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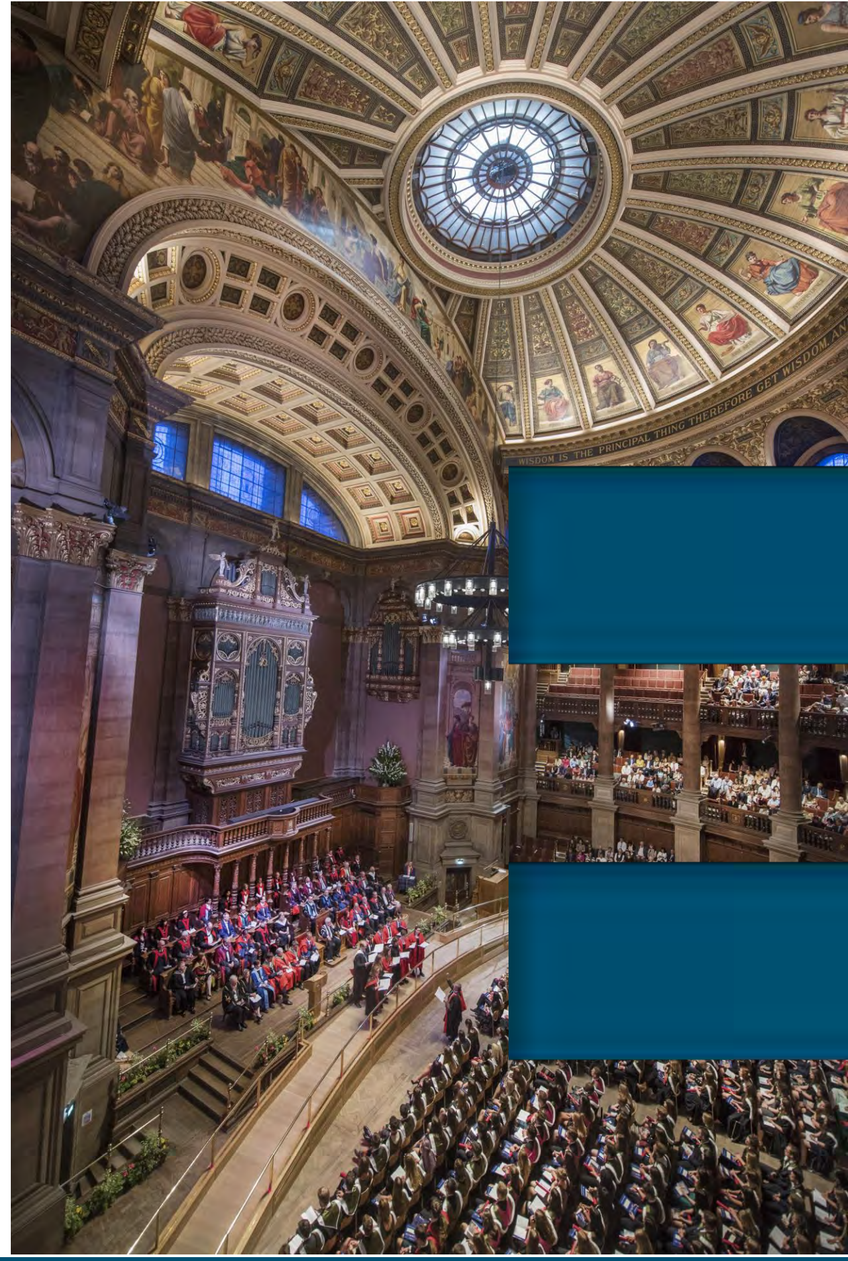
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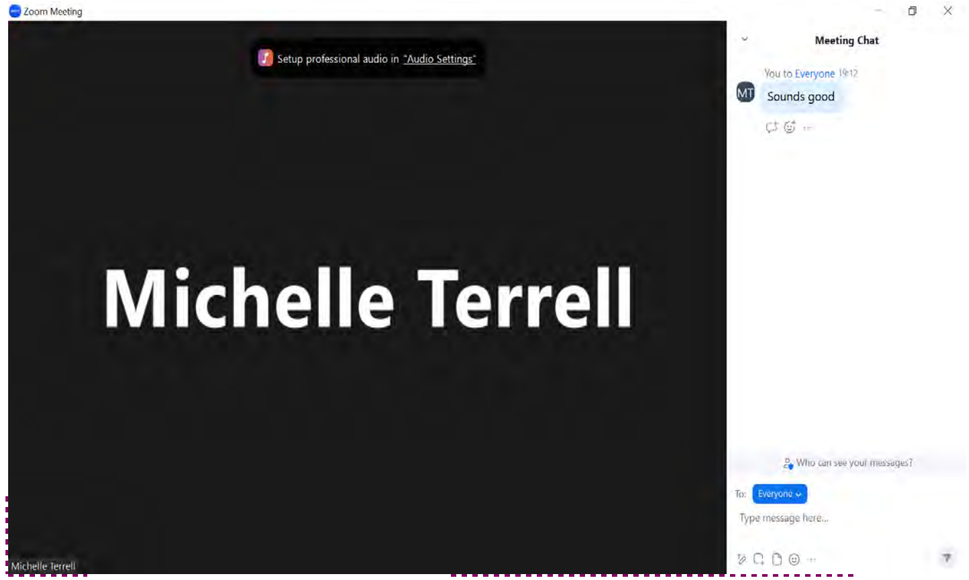
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- Question and Answer
- Next steps



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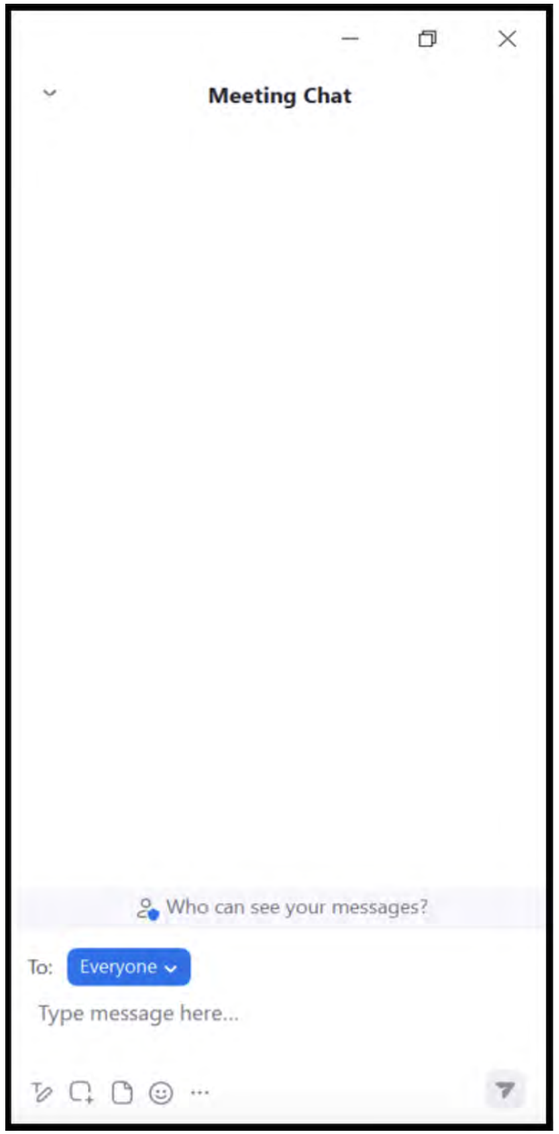
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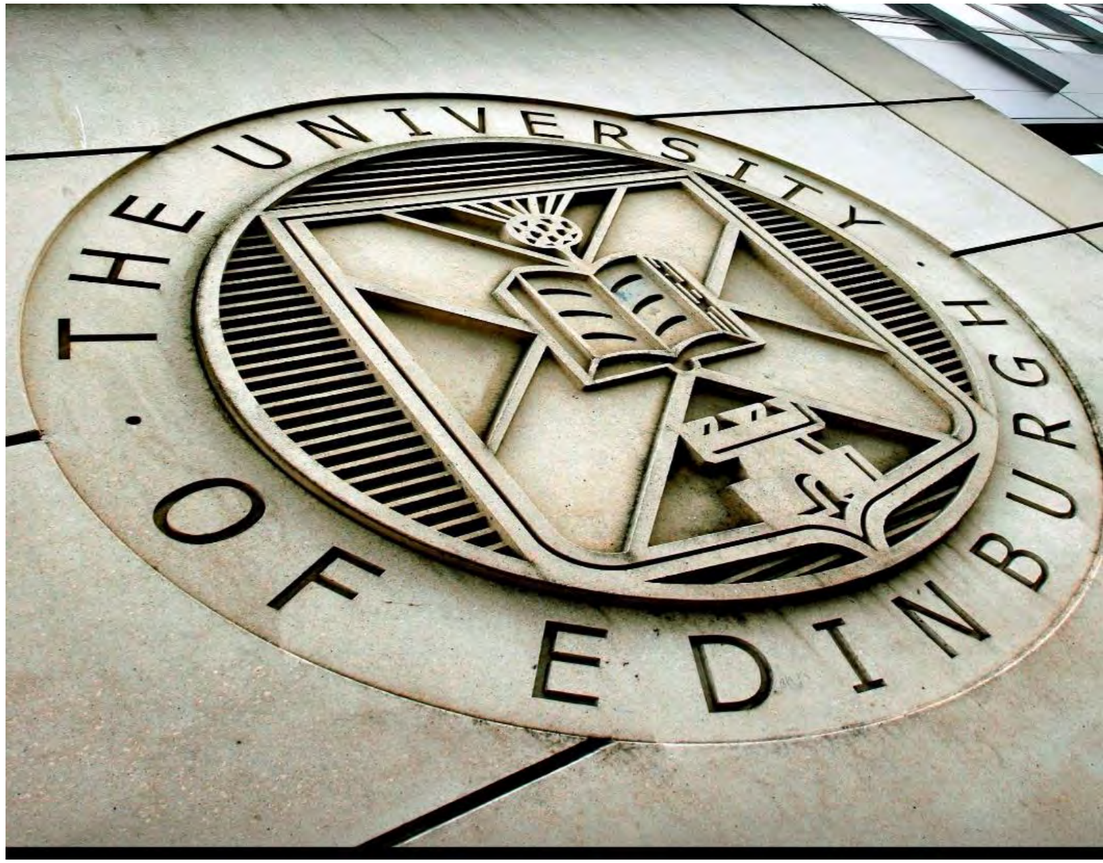
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Overview

- The Programme
- The Subject-Area (Politics and IR)
- The University and City
- Q&A



Programme Structure

Overview

- Longest-standing MSc programme in Politics
- Equip students in both European integration and international politics
- Small cohort of 20-25 and close-knit academic community
- Teaching based on lectures and small-group tutorials

Courses 2024-25

Compulsory courses

- Institutions and Policies of the EU (IPEU), S1
- Analysing European Governance and Public Policy (AEGPP), S1
- Four elective courses across S1 and S2
- 15,000 word dissertation

Courses 2024-25 continued

- Recommended
  - International Security
  - International Political Economy
  - European Social Policy
  - Global Environmental Politics
  - Foreign Policy Analysis
  - EU in International Affairs
- Optional
  - International Relations Theory
  - Asia Pacific in the World
  - Globalization
  - Africa in International Politics
  - Gender Politics and Representation
  - Middle East in International Relations

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



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

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Social Programme

- Guest speakers
- Group activities
- Networking opportunities
- Class representative

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The Subject-Area

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Politics and International Relations

- MSc based in Politics and IR in School of Social & Political Science
- Based in the Chrystal Macmillan Building, George Square
- Subject-area comprises 65 full-time faculty
- Community of fellows, PhD students, c.100 taught MSc
- 2nd in the UK for “world-leading research” (2021 REF)
- 32 in the world for Politics (QS, 2023)



Faculty

- European Studies
  - Professor Chad Damro
  - Dr Carmen Gebhard
  - Dr Adam Chalmers
  - Professor Ben Rosamond
  - Dr Pontus Odmalm
  - Professor Elizabeth Bomberg
  - Dr Ingmar Versolmann
- International Relations
  - Professor Juliet Kaarbo
  - Dr Claire Duncanson
  - Dr Oliver Turner
  - Dr Lucy Abbott
  - Dr Kasia Kaczmarska
  - Dr Manolis Kalaitzake

The University and City

The University

- Ancient university est. 1583
- Large research university w/cosmopolitan student body
- Globally recognised institution (20th, QS)
- Notable alumni: David Hume, Charles Darwin, Julius Nyerere, Arthur Conan Doyle, Chrystal Macmillan, Gordon Brown
- Built into the centre of the City itself

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The City

- Capital of Scotland – seat of Scottish Government and Parliament
- Cultural and financial powerhouse – but feels like a village (pop=500k)
- Between the Pentland Hills and the Firth of Forth, surrounded by dormant volcanoes
- Ideal place to study politics and socialise with new friends!
- Oh, and a festival you may have heard of…

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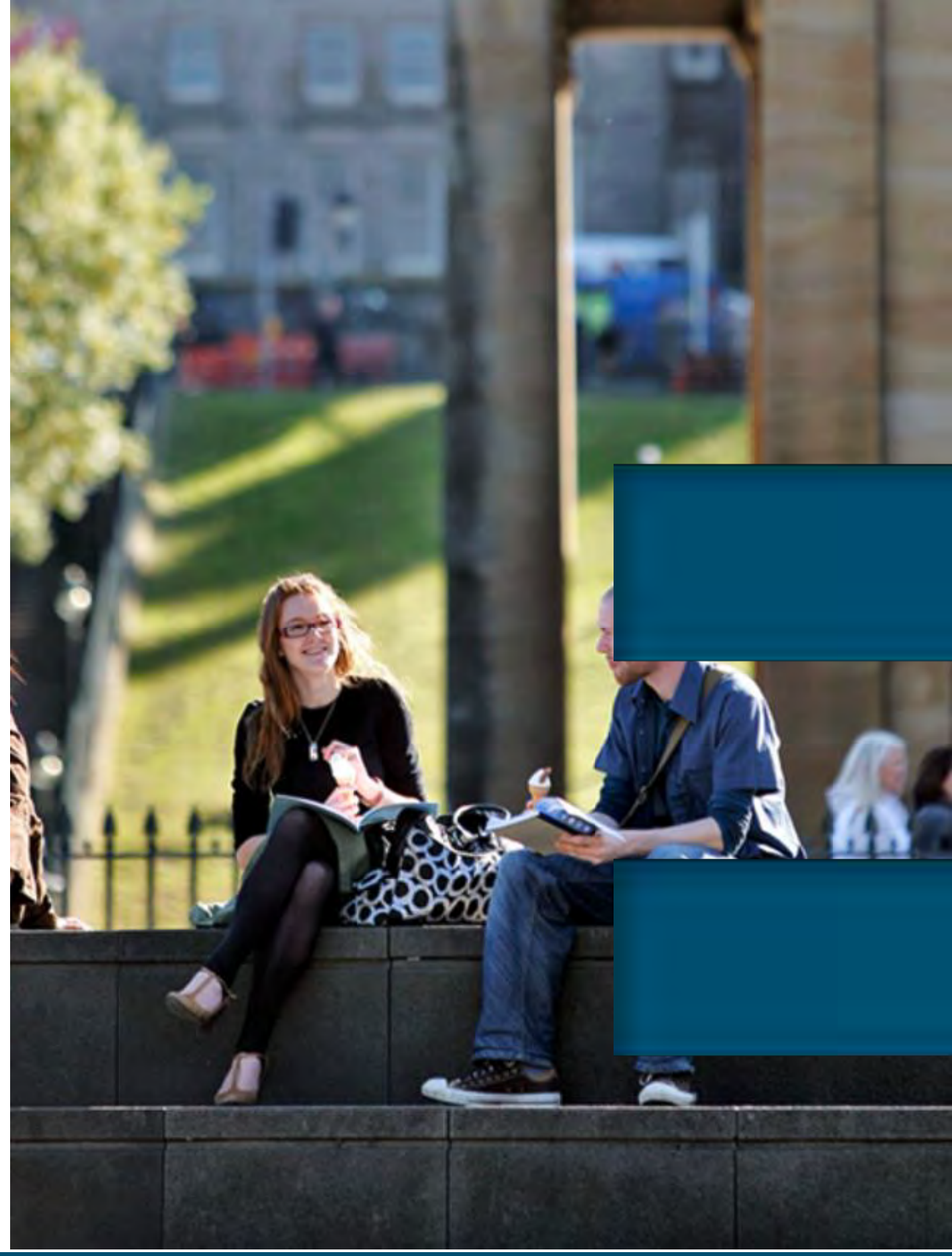
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Studying and Learning

How we study & learn

- Lectures
- Seminars
- Case studies and exercises
- Self-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

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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