Summary of the course

This 15,000 word thesis course is offered as part of the requirements for the completion of the Master of International Law and International Relations (MILIR) degree program at UNSW. You must have achieved a Distinction (75%) in four courses to enrol in this course. Two of these four courses must include POLS5125 Politics of International Law and one other POLS-coded course. POLS5113 may only be undertaken with the permission of the MILIR Coordinator in the School of Social Sciences. Application forms to undertake this course are usually emailed to students 3-4 weeks before the start of the semester in which you intend to enrol in the research project. MILIR students may enrol in either LAWS8423 (Research Thesis) or POLS5113 (Thesis), but not both.

The aim of this course is to provide you with the opportunity to complete a research thesis. As a research course it is designed to improve your research skills in order to improve your prospects of acceptance into research degree programs at UNSW and other universities. Furthermore, POLS5113 is designed to enhance your opportunities for a career change, a promotion within your career, or to work in a particular area of interest.

At the conclusion of this course, you will have:
1. Researched and written a 15,000 word thesis;
2. Developed and deployed a capacity for independent learning;
3. Worked independently under supervision;
4. Developed significant research skills, including critical thinking, problem solving, analysis and dissemination of findings.

Assessment
[NOTE: These must be the same as the tasks recorded AIMS for this course. You can add/delete rows as needed from the table below]
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**Note:** Due to the nature of the course, there is no attendance requirement in POLS5113.

The full course outline will be available in Moodle in Orientation (O) Week, from Monday 22 February 2016.