-structured and to the point. 

Isak Barow Isak, Senior Liaison and Security Officer at The HALO Trust

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 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 thoroughly enjoyed the course. Well administered and planned with adequate information in a timely manner. All the modules had their benefits, and were very informative. I enjoyed learning, stretching my own educational knowledge and expectations, pushing myself out of my comfort zone academically, and of course getting my final grade which surpassed my own expectations! Interesting, informative, relevant and challenging. Thank you to you all. 

Andrew Tosh, Vice President of Enterprise Security at Baker Hughes

MODULE 3

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

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.

Key Topics

- ✔ 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'

MODULE 5


Strategic Change in the Global Environment

The Cold War was an era different from any other period of human history. Its bipolar nature, the central role played by weapons of mass destruction, the intense rivalry between the two superpowers (the United States and the USSR) and the ideological context of that competition meant that the relations between the two poles were anything but peaceful. The end of the Cold War was a dramatic moment. The collapse of the Berlin Wall and the so-called Iron Curtain between the two poles ushered in a new era. This module takes as its basis a comparison between the two periods and considers how the strategic environment has evolved and what challenges face the international community considering the changes.

Key Topics

- ✔ The reality of power in the post-Cold War world
- ✔ The unipolar/multipolar debate
- ✔ US power in the world: is the 'empire' fading?
- ✔ 'Hard power' vs 'soft power'
- ✔ New super-powers: China, India, regional powers
- ✔ New super-power: Europe
- ✔ Clash of Civilisations
- ✔ Major problems for the security environment
- ✔ Proliferation of WMD (state and sub-state)
- ✔ Non-military threats
- ✔ Environmental change
- ✔ Migration
- ✔ Globalisation and the security system
- ✔ The issue of 'blowback'
- ✔ Future of governance
- ✔ The role of the UN
- ✔ Multi-polar Blocs



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 leaded 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

SECURITY STUDIES MODULES CONTINUED

MODULE 6

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

MODULE 7

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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WHO WE ARE



ABOUT LIVERPOOL JOHN MOORES UNIVERSITY

The Liverpool Mechanics Institute was founded by people of power and influence who recognised the transformative effects of education and the impact that learning and aspiration could have on individuals, communities and society. It was the first such institution to be founded in England.

This small, pioneering movement was followed by the establishment of the Liverpool Institute and School of Art and the Liverpool Nautical College, and in 1900 Irene Mabel Marsh opened the IM Marsh campus. These organisations together laid the foundations for

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 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 as gaining regular public exposure through the press and broadcast media.

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