

8175 – Master of Arts in Defence Studies

The MA in Defence Studies is designed for postgraduate scholars and defence professionals with appropriate undergraduate qualifications in a relevant social science or humanities discipline and/or extensive professional experience who wish to gain a comprehensive understanding of the strategic environment and how it has evolved, the key factors shaping defence and security policy and decision making, and the development of military strategy and the conduct of operations. It provides insights and analytical skills relevant to both higher level policy development and advanced postgraduate study.

Admission requirements:

To gain entry into a Masters by coursework program an applicant must:

1. Have met the requirements of a four year Bachelor degree or a Bachelor degree with Honours with a major in a same or related discipline from a recognised tertiary institution; or
2. Have met the requirements of a Graduate Diploma from UNSW in a same or related discipline or an equivalent qualification from a recognised tertiary institution; or
3. Have met the requirements of a three year Bachelor degree at pass level, which includes a major in a same or related discipline, from a recognised tertiary institution, and have completed at least three years relevant full-time work experience; or
4. Submit evidence of academic and/or professional qualifications and/or related work experience which is determined by the relevant Program Authority to be acceptable grounds for admission into the degree.

Structure

Students undertaking the MA in Defence Studies have the flexibility to tailor their degree to meet their individual needs and interests. They are required to take 8 coursework courses (48UOC) from the courses set out below. Each course is worth 6UOC. The courses are broadly grouped to reflect different aspects of defence studies.

Strategy and Military Affairs

ZHSS8106	War and Memory
ZHSS8125	Strategic Communication
ZHSS8213	Foundations of Strategy
ZHSS8216	Contemporary Strategy
ZHSS8204	Modern Naval History and Strategy
ZHSS8217	Amphibious Warfare

Defence Policy and Planning

ZHSS8202	The History of Australian Defence and Foreign Policy
ZHSS8410	Australian Defence Policy: Concepts and Challenges
ZHSS8411	Developing Strategic Policy in the 21 st Century
ZHSS8416	Seeking the Information Edge: The Role of Modern Intelligence
ZHSS8431	Comparative Defence Planning

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Asia-Pacific Studies

ZHSS8103	Nearest Neighbours: Asia-Pacific Literature and Culture
ZHSS8300	Media and Democracy in Southeast Asia
ZHSS8409	Asia-Pacific Security: the Dynamics of Change
ZHSS8405	Security Issues in Northeast Asia
ZHSS8413	Southeast Asia: Issues in Security Cooperation
ZHSS8430	China's Security Policy and Military Modernisation

International Security

ZHSS8218	The Rise and Fall of the Global Powers
ZHSS8403	Global Security
ZHSS8404	Legal and Moral Problems of International Violence
ZHSS8415	Terrorism and Transnational Crime
ZPEM8502	CBRNE - Fundamentals and Management

In addition, the following academic skills courses are available for international students:

ZHSS8119	Academic Discourse I: Analysis and Writing
ZHSS8120	Academic Discourse II: Analysis and Writing

Not all courses may be available in a particular year. Additional special study and elective courses may be offered on an opportunity basis. Students may, with the approval of the Program Authority, take up to two courses (12UOC) from others courses offered in Arts, Defence Studies or related coursework programs. Students may apply for recognition of approved professional education short courses by enrolling in ZHSS8001 Professional Practice.

Research Project:

The option of undertaking a research project – ZHSS8212/8215 ***Research Project – History*** or ZHSS8400/8401 ***Research Project - Politics*** (12UOC) – is available to Masters students who attain a high credit average or better in courses worth 24UOC and is subject to the approval of the Head of School. The research project is recommended for those with a strong interest in pursuing original research in a particular area or intending to undertake a higher level research qualification. This project may be undertaken in a single session or as a full year course. Students undertaking the Research Project may take a maximum of one course (6UOC) from a related coursework program.

5855 – Graduate Diploma in Arts in Defence Studies

The GradDipArts in Defence Studies is designed for postgraduate scholars and defence professionals with undergraduate qualifications in a relevant discipline and/or extensive professional experience who wish to gain a more detailed understanding of the strategic environment and how it has evolved, the key factors shaping defence and security policy and decision making, and the development of military strategy and the conduct of operations. It provides the foundations for students wishing to proceed to more advanced study in the discipline and promotes insights and skills relevant to policy development in related areas.

5855 – Graduate Diploma in Arts in Defence Studies

Admission requirements:

To gain entry into a Graduate Diploma program an applicant must:

1. Have met the requirements of a Bachelor degree at pass level in a same or related discipline from a recognised tertiary institution; or
2. Have met the requirements of a Graduate Certificate in a same or related discipline from UNSW or an equivalent qualification from a recognised tertiary institution; or
3. Submit evidence of academic and/or professional qualifications and/or related work experience which is determined by the relevant Program Authority to be acceptable grounds for admission into the degree.

Structure:

Students undertaking the GradDipArts in Defence Studies may tailor their degree to meet their Individual needs and interests. They are required to take 6 coursework courses (36UOC) from the courses set out under the MA in Defence Studies. Each course is worth 6UOC.

Students may, with the approval of the Program Authority, take one course (6UOC) from a related coursework program. The option of undertaking a Research Project is not available to candidates for the Graduate Diploma.

GradCertArts in Defence Studies

This is an exit-only program available to students who have completed 24UOC in the MA or GradDipArts in Defence Studies. It is not available to commencing students.

How to apply:

Applicants should apply online via the University web portal called **myUNSW** - <http://my.unsw.edu.au>. The online application for UNSW@ADFA programs is free of charge and will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Applications via the web portal "Apply Online" (<https://apply.unsw.edu.au>) is always open for two years ahead of the current year.

Closing Dates:

Closing dates for applications for admission to postgraduate coursework programs at UNSW@ADFA are:

- 20 January for admission in Session 1 (March commencement)
- 20 June for admission in Session 2 (July commencement)

For further information contact:

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