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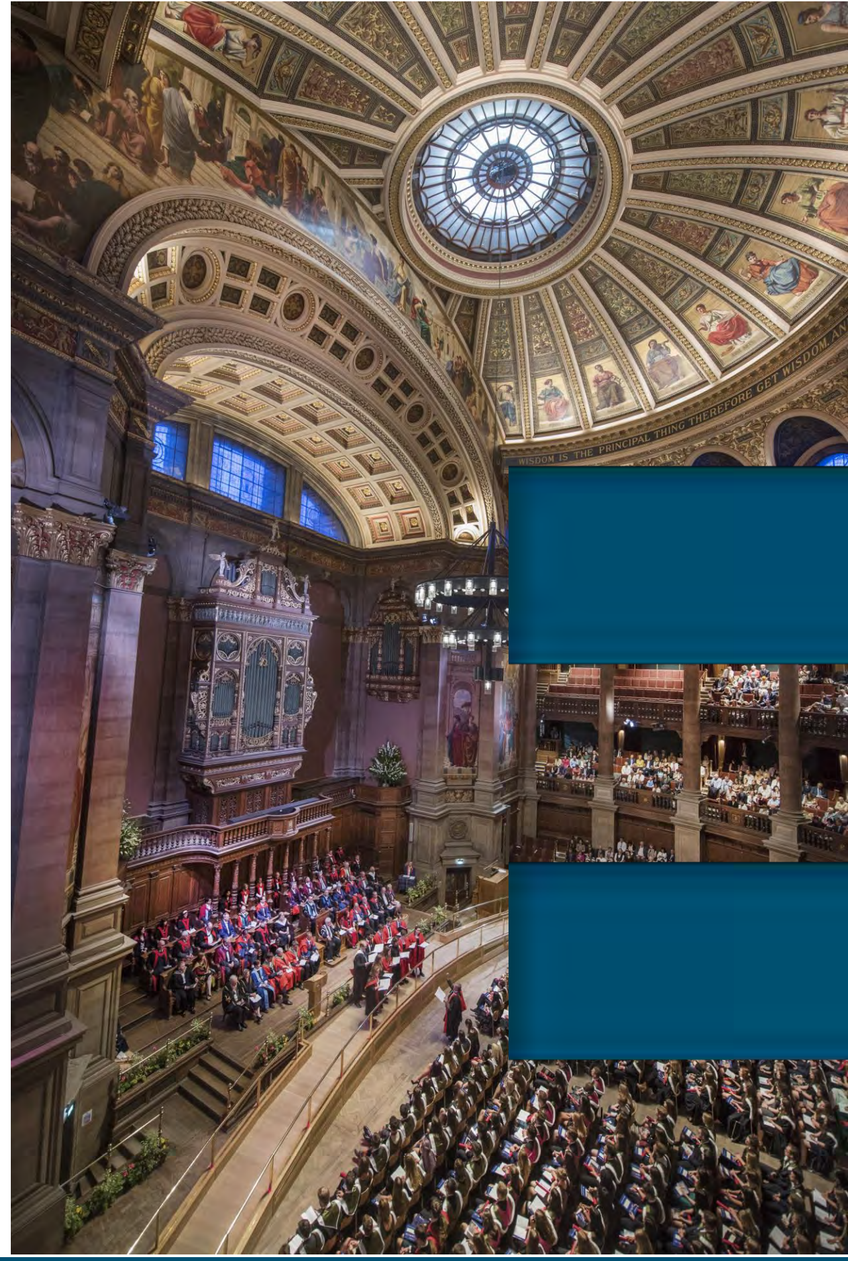
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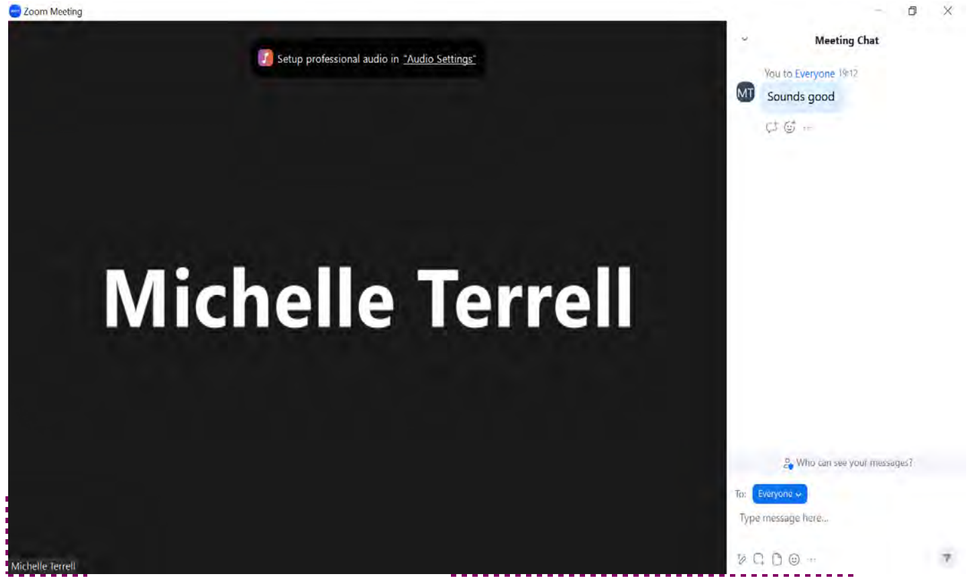
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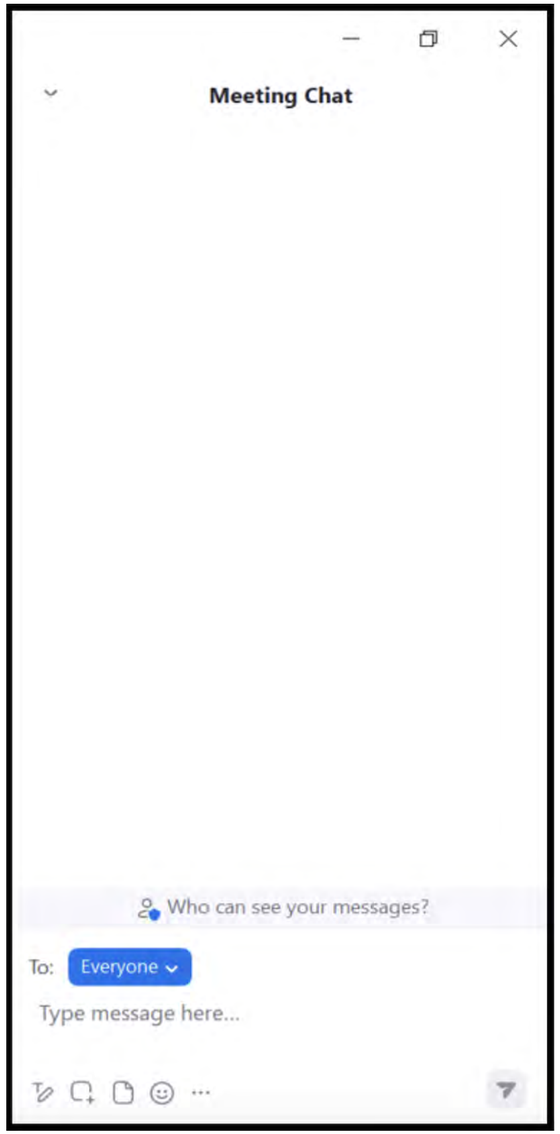
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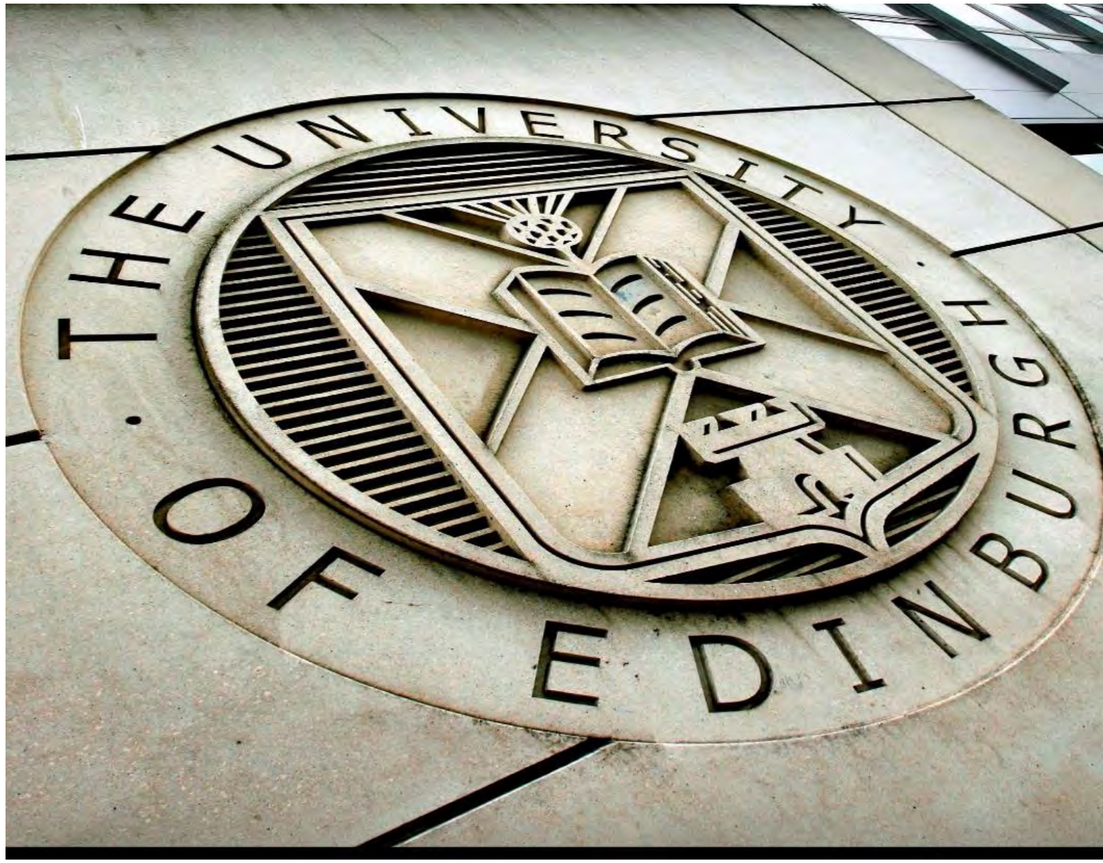
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Studying International Relations at the University of Edinburgh

- Flexible and cutting edge programme in one of the oldest and most international universities
- A wide array of cutting edge courses
- Opportunities to attend interesting seminars offered by the IR research group, the international political economy research group and the gender politics research group etc.
- GenderEd, Centre for Security Studies,The Centre for Ethics and Critical Thought.



Programme Structure

Courses 2024-25

You will complete two compulsory courses and four option courses, followed by work towards an independently researched dissertation.

Compulsory courses plus dissertation:

- International Relations Theory
- Plus either International Security or International Political Economy
- Dissertation (MSc)
- Examples of option courses:
- Gulf Politics; Gender, Feminist Foreign Policy and Diplomacy; Survey in Middle East Politics; Global Environment – Key Issues; Global Environmental Politics; Climate Change, Justice and Responsibility/

Examples of option courses 2024-25

- The Middle East in International Relations
- The Politics and Governance of Crisis,
- Russia in Global Politics,
- Gulf Politics,
- Foreign Policy Analysis
- Asia Pacific in the World
- Contemporary issues in the Middle East,
- Institutions and Policies of the European Union,
- Analysing European Governance and Public Policy,
- International Regulation and Governance.
- The Politics of Post-Soviet Russia
- US Grand Strategy and Foreign Policy;
- Institutions and Policies of of the EU,
- Digital Activism: Power and Protest Around the World

Dissertation

- A single piece of independent and in-depth research. The 15,000 word dissertation allows you to focus on a preferred topic from within the field, normally based on a subject you have studied in one of your courses during the programme.
- You will be assigned an academic dissertation supervisor who will provide you with support and guidance while you research and write your dissertation.
- The dissertation is written in the summer months (April to August) after the taught courses are successfully completed

Dissertations – examples of topics

International Security , Peacekeeping, Women Peace and Security, Intervention, Terrorism and War

Foreign Policy Analysis: Feminist foreign policy, American Foreign Policy and African Foreign Policy

The European Union: Enlargement, European and Security Policy , The EU and the Environment

Environmental Politics, Popular Culture and World Politics, Regionalism , Middle Eastern Politics

Submitting your course choices

- The teaching office will send you the course choice form in early August.

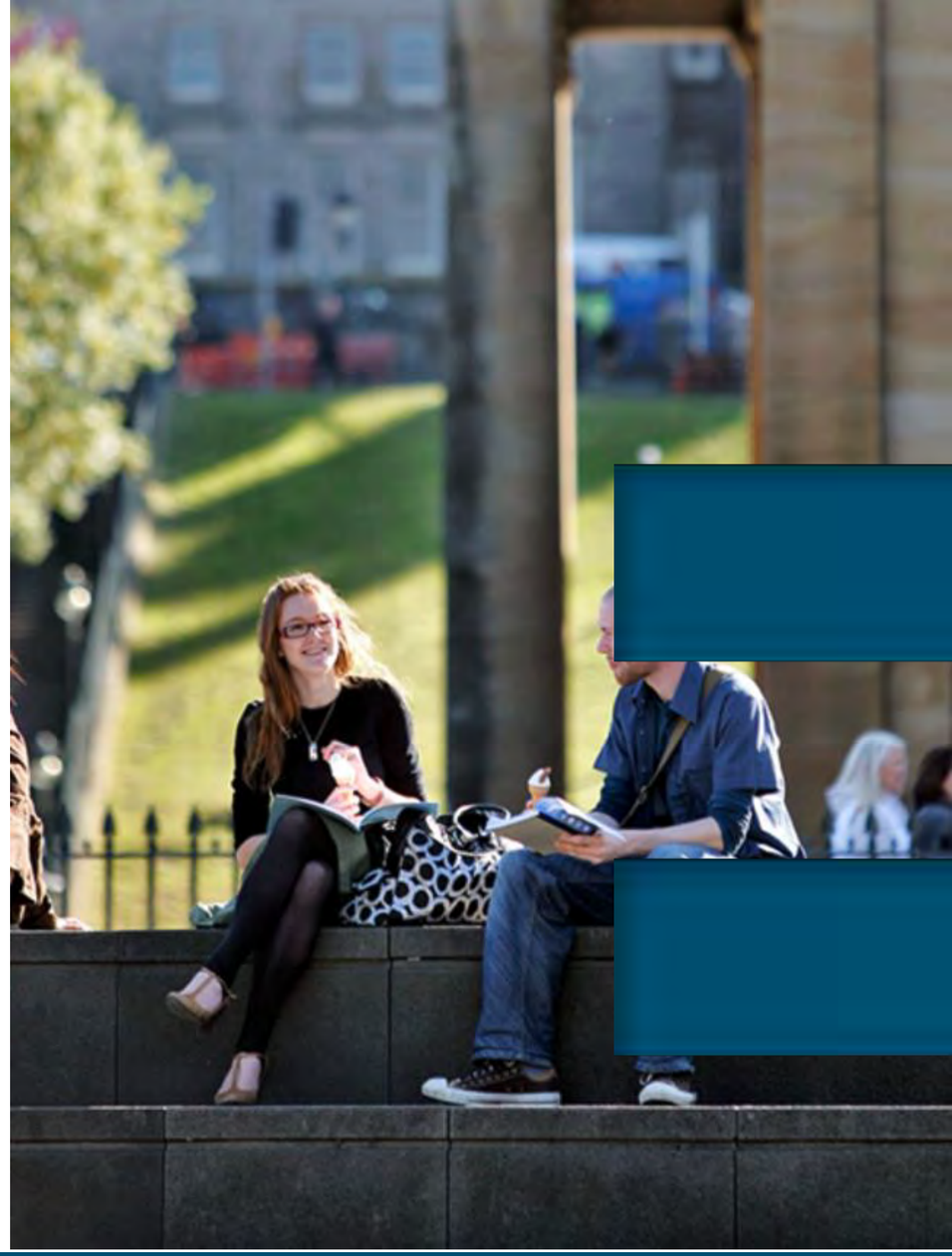
- If you want to get ahead, you can check your course options at - http://www.drps.ed.ac.uk/24-25/dpt/drps_sps.htm



Studying and Learning

How we study & learn

- Lectures
- Seminars
- Case studies and exercises
- Student-led/Group Study
- Independent Research
- Dissertations



Support for learning and teaching

- Programme Director
- Student Advisor
- Dissertation supervisor
- Student Development office: https://www.sps.ed.ac.uk/students/postgraduate/new-students/development-office
- Institute for Academic Development: https://www.ed.ac.uk/institute-acadsc-development/postgraduate
- Peer study groups

Life at The University of Edinburgh

- 5 elected full-time Sabbatical Officers, 5 elected part-time Liberation Officers, and 8 part-time Section Representatives* to represent your needs and interests

- Over 450 student Societies, Volunteering Groups and Peer Learning and Support Schemes

*Section Representatives represent students from the following groups: Commuter Students, International Students, Mature Students, Part-time Students, Student Carers, Student Parents, University-wide PGT representative and University-wide Postgraduate Research Representative



Once you've started in September, you can run as representative of your programme, or even the School-wide Postgraduate Taught (PGT) Rep

Life at The University of Edinburgh

- Over 70 Sports clubs and teams
- Competitively-priced student gym membership
- City-wide student discounts
- Student counselling service
- Learning support and disability service
- The Advice Place



Student Development Office

- Workshops on professional, personal and academic skill building
- 1:1 skills coaching
- Cohort Building activities
- Funding opportunities to support development
- Edinburgh Award and Professional Development Certificates
- School-wide events and activities

Summer reading

If you would like to get ahead with some reading over the summer, I'd suggest:

- Baylis, J., Smith, S., & Owens, P. (2020). *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations.* Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Burchill, S., et al. (2022). *Theories of International Relations.* Hampshire: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Buzan, B., & Hansen, L. (2009). *The Evolution of International Security Studies.*Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Collins, A. (2022). *Contemporary security studies.* Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- O'Brien, R., & Williams, M. (2020). *Global Political Economy: Evolution & Dynamics.*London: Macmillan International Higher Education.



What happens next?

- Accept and meet conditions of offer
- Visa and immigration: StudentImmigration@ed.ac.uk
- Apply for accommodation: https://www.accom.ed.ac.uk/
- Check SPS New students webpage for info on accessing your timetable, welcome week and more

(Welcome Week starts Monday 9 September)



The student perspective

Talk to a current student

- Have you got a question you would like to ask a current student in the School of Social and Political Science?
- Chat with a student ambassador here:
  - www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/applicants/talk-to-current-students

The student perspective

- Our team of SPS student writers share their experiences and thoughts on the things that matter to them on our student blog.
- Check out the blog here:
  - blogs.ed.ac.uk/students-at-sps/

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Thank you
Any questions?

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Contact details for follow-up questions

We apologise if we did not get through all of your questions in the time allotted for this session. If you have further questions that have not been answered, please contact us:

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