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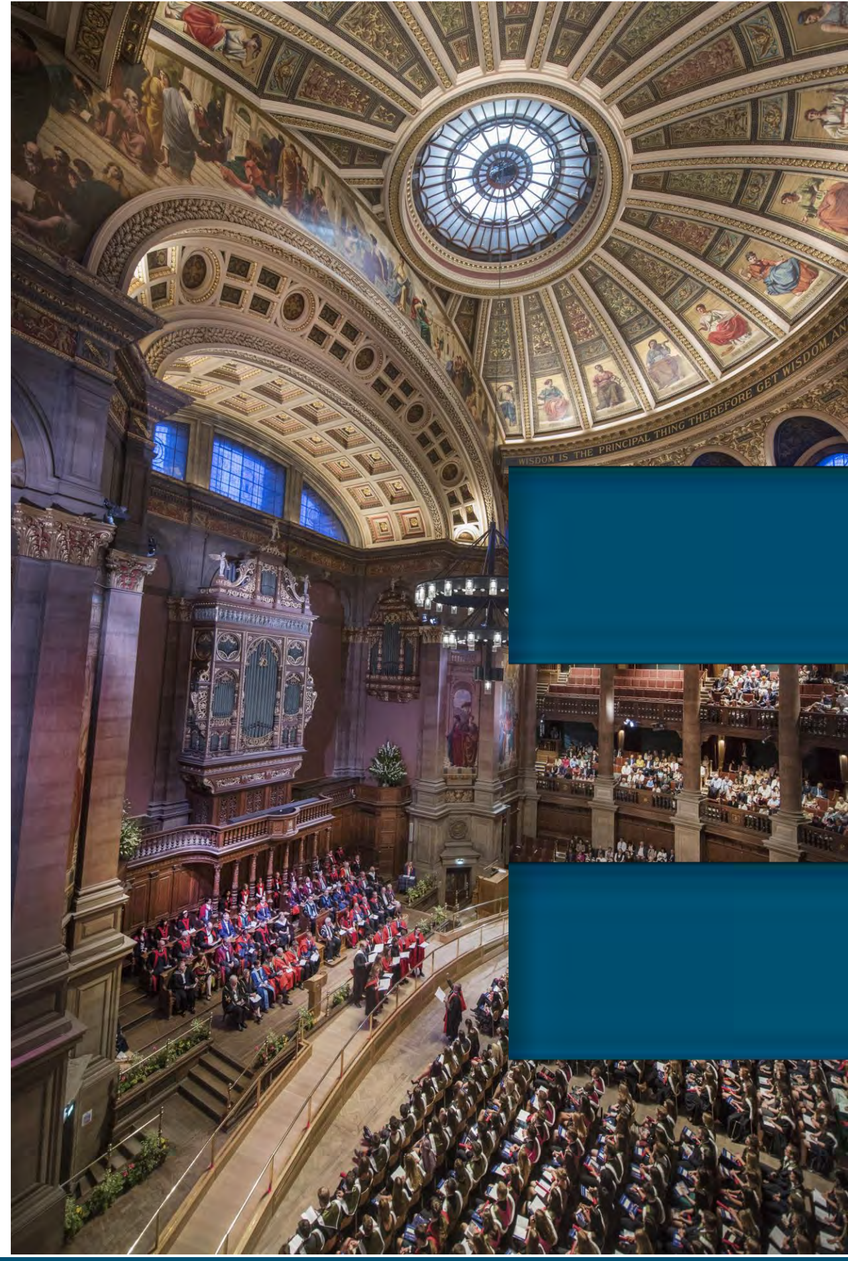
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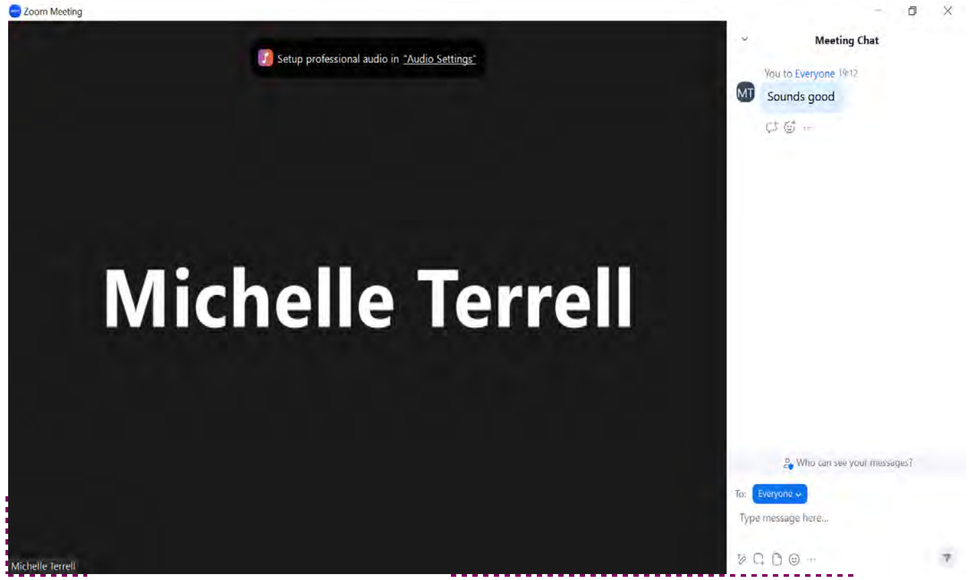
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- Presentation
- Question and Answer
- Next steps



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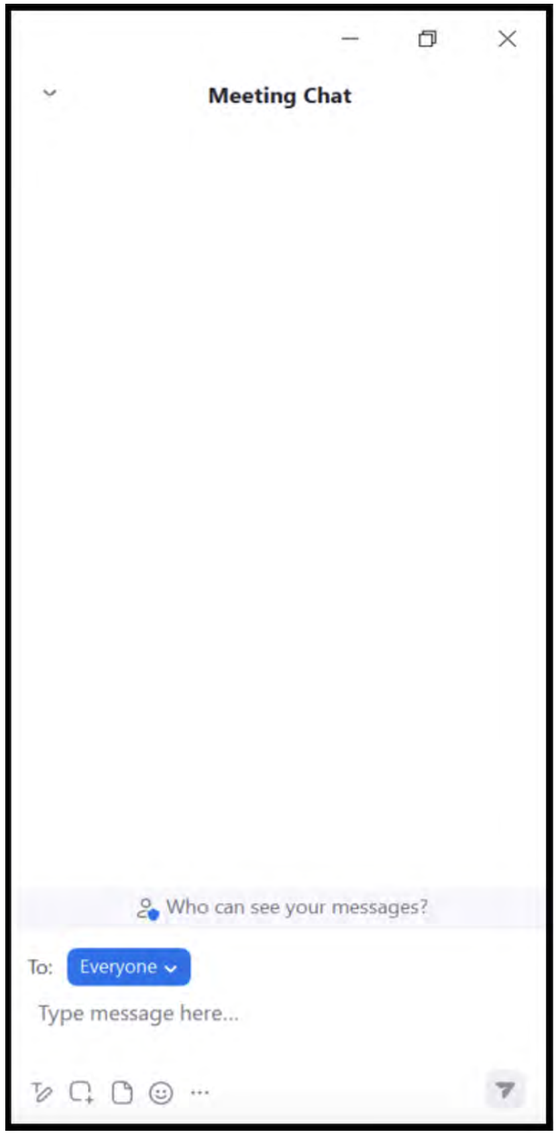
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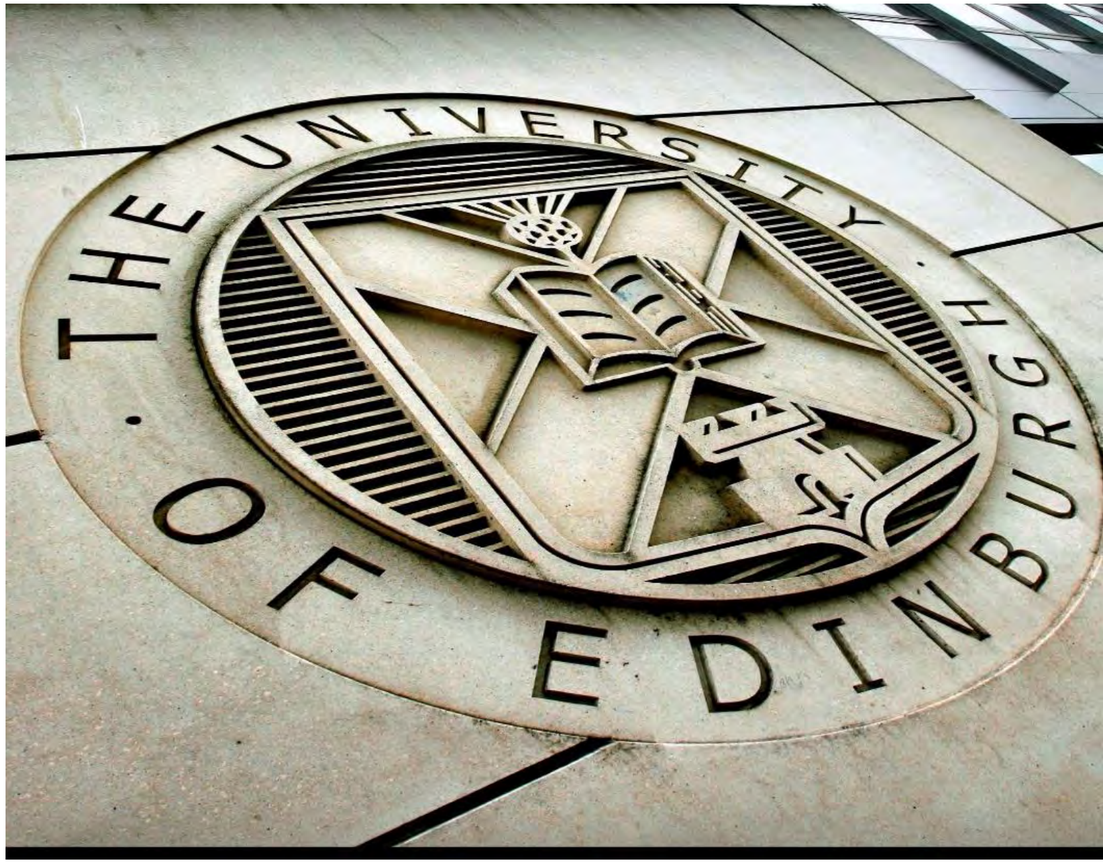
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Studying Social Anthropology at the University of Edinburgh

- Flexible and cutting edge programme in one of the oldest and most international universities
- On the world's largest social anthropology departments, with diverse research topics and expertise in multiple world regions
- Reflected in our teaching



Programme Structure

Courses 2024-25

Compulsory courses

Key Themes in Anthropology

The Ethnography Seminar

MSc Dissertation

Courses 2024-25 continued

Select between 40 and 80 credits of the following core courses:

- Anthropological Theory
- Consumption, Exchange, Technology: The Anthropology of Economic Processes
- Culture and Power: The Anthropology of Political Processes
- Kinship: Structure and Process
- Ritual and Religion

Select between 0 and 40 credits of additional electives:

- Qualitative Methods and Ethnographic Fieldwork
- Interpreting Development: Institutions and Practices
- Anthropology of Global Health
- Anthropology of Sex and Reproduction
- Anthropology and Environment
- Contagion
- Energy in the Global South
- Anthropology of Health and Illness
- Culture and Mental Health in a Global Perspective
- Digital Global Developmen
- Anthropology of East Asia
- War and Peace: Anthropological Perspectives
- Generation and Inheritance: Anthropological Concepts
- People First: The Anthropology of International Development

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

Standard Dissertations - examples

Exploring Masculinity and Kinship in Contemporary China: Navigating Manhood in an Era of Change

Justice Through the Eyes of Anthropology: Can We Have an Anthropological Theory of Justice?

“Don’t be a Poser”: Investigating the Impact of Media Culture and Materiality on Authenticity in Skateboarding

Submitting your course choices

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

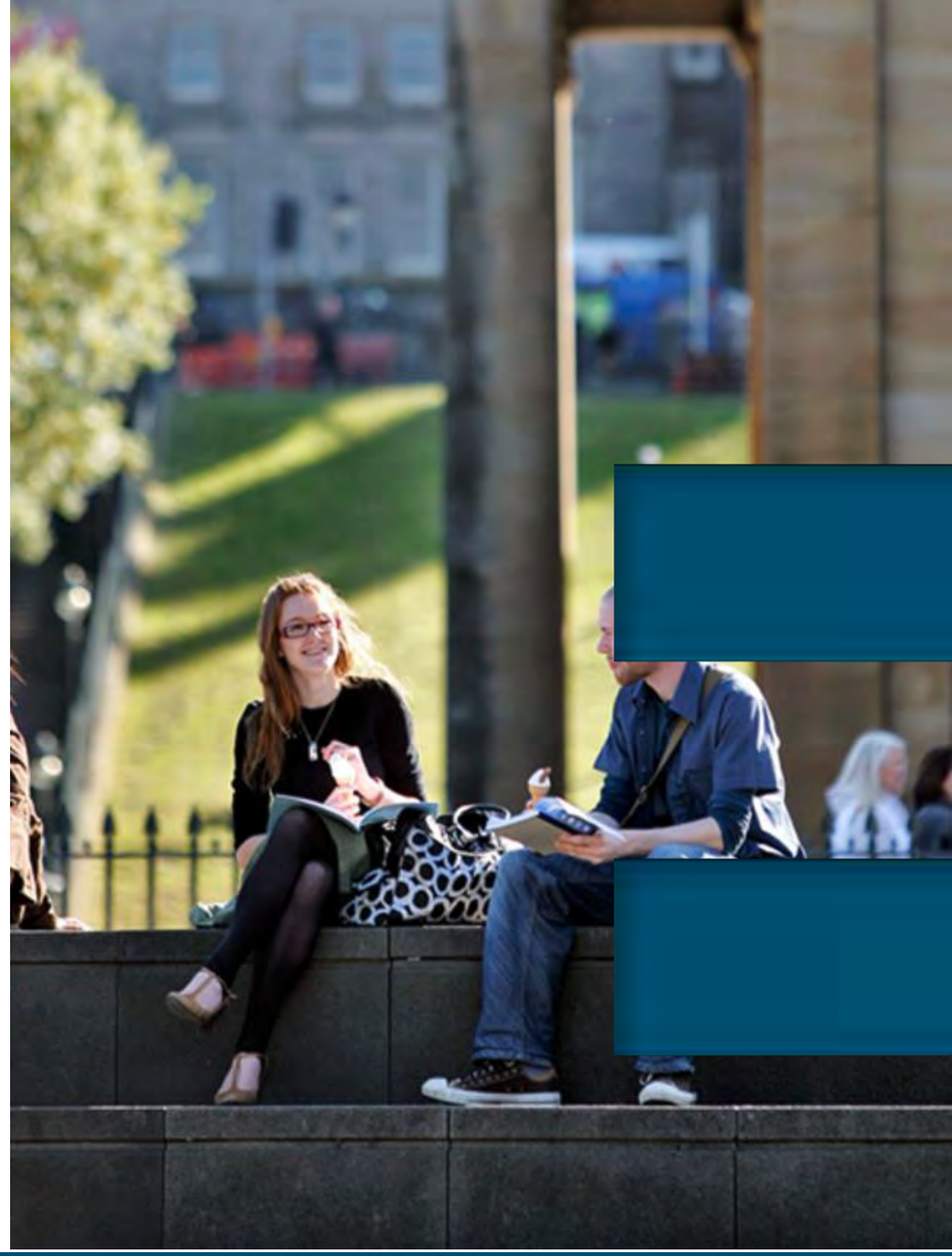
- If you want to get ahead, you can check your course options at - http://www.drps.ed.ac.uk/24-25/dpt/drps_sps.htm



Studying and Learning

How we study & learn

- Lectures
- Seminars
- Case studies and exercises
- 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 over the summer, I'd suggest:

- Engelke, Matthew. 2017. *Think Like an Anthropologist*. London: Pelican.
- Hylland Eriksen, Thomas. 2013. *A History of Anthropology*. Pluto Press.
- Ortner, Sherry. 2016. Dark Anthropology and its Others: Theory Since the Eighties. *HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory*, 6(1): 47-73.



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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