

MA Maritime Security

Course Information



Maritime Security is one of the most dynamic and expanding sectors in the security industry with an impact on development efforts, insurance, international law, and global shipping. It encompasses the headline issue of piracy alongside other security challenges such as trafficking by sea, illegal fishing and port security.

Our Masters in Maritime Security is a high-quality postgraduate qualification, shaped by research-active staff and by real world events, providing an opportunity to study in a friendly and supportive learning environment.

The MA is open to anyone with the requisite qualifications, and is targeted at people preparing to enter into a career in fields relating to Maritime Security (e.g. shipping, the security sector, law, insurance, development, international relations and diplomacy) or to enhance the career opportunities of those already working within such fields.

Qualifications available

- **Postgraduate Certificate in Maritime Security**
- **Postgraduate Diploma in Maritime Security**
- **MA in Maritime Security**

What will I study?

At Postgraduate Certificate stage, you will study three core modules:

- Peace, Conflict and Security in the 21st Century
- Introduction to Maritime Security: Theory, Concepts and Key Perspectives
- Maritime Security in the 21st Century: Challenges and Responses

At Postgraduate Diploma stage there is one core module Project Management in Practice, and you will choose two elective modules from the following list:

- Environment, Peace and Conflict
- Migration, Displacement and Belonging
- The Privatisation of International Security
- Comparative Peace Processes
- Religion, Peace and Conflict
- Gender, Peace and Conflict

At MA stage, you will undertake a dissertation in an area of study which you would like to explore in more depth, with support from a supervisor.

Programme structure

At each stage of the programme you will have the opportunity to attend a short, residential workshop (up to 5 days) to cover the core learning for one module. The all-inclusive* workshops are covered in the course fees and we strongly encourage attendance as a way of engaging with your learning community and condensing your learning, meeting face-to-face with staff and other students and to start building your network. (*Please note: Accommodation is provided but you will need to organise and finance your travel including any visa costs. Residential workshops may be held in the UK in Coventry or London, or internationally depending on where students are based. Accommodation will be allocated in University Halls or the Private Sector on a first come first serve basis, T&C's will apply.)

Student support

You will be well-supported throughout your studies with a range of services and guidance to help you get the most out of your programme.

Students are provided with a range of pre-enrolment materials to better prepare them for their studies as well as a Programme Handbook and Module Guides. Online modules are provided through the virtual learning environments (Moodle) to facilitate communications between staff and students, and between students. You will have access to Coventry University's library, including its digital resources and library support for distance learners. Extensive coursework feedback and support from the programme team will be provided, and every student is allocated a personal tutor from the moment of enrolment offering pastoral and academic skills support, as well as a dissertation supervisor.

You will be able to access a portfolio of non-credit bearing academic skills modules and support to develop your research and writing skills, as well as Coventry University's Careers and Employability Service for support with developing your career following your studies.

“The course structure and delivery method is perfectly blended to suit need of those individuals who do not have the time to attend a campus-based course”

MA Maritime Security alumnus

Admissions criteria

Applications can be submitted from April 2016 for courses starting in September 2016. All applications will be evaluated individually on a case-by-case basis. Ordinarily, the minimum entry criteria for each stage (PGCert, PGDip & MA) of the Maritime Security programme are as follows:

- Applicants should hold a 2:2 or above degree (or equivalent international grade/qualification), from a recognised University, preferably in a social science subject (e.g. Security Studies, International Relations, Politics, Peace and Conflict Studies, Development Studies).

OR

- Applications from those not possessing a first degree at 2:2 or above in a relevant subject area are also considered and decisions are based on a careful evaluation of their capacity to complete the programme successfully, including assessment, where appropriate, through an admissions interview. In these cases an applicant must have a minimum of 3 years evidenced working experience in a field relevant to Maritime Security (e.g. shipping, the security sector, law, insurance, development, international relations and diplomacy).

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- For non-native English speakers, the entry requirement is English language proficiency at IELTS 6.5 or equivalent.
- Where applicants do not hold up-to-date IELTS certification, we will look at whether an applicant has previously studied and successfully completed a Higher Education qualification in English. Where an applicant does not hold such a qualification entry will be at the discretion of the CTPSR, ordinarily decided by the relevant Course Director. Here CTPSR will assess English language proficiency through multiple means, potentially including but not limited to, a review of application documents, references, a writing sample, and via a telephone/Skype interview.

Accreditation of Prior (Experiential) Learning:

There are many working professionals who have a wealth of experience and continued professional development qualifications working in fields relating to maritime security. In certain circumstances it may be possible to map the learning from such previous experience in to the study programme and be awarded up to 60 masters level credits in accreditation. Students who are awarded AP(E)L credits may be able to complete their studies in a shorter period of time.



“The MA programme provided me with the knowledge and skills to help develop programmes that are effective in helping improve the lives of individuals who have faced, or are at risk from, challenges connected with the sea”

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“The type of knowledge gained by students interested in careers in both seafaring and port security by the outstanding sharing of wisdom and experience of highly regarded professionals who are teaching the programme at Coventry is exceptional, and IAMSP is proud to be connected with this type of programme that escalates the overall professional standing of the industry”

International Association of Maritime Security Professionals

For further details and to enquire about this programme, please contact Samima Hussain, Postgraduate Programmes Manager at info.ctpsr@coventry.ac.uk or telephone 02477 659059.