Our War Studies BA degree is a long-established course of study that focuses on the key human challenges of war and conflict. Instead of adopting a single disciplinary viewpoint, you will approach the topics from a variety of distinctive angles including politics, international relations, philosophy, sociology, history and strategic studies.

Key benefits
• King’s is amongst the world’s leading universities for the study of war and conflict.
• Teaching by leading international experts who work in close collaboration with governments, armed forces and NGOs across the world.
• Outstanding flexibility, allowing you to focus on your fundamental interests of war and conflicts.
• Frequent guest lectures throughout the year by high-profile international speakers.
• Located in the heart of London, giving unparalleled access to government, the media, museums and major libraries and research institutes.
• We offer a dedicated focus on employability skills, assisting you to careers in defence, foreign affairs, humanitarian aid, risk analysis, journalism and banking.

Course details
The War Studies BA course is made up of 360 credits and studied over three years and you will study 120 credits each year.

The first year of study consists of five required modules that provide a rounded introduction to the occurrence of war and the benefits and challenges.

In the second year you will take one required module and three optional modules. These options provide you with a deeper understanding of war as revealed through a variety of disciplinary pathways, including history, politics, philosophy and sociology.

In the final year, you are required to complete a 10,000-word dissertation on an approved subject of your choice with emphasis placed on self-directed research and a 30 credit required module. The 60 credits worth of optional modules you will also study are designed to reflect the current research and expertise of staff in the department, providing you with the opportunity to study specialist subjects in-depth.
Teaching
A range of teaching methods are used including lectures, seminars and tutorials. We use lectures, seminars and group tutorials to deliver most of the modules on the course. You will be expected to undertake a significant amount of independent study. You will be assigned a personal tutor who will provide pastoral support during your studies.

Course structure
Courses are divided into modules. Each year you will normally take modules totalling 120 credits.

Year 1
Required modules
You are required to take the following modules:
- The Causes of War (30 credits)
- The Conduct of War (30 credits)
- The Experience of War (30 credits)
- Art of War Studies (15 credits)
- Contemporary Security Issues (15 credits)

Optional modules
There are no optional modules in your first year.

Year 2
Required modules
You are required to take the following module:
- War in the 20th Century (30 credits)

Optional modules
In addition, you are required to choose 90 credits from a wide range of optional modules, which may typically include:
- Intelligence in War Studies (30 credits)
- War in International Order (30 credits)
- World War II in Europe (30 credits)
- Empires, Imperialism & the History of the Modern World (30 credits)
- Military Strategy (30 credits)

Year 3
Required modules
You are required to take the following modules:
- 10,000-word dissertation (30 credits)
- State, Society and Strategy (30 credits)

Optional modules
In addition, you are required to choose 60 credits from a range of optional modules, which may typically include:
- War & Strategy in East Asia (30 credits)
- Warfare in the Ancient World (30 credits)
- British Strategy 1815 - 1856 from the Congress of Vienna to the Peace of Paris (30 credits)
- Pirates off the Starboard Bow: Crime & Violence on the High Seas (30 credits)
- Security Issues in the Middle East since World War II (30 credits)
- War on Terror (30 credits)
- Guerrillas in the Mist (30 credits)

You will also have the opportunity to study abroad for your second year. Partner universities currently include:
- Georgetown University
- Hong Kong University
- Sciences Po, Paris (basic French language required)
- University of California
- University of North Carolina
- University of Sydney
- Ca’Foscari University of Venice
- Yonsei University
- Keio University
- Korea University

Assessment
Assessment methods will depend on the modules selected. The primary methods of assessment for this course are essays, written examinations and presentations (individual and group).

Typically, one credit equates to 10 hours of work.

Regulating body
King’s College London is regulated by the Higher Education Funding Council for England.
King’s College London reviews the modules offered on a regular basis to provide up-to-date, innovative and relevant courses 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 primarily taught at the King’s College London Strand & Waterloo Campuses. The Department is located at the Strand Campus, in the heart of central London close to the seat of government, the City, the Royal Courts of Justice and the Inns of Court, the Imperial War Museum and the National Maritime Museum; providing interaction between the study and practice of security and foreign policy.

**Career prospects**

Our graduates go on to work in a range of fields including government (most commonly in Ministries of Defence and Foreign Affairs in the UK and abroad), academia, journalism, banking (often in emerging markets or risk analysis), research and policy think-tanks, humanitarian organisations and international organisations. Recent graduates have found employment as:

- Account Executive, IT re-seller
- Accounts Assistance, IJS Global
- Army Officer, British Army
- Consultant, Ernst & Young
- Creative Writer, Groupon
- Defence Analyst, Vision Gain
- Parliamentary Assistant, House of Commons
- Special Constable, Metropolitan Police
- Trainee Accountant, a legal practice

For further information, please visit the fees and funding section of our website: [kcl.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/fees-and-funding/index.aspx](http://kcl.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/fees-and-funding/index.aspx)

**Fees and funding**

**Full time tuition fees UK**

The UK tuition fees for the 2018-19 academic year are available on our course web page: [kcl.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/war-studies-ba.aspx](http://kcl.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/war-studies-ba.aspx)

Please note that the tuition fees for subsequent years of study may be subject to increases in line with King’s terms and conditions.

**Full time tuition fees EU**

Current regulations allow some students to pay UK tuition fees on the basis of their EU citizenship or residency. Until these eligibility criteria are changed, the EU tuition fee will remain the same as the UK tuition fee.

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**Additional costs/expenses**

If you choose the study abroad option with one of King’s partner universities, you will not be charged tuition fees by the host university (although some partners do charge a small administration fee for applying). Please see the Study Abroad webpages for details of the relevant partner universities. King’s will continue to invoice for a proportion of King’s tuition fees. At present these are as follows:

- Home students studying or working for a full academic year abroad will receive an invoice for £1,350 for King’s tuition fees for the year.
- Overseas students studying or working for a full academic year abroad will receive an invoice for one third of the King’s tuition fees for the year.

You should also budget to pay for the associated subsistence costs, such as travel, visas, accommodation and food as well as any vaccination/immunisations required by the country to which you are travelling. In addition to the costs above, you can also expect to pay for:

- books if you choose to buy your own copies
- clothing for optional course related events and competitions
- library fees and fines
- personal photocopies
- printing course handouts
- society membership fees
- stationery
- graduation costs
- travel costs for travel around London and between campuses.

**Disclaimer**

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