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Online BSc International Relations

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How do the interactions of individual state and non-state actors affect the broader global community?
How can we explain the nature of these evolving relationships, as well as the historical events, policies and behaviours that have shaped them?
How do interdisciplinary challenges like wealth disparity, nuclear proliferation and climate change undermine or reinforce the contemporary world order?

These are just a few of the questions you can expect to address through the study of international relations.

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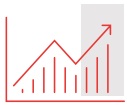
complete in as few as three
YEARS

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choose from four annual
START DATES



Unpack the changing nature of relationships between states, international organisations and non-state actors.



Critically evaluate and distinguish between key theories, knowledge frameworks and methodologies.



Analyse and form insightful, balanced arguments about contemporary social, economic and political issues.

Programme Structure

Establish your framework.

Explore the historical events, concepts, debates, research methods and institutions that contextualise today's international system.

Apply theory to real-world issues.

Deepen your understanding of political theory, the global political economy and the dynamics of foreign policy.

Refine your understanding.

Once you have covered key issues, methodologies and theories, you'll take advanced courses on a variety of related topics.

YEAR ONE

IR1198

International Relations:
Theories, Concepts and Debates

PS1130

Introduction to International
Political Thought

PS1172

Introduction to Political Science

IR1200

International History Since 1945

YEAR TWO

IR3026

International Political Economy

IR2083

International Political Theory

IR2085

International Organisations

IR2137

Foreign Policy Analysis

YEAR THREE

IR3140

Security in International Relations

IR3207

Power Shift in International
Relations: The Decline of the West
and the Future of
International Order

EC2199

The World Economy from the
Industrial Revolution to the Present

Open Choice*

** Open choice courses: Choose a) one 100-, 200- or 300-level course (or two half courses) from the [course selection list](#) (PDF 1.3 MB) or b) two LSE summer school courses.*



LSE Global Rankings

#2

**Social Sciences
and Management¹**

#5

**International Studies
and Political Science²**

Graduate Entry

Have you already earned a degree? You may qualify for our Graduate Entry route, which enables you to complete a shorter programme.

With a blend of functional skills and discipline-specific knowledge, a degree in international relations can open doors to a wide variety of industries, fields and advanced degrees.

Sample Industries

Civil service
Defence and law enforcement
Intelligence
International development
Journalism and media
Public affairs

Sample Employers

Government agencies
International organisations
Political parties
Public affairs and lobbying consultancies
Research institutes and think tanks
Trade unions

Sample Roles

Civil servant
Intelligence analyst
Journalist
Policy officer
Press officer
Public affairs consultant

Careers and Employability

A BSc International Relations may be right for you if you're interested in any of the following:

Supporting government organisations.

Civil servants and public sector professionals can help shape and implement policy, conduct critical analyses and research, and advocate for political causes. With an international relations degree, you could also work for organisations that work directly with governments, such as consultancies that specialise in politics or the public sector.

Informing the public.

From investigative journalism to media relations, the way global events are communicated to the public is critically important. An international relations degree can show you how to interpret those events, strengthen your communication skills and help you build cultural awareness – all qualities you'll need to reach a broad range of audiences.

Ensuring national security.

If you're interested in fields like diplomacy, intelligence or national security, you must demonstrate a firm grasp of current affairs and strong problem-solving skills. You should also be able to analyse and develop informed arguments about globally significant events, policies and the interactions of state and non-state actors.

Aiding international cooperation.

Organisations like the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development – which address issues like human rights, sustainable development and world trade – need professionals with an interdisciplinary perspective of political, social and economic issues.

Gaining entry to a master's programme.

An undergraduate degree in international relations can help you lay the groundwork for postgraduate study in various areas. You could further specialise in related disciplines – like foreign policy, geographic studies or global security – or you could apply your learnings to fields like law, business or economics.



Explore the Fields of International Relations

Get started on your application – and your future. Our admissions team is ready to support you.

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