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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MSc

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

MSc: 12 months full-time; 24 months part-time

This programme is designed for those interested in studying the most challenging problems our world currently faces, such as international conflict and instability, terrorism, climate change, or rapid globalisation. Building on a thorough understanding of international relations theory, it trains you in how to apply and leverage methods and research design to answer the most pressing societal questions of our time.

What will I get from this programme?

- This programme offers comprehensive training in what international relations has to say about some of the most challenging problems in international politics and equips you with the appropriate methods and a good understanding of research design to analyse political data.
- The programme draws on expertise in the fields of international relations theory, normative international theory, international security, international organisations, non-state actors, human rights, humanitarian intervention, and international political economy.
- You will benefit from a number of research and teaching initiatives which touch on important international issues, including Global Security Roundtable, Global Security Network, Glasgow Centre for International Development, Glasgow Refugee, Asylum & Migration Network, and Glasgow Human Rights Network.
- You will gain a wide range of transferable skills, including how to convey complex ideas and information effectively both orally and in writing, or how to analyse problems in international politics to inform the public debate.
- You will be able to participate in a 3-day study trip to Brussels to gain first hand experience on how international relations is done in practice and get access to a highly sought after job market. Past visits have included the European Commission, the European Parliament, NATO, Scotland House, and the World Bank.
- We also offer an MRes in International Relations which provides additional advanced training in research methods.

Why Glasgow

Our teaching is research-led but student centred, which means you will have the chance to develop and defend arguments in a rigorous and analytical manner, and opportunities to engage in constructive debate.

You will be part of the School of Social & Political Sciences, a vibrant community of dynamic, innovative and diverse staff and students working across a broad range of social science disciplines.

Employability support

Our dedicated Social Sciences Employability Officer and Work-related Learning Co-ordinator can help you reflect on your learning, and develop the skills and attributes which will help you succeed in the job market. Support is provided through a number of programmes and activities including employability workshops, alumni talks, the Graduate Skills Programme and the Professional Skills Programme, as well as work-related learning activities such as collaborative dissertations, consultation projects, and practitioner talks (both staff and student led).

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‘The programme itself offered a very wide variety of courses allowing me to go in depth into areas of study I hadn’t necessarily considered before. The study trip to Brussels was a definite highlight and has directly led to me embarking on an internship there for a branch of the Scottish Government.’

Erik Kruse, Scotland

Programme structure

You will take three core and three optional courses.

Core courses

- International relations research
- International relations theory
- Research design OR Quantitative data analysis OR Qualitative methods.

Optional courses may include:

- China’s international politics
- Critical perspectives on human rights
- EU in international politics and development
- Humanitarian intervention
- Human rights and global politics
- International organisations
- International relations and development

- International security and strategic thought
- Internet and civil society
- Media and democracy.

Career prospects

The programme provides you with key knowledge and analytical tools relevant to a career in a variety of settings related to international relations, such as international and domestic non-governmental organisations, international organisations such as the United Nations or the European Union, government agencies, media, think tanks, or for further academic training and research in a PhD programme.

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Entry requirements

2.1 Honours degree or non-UK equivalent in a relevant social science or humanities subject.

How to apply

To make an application to the University of Glasgow, go to:

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