



Economics for Foreign Policy: customised courses for the FCO

Training UK diplomats

UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) diplomats might find themselves analysing international events, negotiating treaties or implementing British foreign policy around the world. Wherever they end up, a well-rounded knowledge of economic and political issues is critical. The FCO approached LSE Custom Programmes in 2003 to design and deliver a comprehensive training programme covering micro- and macro-economics in a political context, alongside international economics. The courses are taught by experts from LSE's Economics, International Relations, Accounting, Finance, and Government Departments. Teaching methods include case study analyses, seminar discussions and trade simulations.

The five-day level one course gives participants an applied understanding of the economic arguments behind contemporary policy issues. The longer level two course, for those requiring a greater professional understanding, enables participants to analyse issues, institutions and policies in depth.

The programme's flexibility allows constant updates to cover relevant current issues and the latest LSE thinking, and enable special sessions to be arranged at short notice. Holding overseas courses has permitted local issues to be addressed and teaching styles to be tailored for the audience, as well as significantly reducing costs for the FCO. Well over a thousand participants have undertaken the training.

Client feedback

'We have been very pleased with the high teaching standards LSE Enterprise continues to provide for the FCO. Feedback from staff continues to show a high level of course satisfaction and meeting of course objectives.'

'We have also been impressed with the work the LSE Enterprise team have done in providing our flagship course, Economics for Foreign Policy One, internationally.'

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At a glance

Participants: **20**

Participant level: **Diplomats**

Duration: **5 or 10 days**

Location: **18 locations in 4 continents**