Our International Relations & Contemporary War MA offers you an opportunity to study international relations in a multi-disciplinary department devoted to the study of all aspects of contemporary war. You will study this course online, meaning that you can access our high standard of teaching and expert staff from anywhere in the world without disrupting your personal and professional life.

Key benefits

- An entirely web-delivered degree course that is available anytime, anywhere.
- Be part of a world-leading department, a vibrant research community and an international student body, drawn from a wide variety of academic and professional backgrounds.
- An academically rigorous course on which lecturers provide support and guidance.
- You will develop the skills of in-depth and critical analysis, and become familiar with the latest research in the discipline.
- Course materials include specially-written content, video, audio, images, maps, intensively used discussion forums and full access to the resources of our library’s extensive electronic holdings.
- Maximum flexibility for you: access content and respond to discussion postings in your own time for each study unit.

Course details

Our International Relations & Contemporary War MA will give you an advanced and comprehensive understanding of the historical evolution of the international system and of contemporary war, including changes that are currently taking place. Processes of globalisation, including the movement of monies and peoples, the impact of new technologies, the rise of identity politics, the rise of transnational or non-state actors and transformations in the character of contemporary war all pose direct challenges to the state, the international system and global politics. These themes are considered in depth.
Teaching
The course is delivered online, via the King’s College London Virtual Learning Environment (KEATS). You will study through lively online seminars, where everyone will participate in their own time, guided by one of our expert staff.

The following table will give you an idea of what a typical academic workload might look like as you progress through your studies:

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<th>Module</th>
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<td>Per 20 credit module</td>
<td>Typically 5 hours per week of ‘seminars’ (asynchronous online discussions) per week for 10 weeks.</td>
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<td>Dissertation</td>
<td>Typically 2 hours per week online discussion time for 4 weeks.</td>
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Typically, one credit equates to 10 hours of work.

Assessment
All 20-credit modules will be assessed by one 1,500-word short essay (25%), one 3,000-word long essay (70%) and student participation in the discussions (5%). The dissertation module assessment will be on the 15,000-word dissertation (100%).

Regulating body
King’s College London is regulated by the Higher Education Funding Council for England.

Course structure
Courses are divided into modules. You will normally take modules totalling 180 credits.

All Year 1 students are required to participate in the online induction course.

Required modules
You are required to take the following modules:

- International Relations & Contemporary War 1: Theories & Concepts (20 credits)
- International Relations & Contemporary War 2: Problems & Issues (20 credits)
- Dissertation (60 credits)

Optional modules
In addition, students take 80 credits from a range of optional modules that may typically include:

- Air Power Studies 1: The Quest to Remove Battle from War (20 credits)
- Air Power Studies 2: Case Studies of Integrated Air Power (20 credits)
- African Security (20 credits)
- Conflict in Russia & the Post-Soviet Space (20 credits)
- Insurgency & Counter-Insurgency (20 credits)
- Intelligence in War & Peace (20 credits)
- International Law & the Use of Force (20 credits)
- Middle Eastern Security (20 credits)
- Sea Power (20 credits)
- South Asian Security (20 credits)
- Strategic Dimensions of Contemporary Warfare (20 credits)

King’s College London reviews the modules offered on a regular basis to provide up-to-date, innovative and relevant programmes of study. Therefore, modules offered may change. We suggest you keep an eye on the course finder on our website for updates.

Location
This course is taught online.

Career prospects
Past students from this course have gone on to build careers in NGOs, civil services, NATO, the UN, media and publishing, finance and investment and teaching, as well as in the armed forces. A number of our students have had articles published in peer-reviewed journals and undertaken further academic research. Several students have gone on to complete a PhD, one teaches part-time at King’s.
Fees and funding

Part-time tuition fees
This course is only available two years’ part-time. There is no full-time option. Fees are the same for home/EU and overseas students.

For further information on fees, please visit the course web page:
www.kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/taught-courses/international-relations-and-contemporary-war-ma.aspx

Additional costs
In addition to your tuition fees, you can also expect to pay for:

• books if you choose to buy your own copies
• library fees and fines
• personal photocopies
• printing course materials
• graduation costs.

Disclaimer
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