



London Institute of Business and Technology

LEADERS IN EXECUTIVE EDUCATION — UNDERGRADUATE AND
POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA AND DEGREE PROGRAMMES

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POSTGRADUATE

— COURSE BROCHURE

Postgraduate Diploma in Security and Strategic Leadership

CMI-endorsed · Self-paced · Pathway to MSc at Portsmouth

DURATION

8-12 Months

CREDITS

120

STUDY MODE

Self-paced online

COURSE FEE

£4,400

Key information

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 TOTAL CREDITS 120	 AWARDING BODY London Institute of Business and Technology
 SUBJECT AREA Security and Intelligence	 STUDY MODE Self-paced online

— ABOUT THIS COURSE

Why This Course

The Postgraduate Diploma in Security and Strategic Leadership is a **CMI-endorsed Level 7 qualification** built for **professionals operating in security, defence, intelligence, and risk management**.

Delivered entirely **online and fully self-paced**, this programme allows you to build senior leadership capability without stepping away from active duty or professional commitments. You will study **eight rigorous modules spanning intelligence analysis, cybersecurity strategy, counterterrorism, ethical leadership, policy analysis, and global security governance**.

The curriculum is designed to turn operational expertise into executive-level strategic thinking. Every module connects directly to the **realities of modern security environments**, equipping you to lead complex organisations through uncertainty, risk, and rapid change.

On completion, you hold a **globally recognised 120-credit postgraduate qualification and Foundation Chartered Manager status through CMI**. You may then progress directly to the dissertation stage of the MSc in Security and Risk at the University of Portsmouth.

Programme modules

This programme consists of 8 modules — totalling 120 credits — 8 mandatory and 0 optional.

01	Strategic Leadership and Security Foundations SEC71001	MANDATORY	15 cr
02	Ethical Leadership and Legal Frameworks SEC71002	MANDATORY	15 cr
03	Advanced Intelligence Gathering and Analysis SEC71003	MANDATORY	15 cr
04	Counterterrorism and Strategic Response SEC71004	MANDATORY	15 cr
05	Cybersecurity Strategy and Risk Management SEC71005	MANDATORY	15 cr
06	Strategic Decision Making and Policy Analysis SEC71006	MANDATORY	15 cr
07	Organisational Dynamics and Change Leadership SEC71007	MANDATORY	15 cr
08	Globalisation, Governance, and Leadership in Security SEC71008	MANDATORY	15 cr

Your Learning Journey

1 Key learning outcomes

This qualification **positions you for senior leadership** in one of the world's most demanding and consequential professional fields.

You will graduate with a CMI-endorsed Level 7 diploma worth 120 postgraduate credits and **Foundation Chartered Manager status**, a recognised professional designation that signals executive-level management capability to employers globally.

Beyond the credential, you will have developed a rare combination of strategic intelligence, operational judgement, and leadership authority. You will be equipped to design security policy, lead organisational change, manage cyber risk, and navigate complex international governance challenges with confidence.

The qualification opens a **direct pathway to the MSc in Security and Risk at the University of Portsmouth**, allowing you to complete a full master's degree with only a dissertation remaining.

2 Learn at your own pace

This programme is built around the realities of professional life in the security sector. It is **100% online**, fully self-paced, and accessible from anywhere in the world, at any hour.

You will study through LIBT's feature-rich learning platform, with continuous access to recorded lectures, structured study materials, textbooks, and multimedia content. Each module carries approximately 60 guided learning hours, supplemented by 30 to 50 hours of optional resources including recommended readings, self-testing exercises, and curated online materials.

On-demand tutoring is available at no additional cost, with tutors accessible via email, phone, or video call. Whether you are working irregular hours, managing deployments, or balancing leadership responsibilities, this programme adapts to your schedule, not the other way around.

3 Assignments based on real situations

Assessment is entirely **assignment-based**. There are no examinations. Each of the eight modules is assessed through a single **written assignment**, designed to be as practically grounded as possible.

Assignments are work-related by design. You will be expected to apply relevant theory to real-world security scenarios, engage critically with current literature, and where appropriate, draw on your own professional context and operational experience. Every submission requires analytical rigour, original thinking, and evidence-based reasoning appropriate to Level 7 study.

For security professionals with live operational experience, this assessment model is a genuine advantage. Your current role becomes an asset, not a distraction. You can apply your coursework directly to the challenges facing your organisation, adding immediate value while you qualify.

4 Credit for your learning and experience

If you have prior postgraduate study or significant professional experience in security, defence, intelligence, or law enforcement, you may not need to complete the full programme from scratch. LIBT's **Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)** process assesses whether your existing knowledge and competencies meet the requirements of specific modules.

Where your prior learning is verified as current, credible, and directly relevant, you may be awarded academic credit, reducing the number of modules remaining and shortening your overall completion time.

RPL is assessed individually. Evidence must be specific to the module in question and must demonstrate achievement at Level 7 standard. To explore whether your background qualifies, contact our admissions team or visit our dedicated RPL guidance page before you apply.

— ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Who can apply

Entry to Postgraduate Diploma in Security and Strategic Leadership.

- ✓ A bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification, plus a minimum age of 22.
- ✓ IELTS 6.5 or equivalent is a standard regulatory requirement for postgraduate study. If you have studied or worked in English, our admissions team will be able to assess and map your prior experience against the required standard.

Or

- ✓ A minimum of five years of relevant experience in the security, defence, intelligence, or law enforcement sector.
- ✓ The same English language and age requirements apply.

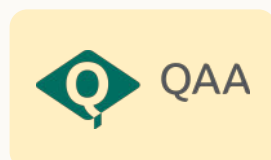
— ACCREDITATION

Programme Accreditations and Recognitions



CMI

This course is endorsed by the Chartered Management Institute (CMI). Upon completion, students receive the Foundation Chartered Manager status.



QAA

London Institute of Business & Technology is a full member of the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA).



AACSB

London Institute of Business & Technology is a member of the prestigious Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)

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