Today’s headlines often feature the word ‘cyber’, reporting on threats related to the virtual world: online child abuse, stolen credit cards and virtual identities, malware and viruses, botnets and denial-of-service attacks on corporate or government servers, cyber-espionage, and cyber-attacks on critical infrastructure including nuclear facilities and power supply networks. What are the real cybersecurity challenges? What is the role of diplomacy, international legal instruments, and regional and national policies in addressing these threats, and how efficient are they? How does international cooperation in cybersecurity work, and what are the roles of the various stakeholders? This course examines these important questions and promotes sharing of knowledge and good practices.

Course topics include:

- Cybersecurity threats
- Cybercrime
- Internet safety
- Security of the core Internet infrastructure and critical infrastructure
- Cyberterrorism and cyber-conflicts
- Cyber-security policies and mechanisms
- Broader context of cybersecurity
- Internet governance

I am very satisfied with the level of my knowledge improvement. The course gave me so much information and links to further resources and reading materials. The discussions we had were interesting too.

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How does the course work?

In this highly interactive 10-week long online course, participants from around the world read and discuss course materials, sharing their experience and knowledge under the guidance of an experienced course facilitator. Participants complete a number of online activities and assignments to obtain a postgraduate-level course certificate. Course groups are limited to 25 participants.

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- Staff of intergovernmental, international, and regional organisations in charge of security cooperation, justice and home affairs, defence or Internet and ICT policy
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- Professionals from the corporate sector in charge of Internet and security policies
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