GLOBAL SECURITY
MSc

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MSc: 12 months full-time; 24 months part-time

The traditional military threats which defined global security matters for the best part of the 20th century have been quickly replaced by new and re-emerging security challenges. This programme offers you the opportunity to examine many of these contemporary threats.

What will I get from this programme?
• You will develop your knowledge of the major security challenges impacting our rapidly changing socio-political environment at a global, national, and local level. These range from terrorism, insurgency, cyber and hybrid warfare to disease, migration, and climate change.
• You can combine a broad spectrum of subject areas into your degree, including politics, history, sociology, Central & East European studies, war studies, computing science, geography, law, business, and education.
• You will address the complexity of contemporary security threats by acquiring the theoretical knowledge and policy tools required for expert analysis and result-oriented action.
• You will benefit from extra-curricular activities such as master classes delivered by established academics and high-profile professionals, and career-focused workshops.
• An MRes in Global Security is also available, combining a study of the subject with greater focus on research methods training.

Why Glasgow
Global Security is based within the School of Social and Political Studies and we are one of the UK’s leading institutions for political studies.

Our teaching is research-led but student centred, which means you can expect small class sizes, the chance to develop and defend arguments in a rigorous and analytical manner, and opportunities to engage in constructive debate.

You will be part of the School of Social and Political Sciences, a vibrant community of dynamic, innovative and diverse staff and students working across a broad range of social science disciplines.

Employability support
Our dedicated Social Sciences Employability Officer and Work-related Learning Co-ordinator can help you reflect on your learning, and develop the skills and attributes which will help you succeed in the job market. Support is provided through a number of programmes and activities including employability workshops, alumni talks, the Graduate Skills Programme and the Professional Skills Programme, as well as work-related learning activities such as collaborative dissertations, consultation projects, and practitioner talks (both staff and student led).

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Programme structure
You will take four core courses and a selection of optional courses. You will also complete a dissertation. In addition to the general degree programme, you have the opportunity to study one of two specialised pathways.

Core courses
• Comparative approaches to warfare and violent conflict
• International security and strategic studies
• Research design OR Qualitative methods
• Strategy-Applied
• Thematic issues in global security.

Cyber security and intelligence
Specialised courses within this pathway include:
• Database theory and application
• Enterprise cyber security
• Human-centred security.

Strategy and defence
Specialised courses within this pathway include
• Comparative approaches to warfare and violent conflict
• Strategy - Applied
• Strategy - Theory.

Career prospects
By the end of the programme, you will have acquired the necessary skills for successful careers with governmental and non-governmental organisations, businesses and international/transnational agencies. Our recent graduates have gone on to work for the BBC, the Indonesian Government, Japan’s Parliament (National Diet), the Netherlands military, the United Nations, the UK Ministry of Defence, US-based research agencies, and UK-based private security and risk analysis companies. Others have decided to pursue a PhD in security studies.

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‘I liked that the programme offered a range of pathways that would suit each student’s research interests. They were exciting and deepened my knowledge of contemporary security challenges. Thanks to the knowledge and skills I acquired, I got a job as policy advisor to an MP in the Japanese National Diet. It is beyond any doubt that Glasgow has provided one of the best experiences of my life!’

Akira Takahashi, Japan
Entry requirements
2.1 Honours degree or non-UK equivalent in a relevant social science or humanities subject.

How to apply
To make an application to the University of Glasgow, go to:
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