MASTER OF STUDIES IN DIPLOMATIC STUDIES: ENTRY CRITERIA

Students who complete the Postgraduate Diploma in Diplomatic Studies successfully may apply to undertake the Master of Studies in Diplomatic Studies in either of the two following academic years.

Applications are considered by an Admissions Committee comprised of the Programme Director and at least two other people, including a person who is the holder of a tenured teaching position in the University. The Admissions Committee will interview shortlisted candidates.

For admission to the Master of Studies, a student must normally achieve an average mark of 60 or above in the Postgraduate Diploma in Diplomatic Studies including 60 or above in the dissertation. Offers made before completion of the PG Diploma will normally be conditional on achieving this mark.

In addition, the Admissions Committee will assess applications by reference to the following criteria:

- the student is academically prepared and capable of undertaking a research dissertation of 15,000 words of the necessary quality;
- the student has a viable and relevant topic of research;
- the student has sufficient knowledge of the resources and materials necessary to their proposed research;
- they are aware of the requirements of the second year of part-time study;
- they will have access to the materials and sources necessary to completion of the dissertation;
- they will be able to devote sufficient time to complete their proposed dissertation topic within the period prescribed;
- they have identified a suitable supervisor for the dissertation;
- where applicable, the student’s employer approves and agrees to support the undertaking of a second year of part-time study to complete the dissertation.