

# MA (STRATEGIC STUDIES) (ONLINE)

## Overview

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

For students who entered in 2024/2025

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Part I</b>		
Students take taught modules to the value of <b>60</b> credits as follows:		
<b>Year 1</b>		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
HI6096	Introduction to Strategic Studies	15
HI6099	The Making of Modern War and Strategy, 1450-1945	15
<i>Elective Modules</i>		
Students take one <b>10</b> credit elective module in either Year 1 or Year 20-10		
HI6068	Strategic Studies Summer School (10)	
<b>Year 2</b>		
HI6095	US Grand Strategy since 1940	15
HI6097	Research Methods	5
<i>Elective Modules</i>		
Students take one <b>10</b> credit elective module in either Year 1 or Year 210-0		
HI6098	Directed Study (10)	
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Part II</b>		
Students take <b>30</b> credits as follows:		
HI6064	Dissertation in Strategic Studies <sup>1</sup>	30
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>90</b>

For students who entered prior to 2024/2025

Code	Title	Credits
Students take <b>90</b> credits.		
<b>Part I</b>		
<b>Year 1</b>		
Students take <b>30</b> credits as follows:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		

HI6065	The Making of Modern War and Strategy, 1450-1945	10
HI6070	US Grand Strategy since 1940	10
HI6071	Introduction to Strategic Studies	10

### *Elective Modules*

Students take modules to the value of **30** credits across Years 1 and 20-20

HI6068	Strategic Studies Summer School (10)	
HI6069	Terrorism, Insurgency and Political Violence (10)	

### **Year 2**

### *Elective Modules*

Students take modules to the value of **30** credits across Years 1 and 20-10

HI6066	Nuclear Strategy and Diplomacy (10)	
HI6067	Small States, Peacekeeping and Peace Support Operations (10)	

### **Part II**

### *Core Modules*

Students take **30** credits as follows:

HI6064	Dissertation in Strategic Studies <sup>1</sup>	30
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**Total Credits** **90**

<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)**

*(Online)*

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.