The MSc International Conflict and Cooperation attracts a diverse and international cohort of students seeking to develop both their theoretical and practical knowledge of how conflict and cooperation are managed in contemporary global governance.

These skills are gained through seminar-based learning, case studies, simulation exercises based on real-world crisis scenarios, and participation in a study trip to international institutions in Brussels or Geneva. A unique feature of the course is the balance between theory and practice as students work with both experienced practitioners, such as former diplomats and senior executives of international organisations, and academic staff recognised for world-class research on international relations and global governance.

The number and nature of issues examined across the course reflects the variety of challenges facing states, civil society actors, and international organisations today. Contemporary dilemmas surrounding the politics of climate change negotiations, civil war, human rights, international terrorism, and humanitarian intervention provide some of the raw material of the MSc that is studied in depth over the course of the academic year.

Some students come to the course direct from undergraduate study in areas such as politics, international relations, history, and sociology. However, those already in employment are also strongly encouraged to apply, especially those seeking to upgrade their skills or pursue a career change.

The course offers a part-time route which means those who are currently in employment can fit study around their job.

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The MSc International Conflict and Cooperation is a gateway to employment in international diplomacy, government agencies, the non-governmental (NGO) sector, international organisations, and private sector, as well as into PhD study, research and academia. The course provides a deep background in conflict studies, the role of international organisations and a thematic and geographical focus on distinct areas and problems as well as analysis of solutions. The academic skills aspect of the course also provides a firm foundation to undertake further research.

Since the International Conflict and Cooperation Course began in 2007, students have followed a range of post-MSc careers. Graduates have pursued careers in the United Nations system, diplomacy, NGO sector, public affairs and political research. Others have used the MSc as a means to pursue further postgraduate study, with a group of graduates from the course going on to pursue PhD study at a range of universities. The MSc course seeks to provide opportunities for students to meet key figures involved in international organisations as a means to understand what a career in diplomacy, an international organisation or NGO would involve. Seminar series involving distinguished speakers as well as the visit to international organisations are also intended to facilitate contacts between students and potential employers.

“I received excellent and personalized guidance from my instructor and the campus is absolutely beautiful. When you add the bespoke simulations and workshops on diplomacy and negotiating skills, and our group field trip to Brussels, I felt that I learned so much during my year at the University of Stirling.”

MIMOSA HEDBERG
MSc International Conflict and Cooperation (2016)
Currently working for the United Nations in Myanmar

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Five Reasons

YOU SHOULD CHOOSE THIS COURSE

1. You will be taught by leading scholars and experienced practitioners.
2. Through core and optional modules, you will learn about key areas in international conflict and cooperation.
3. You will develop a range of research and presentation skills that enhance further study and employability.
4. You will experience a study trip to international organisations to network with policymakers and practitioners.
5. You will enjoy studying on one of the most beautiful campuses in Europe.
The MSc contains core modules related to international conflict and cooperation as well as a range of option modules to explore issues in more depth. The MSc is taught in the evenings from mid-September to mid-December and then from mid-January to the end of April, with work on the dissertation beginning in the Spring. Full-time and part-time modes of study are available. Full-time: 12 months; part-time: 24 months.

**MODULES**

**Semester 1:** The MSc combines core modules in International Conflict and Cooperation and International Organisation in Semester 1, alongside a Research Methods course.

**Semester 2:** Students continue to study research methods, so as to prepare for writing a dissertation, while also taking two elective modules from a range of choices that focus on, for example, humanitarian diplomacy, conflicts over resources and the environment, international policymaking and law, and the politics of the Middle East, among others.

**DISSERTATION**

Students taking this MSc are required to research and write a 15,000-word dissertation on a topic of their choice. The dissertation is supported by the Research Methods module and individual supervision and is completed over the summer months.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of a second class Honours degree (2.1 preferred) or equivalent is normally required. Applicants without these formal qualifications but with significant relevant experience are encouraged to apply.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

If English is not your first language, you must provide evidence of your proficiency such as a minimum IELTS score of 6 (minimum 5.5 in each skill), or IBT TOEFL score of 80 with no subtest less than 17.

If you do not meet the required score, you may be able to register for one of our pre-sessional English courses. To register you must hold a conditional offer for your course and have an IELTS score 0.5 or 1.0 below the required standard: stir.ac.uk/1ae

TUITION FEES & FUNDING

Details of tuition fees can be found at: stir.ac.uk/1li

For Scottish students and EU domiciled students, this course is currently approved for PTFL (Postgraduate Tuition Fee Loan) funding from SAAS. For more information, please visit: saas.gov.uk

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