



Study Master of Research in Security and Strategic Studies at MNU

Introduction

The Master of Research in Security and Strategic Studies (MRes (SSS)) is offered by the Centre for Security and Strategic Studies at MNU as a rigorous, research-focused postgraduate programme. Designed to promote academic excellence in the field of security studies, the MRes(SSS) equips candidates with advanced research skills and a strong foundation in strategic analysis. The programme aims to develop high-level analytical and critical thinking capabilities, enabling students to explore complex security issues with depth and clarity. Through guided research and independent inquiry, candidates gain the intellectual tools needed to contribute meaningfully to national, regional, and global security discourse, with an emphasis on small states' security and strategic engagements.

Step 1: Entry Requirements

General Entry Requirements

- A related bachelor's degree with a research component in security studies or related field OR
- A related bachelor's degree, applicant must be 25 years old, with 3 years of relevant experience in a research project commissioned or organised by a university, government, international NGO or aid partners.

(Example: An applicant with a bachelor's degree in politics, IR, maritime studies, law or a social science course, with a work experience of 3 years, and having worked in or part of a research project will qualify to apply for MRes(SSS)).

Language Requirements

- CPE Pass or Equivalent Pass in English Language.

Step 2: Prepare Your Initial Research Proposal (One Page)

Applicants must submit a one-page research proposal including:

- Title
- Aim
- Area of Research or Research Problem (maritime security, cyber security, transnational crime and national security, Indo-Pacific strategy and diplomacy, human security and gender and military-related studies are key research clusters of CSSS)
- Why It Is Important

Step 3: Supervisory Alignment

- Your proposal will be reviewed to match you with a suitable supervisor after acceptance.



Step 4: Prepare Application Documents

- Completed MNU postgraduate application form
- CV
- Academic transcripts and certificates
- One-page research proposal

- Additional documents requested by MNU

Step 5: Submit Your Application

Submit through official MNU Admission portal. (www.Portal.mnu.edu.mv) You will receive formal notification of the outcome.

Step 6: Supervisor Allocation

Successful applicants will be allocated supervisors and may refine the research proposal thereafter.