

# MA (STRATEGIC STUDIES) (ONLINE)

## Overview

NFQ Level 9, Major Award

(Online)

The MA (Strategic Studies) is an online part-time programme that runs for 24 months from the date of first registration for the programme.

## Postgraduate Certificate in Strategic Studies

Candidates who pass 30 credits of taught modules may opt to exit the programme and be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate in Strategic Studies. (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pcsst/>)

## Postgraduate Diploma in Strategic Studies

Candidates who pass 60 credits of taught modules may opt to exit the programme and be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Strategic Studies. (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pdsst/>)

## Programme Requirements

For information about modules, module choice, options and credit weightings, please go to Programme Requirements (p. 1).

## Programme Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Students take <b>90</b> credits.		
<b>Part I</b>		
Students take <b>30</b> credits as follows:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
HI6065	The Making of Modern War and Strategy, 1450-1945 (Year 1)	10
HI6070	US Grand Strategy since 1940 (Year 1)	10
HI6071	Introduction to Strategic Studies (Year 1)	10
<i>Elective Modules</i>		
Students take three modules to the value of <b>30</b> credits from the following:		30
HI6066	Nuclear Strategy and Diplomacy (10) (Year 2)	
HI6067	Small States, Peacekeeping and Peace Support Operations (10) (Year 2)	
HI6068	Strategic Studies Summer School (10) (Year 1)	
HI6069	Terrorism, Insurgency and Political Violence (10) (Year 1)	
<b>Part II</b>		
Students take <b>30</b> credits as follows:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
HI6064	Dissertation in Strategic Studies (Year 2) <sup>1</sup>	30
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>90</b>

<sup>1</sup> A dissertation of a maximum of 20,000 words must be submitted by a specified date in September of year two.

## Examinations

Full details and regulations governing Examinations for each programme will be contained in the *Marks and Standards Book* and for each module in the *Book of Modules*.

## Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for MA in Strategic Studies (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

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On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate a critical awareness of the major issues and problems within the field of strategic studies;
- Apply a range of methodologies required for undertaking research in strategic studies;
- Evaluate a broad range of primary and secondary sources related to strategic studies and military history;
- Participate in collaborative scholarly communities using digital tools;
- Take responsibility for their research agenda and project, and initiate and evaluate appropriate methodologies;
- Pursue an extended Master's level research and writing project, showing appropriate research, writing and technical skills, demonstrated in a 20,000 word dissertation.