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# International Financial and Political Relations

School of Social Sciences and Humanities

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# Why study MSc International Financial and Political Relations?

A postgraduate degree from Loughborough will further your subject knowledge and enhance your employability.

Thanks to the quality of our teaching and research, alongside our unrivalled student experience, we consistently score highly in major national rankings. We are currently in the top 10 in every UK league table – something that we are incredibly proud of.

## Academic staff

Our reputation attracts outstanding academics from around the world, many of whom are leaders in their field. This means that we can offer you opportunities to learn from passionate subject specialists who are at the forefront of current research.

## Our research

The vibrant research culture that is prevalent at Loughborough will provide you with a supportive learning experience and excellent standards of academic supervision. As well as enabling you to develop specialist skills and knowledge from top quality research practice, our long-standing relationships with industry and public and private sector organisations will expand your professional network and invite excellent career opportunities.

## World-class facilities

Our campuses are not only a welcoming and friendly home for our staff and students, they are also the site of some incredible learning facilities. With purpose-built lecture theatres, state-of-the-art laboratories, libraries, an arts centre, two theatres, dedicated 24/7 computer suites and many more additional teaching spaces, we can offer everything you need to succeed during your studies.

## MSc International, Financial and Political Relations

This is a multi-disciplinary programme within the School of Social Sciences and Humanities at Loughborough University. Academic staff in both 'Geography and Environment' and 'Politics and International Studies' are active researchers, working within and across disciplinary boundaries. Our academic staff are driving forward intellectual agendas, as well as helping to shape national and international policy. This expertise ensures that the knowledge our students get throughout this taught Masters programme is focused on some of the most important issues in society today.



## MSc

**Full-time length:** 1 year

## Entry requirements

An honours degree (good 2:2 of 55% or above) or equivalent overseas qualification. English Language requirements: IELTS 6.5 overall, with a minimum of 6.0 in each subtest (Reading, Listening, Writing and Speaking) or equivalent. Applicants with appropriate professional expertise will also be considered.

**The increasing globalization of financial and political networks is unquestionably leading to greater demand for qualified specialists to provide both basic and applied knowledge in this area. This programme directly addresses these requirements.**

In this programme the intersection of finance, politics and international relations is explored by examining the changing nature of financial systems, banking and regulation and issues of governance. The course has a specific focus on the role played by multinational corporations, financial services and political institutions in the global political economy.

Students will benefit from the wide-ranging, world renowned expertise of our academic staff, all of whom are committed to high-quality, research-informed teaching to ensure the very best learning experience.

Students will also undertake a research-led dissertation.

## Who should apply?

This programme provides students with a qualification unique to Loughborough and has vocational relevance for those seeking employment in the financial industries and in government. It has been designed for recent graduates as well as business people, government and voluntary sector employees, planners, teachers and local community representatives who are interested in extending their knowledge and skills in this field. Recent graduates from this programme are now working in the financial sector, as civil servants, in the European Commission and United Nations, and in academia.

## Compulsory modules

- Financial Globalization
- Critical Perspectives on the Global Financial System
- International Politics: Issues and Policies
- Globalization: Key Debates and Issues
- Comparative Foreign Policy: Issues and Cases
- Governing Crises
- Research Design and Practice
- Dissertation

## Students on this programme will gain:

- an understanding of processes of contemporary globalization as manifest in geographies of finance
- a thorough understanding of the relationship between financial systems, banking and regulation, and issues of governance
- a detailed appreciation of the working of current banking and financial markets
- an awareness of the way forms of governance shape the political economy
- experience of research techniques and methods used to undertake original research in this field an ideal multi-disciplinary grounding to inform business and policy practice and to prepare for doctoral research in the social sciences.

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