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# MSc International and European Politics



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# Overview

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



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# Programme Structure



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# 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 course

- International and European Politics: Theory and Practice, S1
- Five elective courses across S1 and S2
- 10,000 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



# Dissertation

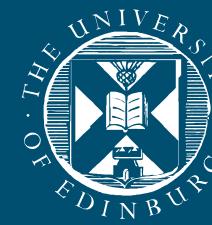
- A single piece of independent and in-depth research. The 15,000 word dissertation allows you to focus on a preferred topic from within the field, normally based on a subject you have studied in one of your courses during the programme.
- You will be assigned an academic dissertation supervisor who 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



# Careers

- Professional Development
  - Brussels Week (April 2024)
  - Placement-Based Dissertation (PBD) option
  - Careers events
  - Strong alumni group in Brussels (EUBS)
- Graduate Destinations
  - Government and politics
  - Think tanks
  - International organizations
  - Financial services
  - Consultancy
  - Political risk
  - Academia and further study





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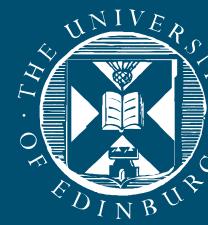
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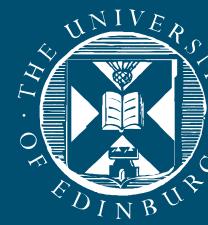
# Social Programme

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



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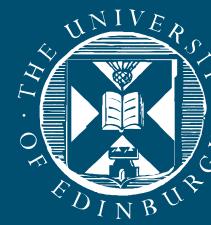
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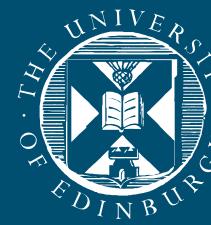
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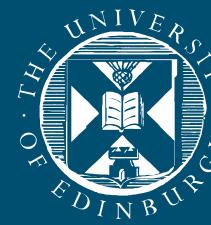
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# The Subject-Area



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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



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# 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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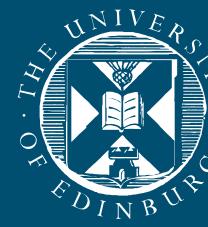
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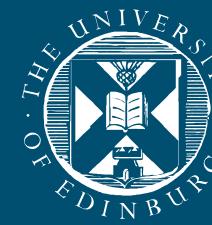


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# The City

- 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...

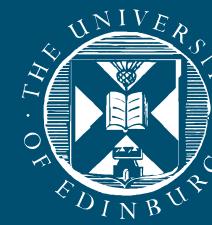




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# Studying and Learning

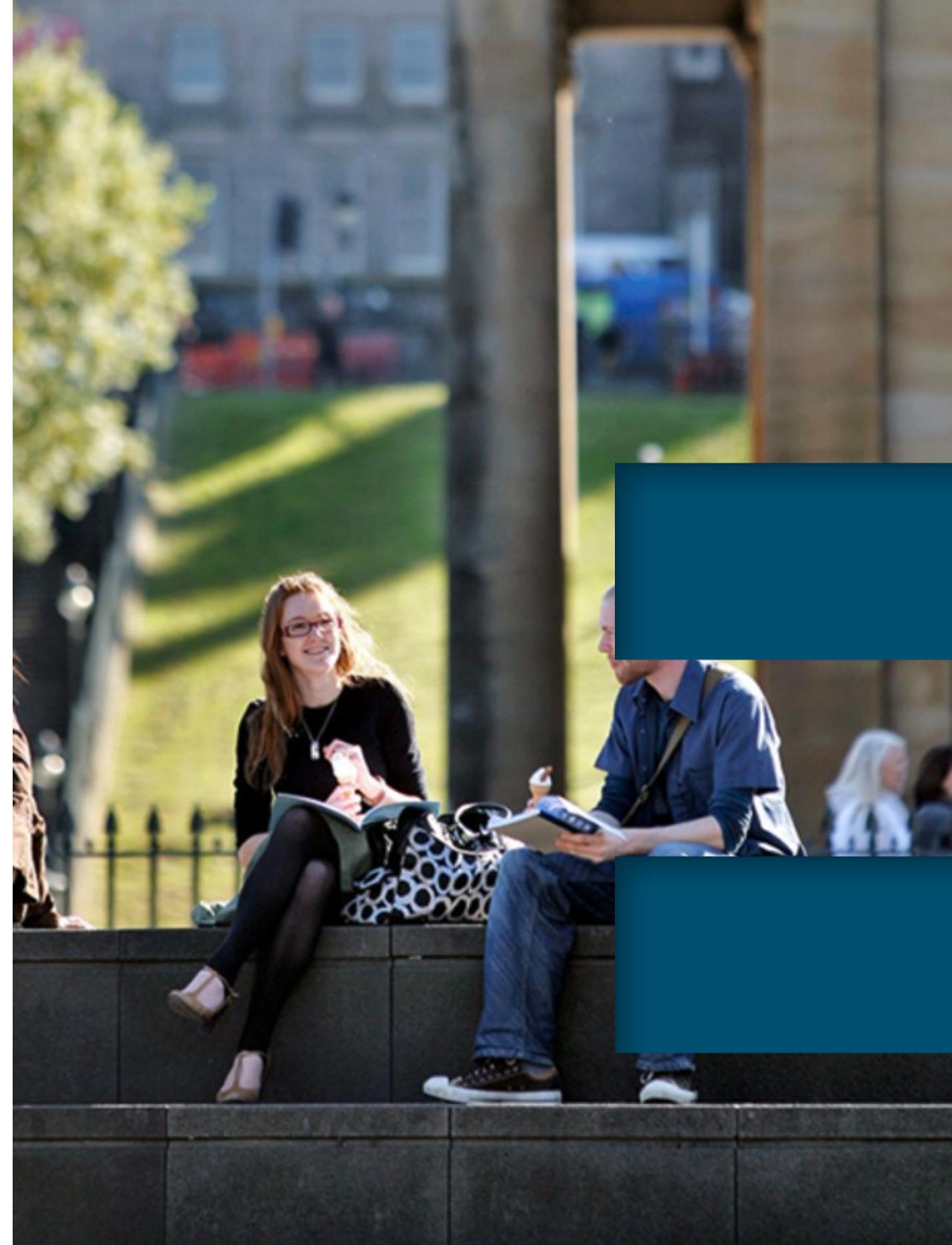


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# How we study & learn

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



# Support for learning and teaching

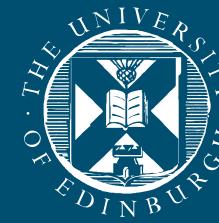
- Programme Director
- Student Advisor
- Dissertation supervisor
- Student Development office:  
<https://www.sps.ed.ac.uk/students/postgraduate/new-students/development-office>
- Institute for Academic Development: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/institute-acadsc-development/postgraduate>
- Peer study groups



# 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 email: [futurestudents@ed.ac.uk](mailto:futurestudents@ed.ac.uk)





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# Thank you

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