

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN  
SECURITY AND STRATEGIC STUDIES**

**GENERAL SIR JOHN KOTELAWALA  
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General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU), established under the Sir John Kotelawala Defence Academy Act No: 68 of 1981 and subsequent amendments is a UGC approved Degree awarding Defence University in Sri Lanka,.

# **MSc IN SECURITY AND STRATEGIC STUDIES (MSSS)**

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. The Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU) in collaboration with the Department of Strategic Studies, has introduced a Master of Science Security and Strategic Studies programme (MSSS). MSSS envisions developing a strategic community and broadening their horizons in order to serve the national interest of Sri Lanka. The Masters Programme is in line with the view to educate participants, on established and emerging knowledge in Security and Strategic Studies as an interdisciplinary field of study. Further it will also analyze various theories, concepts, methodologies and techniques related to Strategic Studies in order to broaden their knowledge.

2. Moreover, the programme is designed in accordance with the Sri Lankan Qualification Framework, published by the Ministry of Higher Education and its academic standard is equivalent to Sri Lanka Qualifying Level 8 where minimum of 60 academic credits are required to be earned. It is designed by a panel of senior academics and professionals from reputed universities/institutions in Sri Lanka ensuring a high academic standard to facilitate participants to complete MSc in Security & Strategic Studies in two academic years while in service. Facilitator assisted learning sessions will be held on every other weekend at KDU and the rest of the learning is through assignments/independent learning and a dissertation carried out at the participant's own convenience. The medium of instructions is English and all the lectures are webcasted through m-learning platform of KDU.

## **OBJECTIVES**

3. The main objective of the MSSS programme is to provide professional and graduate level education on practical analysis and theoretical comprehension of national security strategies. Further it educate participants,

- a. On established and emerging knowledge in security and strategic studies as an interdisciplinary field of study.
- b. On various theories, concepts, methodologies and techniques related to strategic studies in order to broaden their knowledge.
- c. To be aware of the contemporary global and regional Security and Strategic settings and its relevance to Sri Lanka.

## **INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES**

4. On the successful completion of the Masters Degree , participants will,

- a. Have in-depth knowledge on the contemporary global and regional security and strategic settings and its relevance to Sri Lanka.
- b. Be able to understand the strategic nexus between the national interest of our state and their role to safeguard it.

### **TARGET GROUP**

5. The Faculty of Defence and Strategic Studies (FDSS) together with the Faculty of Graduate studies ( FGS) expects to attract applicants for the MSSS from under-mentioned categories,

- a. Officers in the Armed Services including Police.
- b. Diplomatic Community.
- c. Government and Private Sector Officials.
- d. Academia.
- e. Any eligible individual who seeks opportunity to learn Strategic Studies.

### **PROGRAMME STRUCTURE**

6. Candidates are required to earn 67 credits including the credits allocated to the dissertation in two academic years to obtain the Masters degree in Security & Strategic Studies or complete the academic requirements including mini dissertation of the first year to obtain the Postgraduate Diploma in Security & Strategic Studies. Any violation of rules and regulations stipulated by KDU on conduct and discipline will lead to cancellation of your studentship.

7. The duration of the Masters programme is four semesters (two academic years) and class sessions are conducted on every other weekend other than public holidays.

### **COURSE DELIVERY PLAN**

8. The programme contains 19 compulsory subject modules and a dissertation on guided research. If a candidate intends to complete the MSc in Security & Strategic Studies programme, he is required to complete all 19 compulsory subject modules and the research component.

9. Course delivery plan of each semester is attached here to as annex “A”.

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

10. A person is eligible for admission to the programme of study leading to the MSc in Security and Strategic Studies, provided he/she meets one of the following conditions:

- a. He / She is a commissioned officer / gazetted Police officer / public and private sector executive having a bachelor degree with 1<sup>st</sup> class from recognized university with minimum of one (01) year of service/work experience.
- b. He / She is a commissioned officer / gazetted Police officer / public and private sector executive having a bachelor degree with 2<sup>nd</sup> class from recognized university with minimum of two (02) years of service/work experience.
- c. He / She is a commissioned officer in the rank of Captain / Lieutenant / Flight Lieutenant and above or gazetted Police officer or public and private sector executive having a bachelor degree from a recognized university with minimum of three (03) years of service/work experience.
- d. He / She is a commissioned officer in the rank of Captain / Lieutenant / Flight Lieutenant and above or gazetted Police officer or public and private sector executive with minimum of seven (07) years of service/work experience.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

11. A person who wishes to be a candidate of the Masters Degree Programme shall make an application to the respective Service Commander / Inspector General of Police / Head of Department/Organization who will submit these applications to the Dean FGS with their recommendations. All applicants will be required to pass an interview conducted by KDU.

12. If you need more details, contact the Dean- FGS, KDU, Tel 0113041447.

## **PROGRAMME FEES**

- a. Registration Fees for 3 years  
Initial registration periods - Rs 5000.00
- b. Library Fees - Rs 2000.00
- c. Refundable Library Fees - Rs 4000.00
- d. Refundable Mess Deposit - Rs 2000.00
- e. Tuition Fees - Rs 180,000.00 (Police/Ministry Of Defence Officers)  
- Rs.220, 000.00 (Public/Private Sector Candidates)
- f. Registration Renewal Fee - Rs.1500.00 per year (after completion of Initial Registration)
- g. Repeat Thesis Defense Viva Voce fee - Rs. 11,500.00

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<b>MSc in Security &amp; Strategic Studies Programme</b>		
<b>Code</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b><u>Year 1 – Semester 1</u></b>		
<b>MScSS 1013</b>	Evolution of the Modern International System	3
<b>MScSS 1023</b>	Geopolitics and Strategy	3
<b>MScSS 1032</b>	Defence Economics Strategy	2
<b>MScSS 1042</b>	Intelligence and National Security Strategy	2
<b>MScSS 1052</b>	Comparative Politics	2
<b>MScSS 1063</b>	Maritime Security	3
		<b><u>15</u></b>
<b><u>Year 1 – Semester 2</u></b>		
<b>MScSS 2074</b>	Research Methodology and Writing	4
<b>MScSS 2082</b>	Introduction to Security & Strategic Studies	2
<b>MScSS 2093</b>	Civil-Military Relations	3
<b>MScSS 2102</b>	National and International Security	2
<b>MScSS 2114</b>	Countering Terrorism : Theory & Practice	4
		<b><u>15</u></b>
<b><u>Year 2 – Semester 1</u></b>		
<b>MScSS 3123</b>	Military History of Sri Lanka	3
<b>MScSS 3133</b>	Concepts of Warfare & History of World Major Conflicts	3
<b>MScSS 3143</b>	Defeating Terrorism : The Sri Lankan Experience Development, Peace and Security	3
<b>MScSS 3153</b>	Contemporary Defence and Strategic Challenges to Sri Lanka	3
<b>MScSS 3162</b>		2
		<b><u>14</u></b>
<b><u>Year 2 – Semester 2</u></b>		
<b>MScSS 4173</b>	Diplomacy and Strategic Communication	3
<b>MScSS 4182</b>	The Second Nuclear Age: Nuclear Weapons & their Strategic use in 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	2
<b>MScSS 4193</b>	Humanitarian Intervention & Peace Support Operations	3
		<b><u>8</u></b>
<b>MScSS 5201</b>	<b>Dissertation</b>	<b><u>15</u></b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>67</u></b>