

# 2025/26 Welcome Webinar: Graduate **Course Selection**

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If you have any questions that you would like us to address during the Q&A session after the presentation, you can ask via the chat function and we'll answer them at the end.

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#### 1 Introductions

#### **MSc International Relations programmes staff**

- •All programmes: Mark Bryceland, Programme Manager
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# 2. Graduate Course Selection Timeline

#### **Graduate Course Selection 2025**

Date	Day	Time	Event	Action required from students
22/09/2025	Monday	10:00am	System is open for 'browsing'	You can try using the system, but no requests are be saved at this point
23/09/2025	Tuesday	10:00	IR Browsing Session Webinar	A more in-depth look at the course selection system and processes.
25/09/2025	Thursday	10:00am	Graduate Course Selection opens fully	You should log onto LFY to start the course selection process
25/09/2025	Thursday	09:30am	IR Course Selection Launch Session	A brief recap of the course selection system and processes, and online support during course selection.
26/09/2025	Friday	12:00pm	First Round Application Deadline for our cluster*	You should ensure you submit all your requests on LFY by this date
26/09/2025	Friday	12:00pm	First Round Offer Period Starts (Departments to start making offers); you will be informed of the outcome by 10am on Monday 29/09/2025.	You should review your offers on LFY
Within 48 hours of recei Monday 29/09/2025	ving an offer and be	fore 10am	Deadline for students to accept or decline their offers. Once an offer is accepted, students can sign up to seminars on LFY.	You MUST accept or reject offers by this time. Course offers that have not been accepted within 48 hours will automatically time out
Monday 29/09/2025 – Friday 10/10/2025			Autumn Term Week 1 begins. Offers for additional spaces will be made as and when spaces become available	You should check offer updates on LFY
17/10/2025	Wednesday	5:00pm	Graduate Course Selection closes	You must be registered for all 4.0 units. You can no longer submit or change their course requests after this date.

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\*Our cluster departments include: Government, European Institute, International Development, School of Public Policy, plus the Department of Sociology





### 3. Programme Regulations and Course Guides

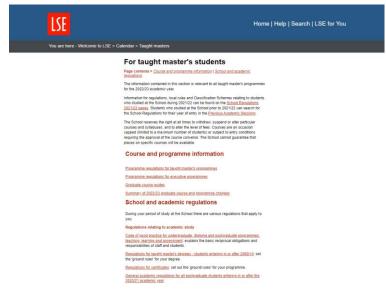
LSE Calendar is where all programme regulations, course guides and academic regulations are hosted

<u>Programme regulations</u> provide detailed descriptions of which courses you can or must take during your programme of study

<u>Course guides</u> provide information on every course including teaching arrangements, academic content, assessment, readings, and survey results from past students



You must also note that places are limited on some courses and/or subject to specific



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#### 4. Graduate Course Selection Introduction

Within your LSE degree, you are required to complete a specified number of units of work

You need to choose 4.0 units of courses for your degree in IR

Some courses are compulsory ('core courses')

Some courses are non-compulsory ('optional courses')

Some courses are worth 1.0 unit ('full unit')

Some courses are worth 0.5 units ('half unit')

Some courses that are not listed on your programme regulations can be taken with the

Programme Director's approval ('outside options')

All IR courses have controlled access (capped)

The <u>Course Selection and Timetables student guide</u> provides detailed guidance on the Graduate Course Selection process

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#### 4. Graduate Course Selection Introduction

Paper 1: Core course in Paper 1 is either one half unit or two half units, depending on your programme

Paper 2 and Paper 3: You will be able to choose from a list of full and/or half unit options

Paper 4: Dissertation in Paper 4 is compulsory and counts as one full unit

You can find the list of graduate courses here

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## Four practical things you can do now

Familiarise yourself with your <u>programme regulations</u>. See the School's <u>Guideline for Interpreting Programme</u> <u>Regulations</u> document for further information.

Look at the <u>graduate course guides</u> for details of each course's content, teaching, assessment etc. See the School's <u>Guidelines for interpreting course guide information</u> document for further information.

Check out the draft <u>LSE Timetable</u> to see the lecture and seminar arrangements. Details for each course will be outlined on the course Moodle pages (published 13 September).

Check the <u>Controlled access courses</u> page for details on how applicants are selected, and the deadlines for applying to individual courses. Consider drafting any supporting statements in advance. Many courses will ask students to write short statements (usually no more than 200 words) to outline their specific reasons for applying to the course and how the course might benefit the student's academic/career/research goals. TIP: Keep it simple and be specific about your reasons so the course convenor can understand your motivations.

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#### Useful resources and manuals

See the LSE for You (LfY) Student Tutorial page for guidance on how to select course and sign up for seminars.

How to use Graduate Course Choice in LSE for You

Graduate Course Choice User Guide

How to use Seminar Sign-up in LSE for You

See the FAQs for Graduate Course Choice document (to be sent via email with the slide deck and link to the recording of this session)

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#### 5. Part-time students

Only select the courses that you will be studying in this academic year

You will be able to register for your second-year courses in the next academic year

You are required to take the dissertation in your second year of study

We strongly encourage you to work closely with your Academic Mentor to split your study load equally across the two years of your study

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## 6. Important notes

- Check your programme requirements
- Check the course guides
- Ensure that you select and submit your compulsory courses on LFY
- Check your timetable clashes
- Consider course assessments and your Autumn and Winter Term workload balance
- Remember to accept your offers within 48 hours
- Check the Course Selection and Timetables student guide for detailed guidance, including instructions on how to select your courses on LFY
- If you have any questions about the course selection process, please contact the Student Services Centre via the <u>online enquiry form</u>.



# Questions?

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