

Programme Calendar

Registration	Reading Weeks
Intensive Weeks	Policy Weekends
Wednesday sessions	Assessments

September 2026							October 2026							November 2026							December 2026						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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January 2027							February 2027							March 2027							April 2027						
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May 2027							June 2027							July 2027							August 2027						
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*dates are subject to change

Programme Journey

	Pre-Programme	Autumn Term (September to December)	Winter Term (January to April)	Summer Term (May to August)	Graduation (December) Post-Programme
Courses		IR443E Strategy in a Changing World	IR442E Diplomacy and Challenges	IR444E Strategy in Action and IR496E Dissertation	
Activities	• Registration and IT account setup • Review pre-programme readings • Access the programme Moodle Homepage	• How to Think Strategically first intensive week • Strategic Actors lecture and seminar series • First Policy Weekend • Strategic Economic Trends lecture and seminar series • Strategic Environment, Global South second intensive week	• Tools of Diplomacy third intensive week • Foreign Policy lecture and seminar series • Second Policy Weekend • Strategic Decisions fourth intensive week	• Dissertation research question selection in consultation with your Academic Mentor • Dissertation research design plan • Research for a self-directed, independent dissertation research project	• Graduation ceremony in December, date TBC by the School. • Programme Alumni Network registration • Annual Programme Alumni Days • Regular Alumni and LSE IDEAS Events
Assessment		• One Formative Essay • One Summative Essay	• One Formative Essay • One Summative Policy Paper	• One assessed Dissertation Plan with feedback • Dissertation	
Learning Outcomes		• Enhanced strategy formulation • Grasp of the global strategic environment • Understanding of IR theory of strategic behaviour	• Familiarity with the tools of diplomacy • Grasp of Foreign Policy challenges • Practice in negotiation and crisis management	• Enhanced analytical skills and ability to design and conduct an independent analytical research project	