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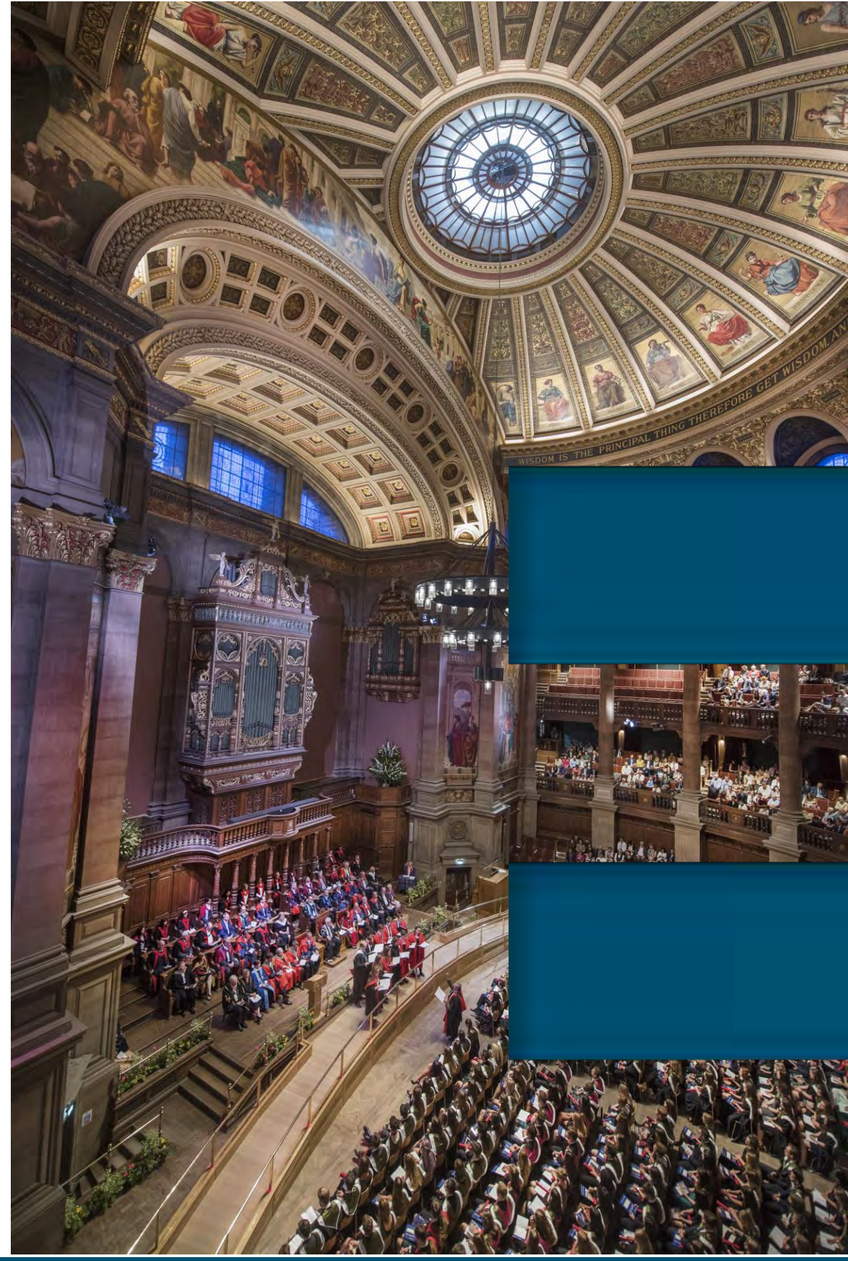
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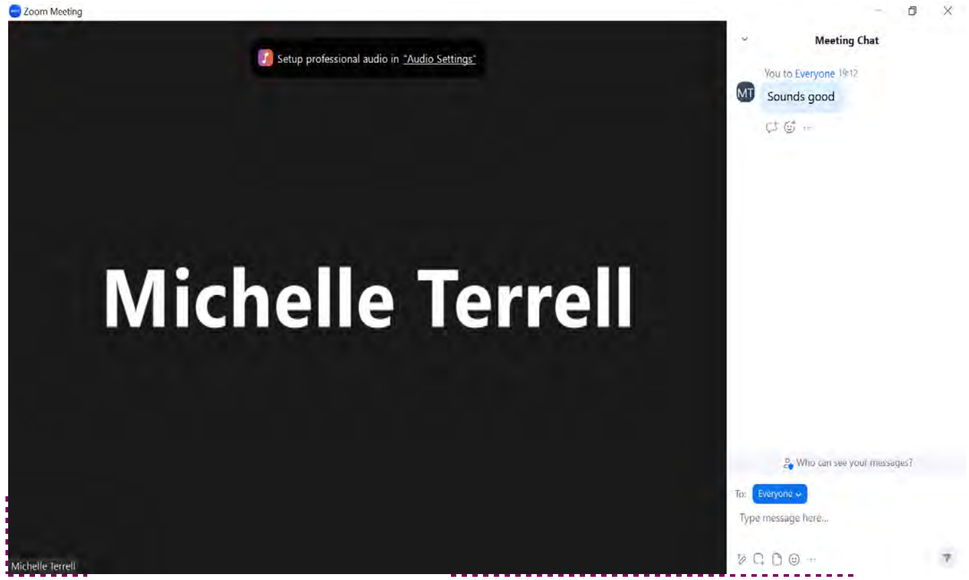
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- Presentation
- Question and Answer
- Next steps



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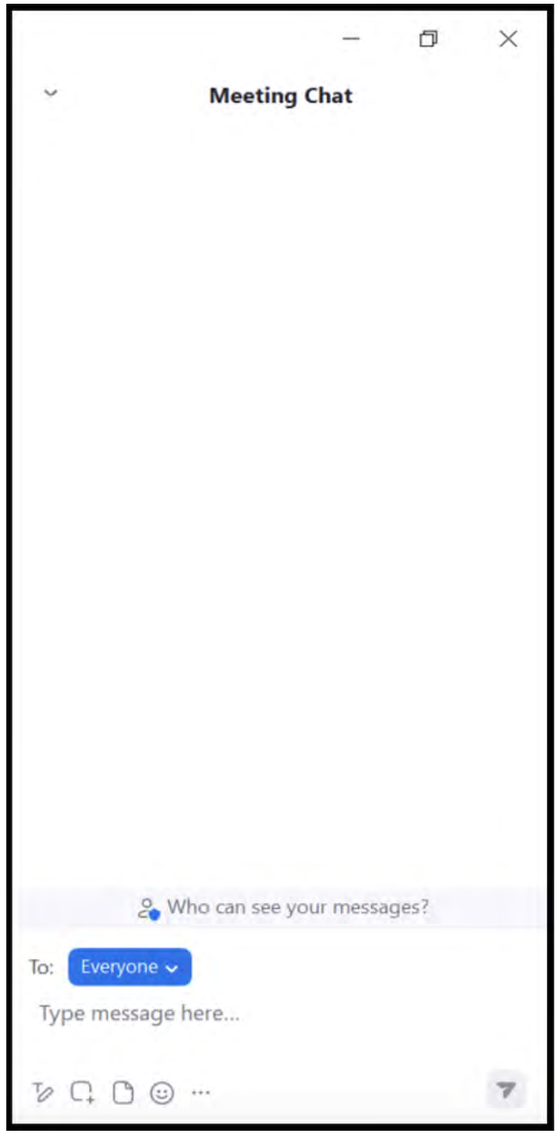
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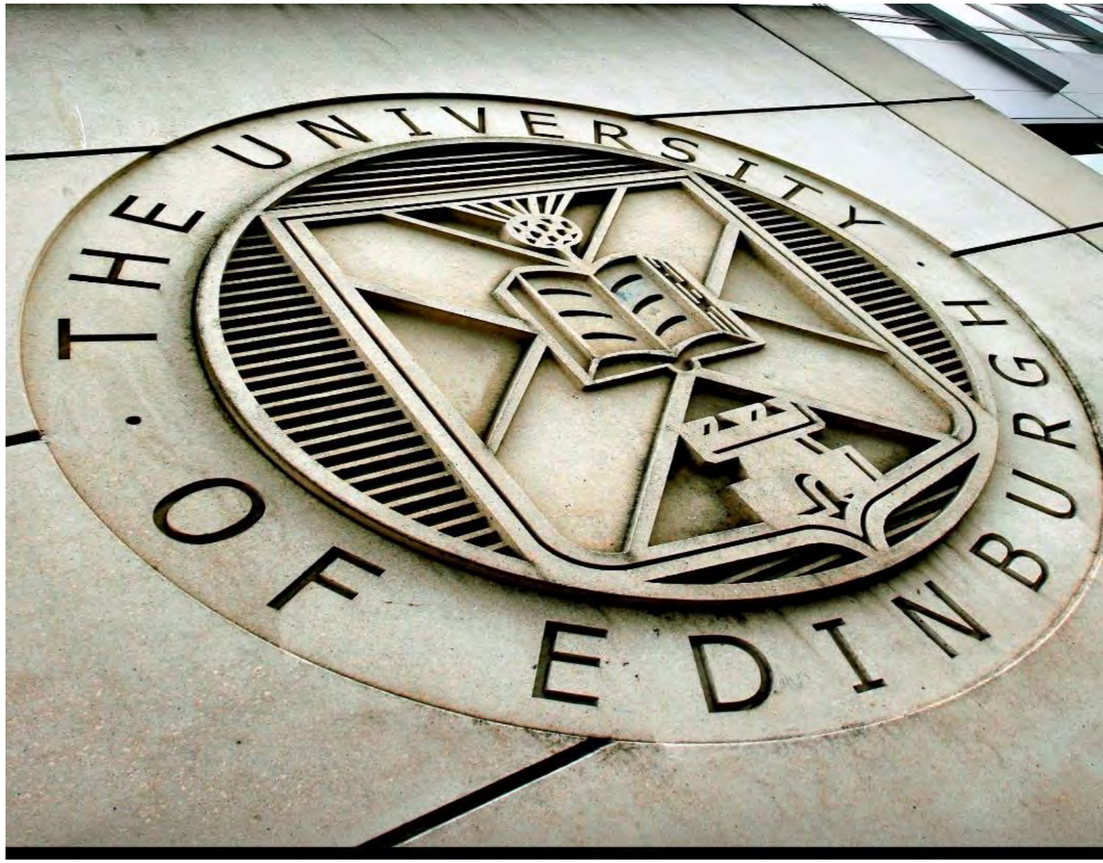
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Studying Africa & International Development at the University of Edinburgh

- Flexible and cutting-edge programme in Europe's leading centre for the study of Africa, in one of the oldest and most international universities
- Unique opportunity to acquire a combination of interdisciplinary, regional expertise with a critical knowledge of international development theory and practice
- A competitive edge whether you choose to continue in research, or pursue work in government, think tanks, development agencies, international organisations, international consultancy firms, academia, or NGOs



Programme Structure

Courses 2024-25

Compulsory ('core') courses

- Politics and Theories of International Development (MSc/PGDip/PGCert)
- Governance, Development and Poverty in Africa (MSc/PGDip/PGCert)
- International Development: Research Design and Practice (MSc/PGDip/PGCert)

- Dissertation (MSc)

Courses 2024-25 (continued)

‘Elective’ courses *(select four)*

- Anthropology of Global Health
- Conflict and Peace in Africa
- Conflict, Security, and Development
- Displacement and Development
- Gender and Development
- Interpreting Development: Institutions and Practices
- Key Skills in Development Practice
- Policing and Punishment: Insights from across the globe
- Pursuing Justice after Violence
- Research in Africa
- Resource Politics and Development
- Rethinking Africa: Race, Space, and Power

Dissertation

- A single piece of independent and in-depth research.
- 15,000 words.
- 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.
- Written in the summer months (April to August) after the taught courses are successfully completed.

Standard Dissertations - examples

Transnational Activism and Contemporary Sub-Saharan African Politics: The Impact of the Nigerian Diaspora on the 2020 #EndSARS Movement

What motivates Kenya to lead the multinational support force in Haiti, and what are Kenyan and Haitian nationals' perceptions about this involvement?

Democracy, Governance and Corruption: Perspectives of Somali Netizens

How does governmental dataveillance in Angola create a chilling effect on public discourse and citizen engagement in the public sphere, and what are the implications for democratic participation and civil liberties?

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Placement-based Dissertations

Placement based Dissertations - examples

How to use digital technology to provide meaningful mental health and psychosocial support to forcibly displaced populations in the East and Horn of Africa, and the Great Lakes region (UNHCR, remote)

What is the potential of addressing poverty-related malnutrition and food insecurity in inland villages through the distribution of Tanganyika Blue's farmed fish? (Tanganyika Blue, Tanzania)

What are the most effective ways for Mobile Network Operators to engage in Early Warning Systems risk communication and dissemination? (GSMA, remote)

Stakeholder perceptions regarding land allocation policy in the Kenya wetlands (African Centre for Technology Studies, Kenya)

Submitting your course choices

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

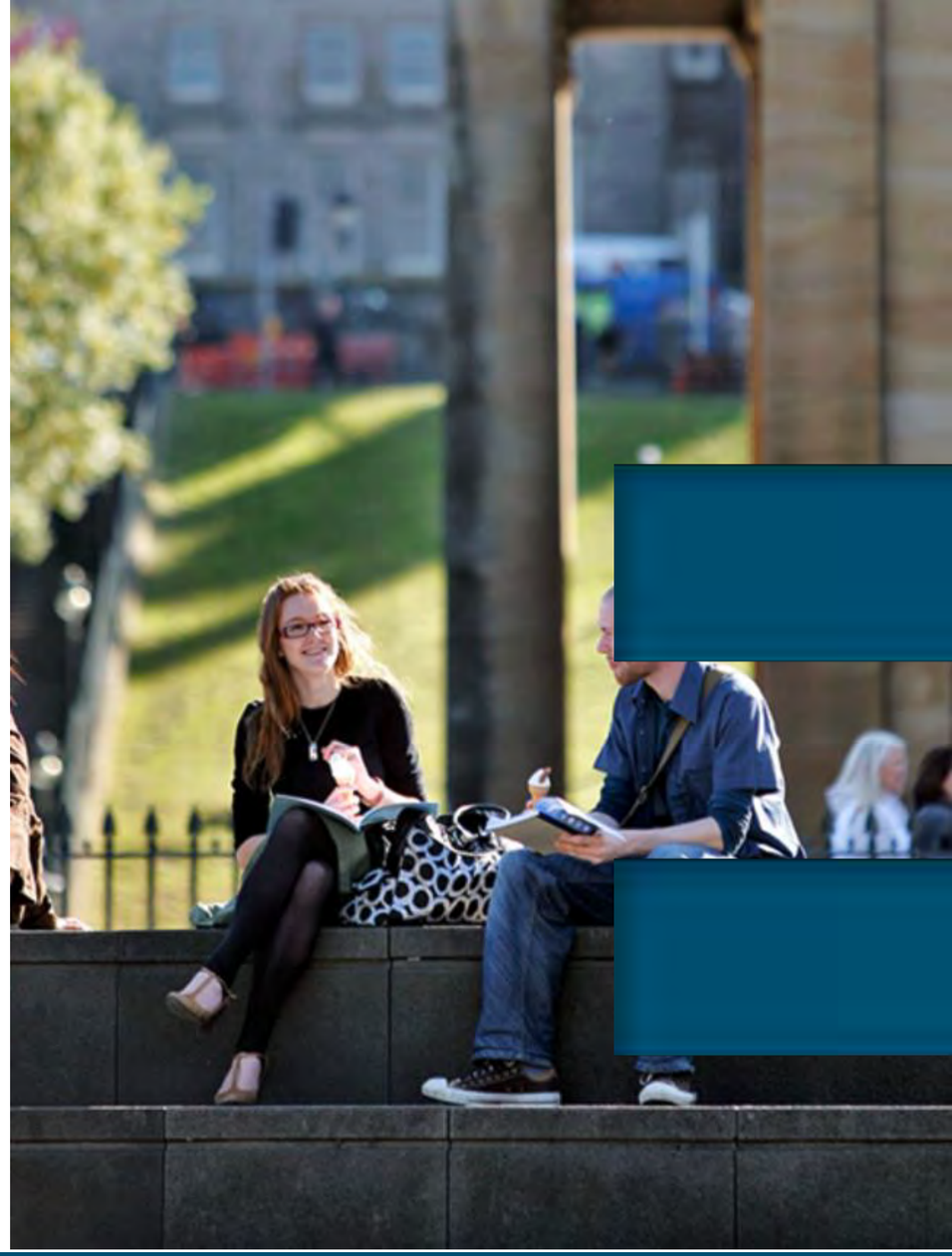
- If you want to get ahead, you can check your course options at - http://www.drps.ed.ac.uk/24-25/dpt/drps_sps.htm



Studying and Learning

How we study & learn

- Lectures
- Seminars
- Research-based 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

Summer reading

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

- Paul Nugent (2012*). *Africa since Independence: A comparative history*. London: Palgrave Macmillan
- Achille Mbembe (2019). *Necropolitics*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press
- Emil Dauncey, Vandana Desia & Robert Potter (2024*). *The Companion to Development Studies*. London: Hodder & Arnold

** earlier editions are available*



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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