

These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's [core regulations for postgraduate programmes](#), and the [marking and classification conventions for postgraduate programmes](#).

MSc Defence, Development and Diplomacy (L2K609)

1. This programme is available at Durham City in a full-time (12 months) or part-time (24 months) mode of study.

Programme Structure

2. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Defence, Development and Diplomacy in Conflict: Evolving Actors, Factors and Paradigms	SGIA42515	15
Conflict Prevention and Sustainable Peace	SGIA42615	15
International Law and Conflict Intervention	SGIA42715	15
Post-Conflict Reconstruction and State-Building	SGIA42915	15
Capstone Exercise: Humanitarian Intervention Simulation ~	SGIA42415	15
Dissertation ~	SGIA40560	60

3. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 45 credits from List A:

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		Credit value
Conflict Analysis *	SGIA47415	15
Conflict Mediation	SGIA43515	15
Security Management in Violent Environments *	SGIA43715	15
Urban Violence – Urban Peacebuilding *	SGIA43815	15
Field Trip	SGIA43215	15
International Negotiation *	SGIA43415	15
Participatory Approaches to Peace and Development *	SGIA47515	15
Policing Post-Conflict Cities *	SGIA47315	15
Religion, Culture and Conflict *	SGIA43315	15
Defence Diplomacy, Military Engagement, and Security Force Assistance *	SGIA47815	15
Transitory Lives – Migration, Research and Advocacy	SGIA48315	15
Gender in the UN Global Security Agenda	SGIA48415	15
Introduction to the Law and Practice of International Criminal Justice *	SGIA48615	15
War and Death: human remains and the body of politics of violence *	SGIA48515	15
Contemporary Challenges in United Nations Peacekeeping*	SGIA48815	15
Capturing and Counting Peace and Conflict *	SGIA48715	15
Defence Innovation and Entrepreneurship *	SGIA40H30	30
Assessing Martial Power	SGIA40D15	15
Conflict and Climate Crisis	SGIA40T15	15
A credit-bearing language module offered by the Centre for Foreign Language Studies		20

Assessment, progression and award

4. Modules marked with ~ must be passed at 50% or above; a mark of 40-49% cannot be compensated.
5. Total credits may exceed 180 by up to 5 if a 20-credit language module is taken.
6. Optional modules are subject to timetable compatibility. Not all optional modules will run every year.
7. Modules marked with * are not available during the 2026–2027 academic year.