

# MSc International Financial and Political Relations



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*The contemporary world is inter-connected by global financial networks as never before. Global flows of money are pivotal in the 21st century world economy, yet are shaped by regulation in geographically specific ways to produce a dynamic financial landscape.*

*Loughborough University is recognised as a world leader for research in this field, with this ground-breaking, multi-disciplinary masters programme combining the disciplinary expertise of geographers, economists and political scientists to provide students with a unique opportunity to examine the contemporary geopolitics of the world economy.*

## Programme of study

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, with a specific focus on the role institutions such as the EU play 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 commerce, industry and 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.



## Entry qualifications

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.

## Modules include

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



### Our expertise... your opportunity

Loughborough University is one of the UK's leading universities with an international reputation for excellence in teaching and research, strong links with industry and unrivalled sporting achievement. It was voted the Best Student Experience for six consecutive years and is consistently ranked in the top 15 of UK universities in national league tables. Key research areas relevant to this programme include Globalization and World Cities (GaWC), Banking and Finance, and International Governance.

GaWC operates as the leading academic thinktank on cities in globalization and has been at the forefront of advances in researching global urban networks over the past 20 years, with its website annually attracting over 35,000 hits from across more than 150 countries. GaWC scholars have undertaken world-leading research into the role of International Financial Centres (IFCs) within financial globalization, with a particular focus on Advanced Producer Services, elite labour and the geographies of financialisation.

The Centre for Security Studies (CSS) is a multidisciplinary research centre based within Politics and International Relations (POLIS). The centre brings together researchers from across the university to analyse emerging security challenges from a mix of innovative, cross-disciplinary perspectives.

Our research expertise cuts across four principal thematic areas:

- Diplomacy and International Governance
- Crisis and Emergency Governance
- Peace and Conflict
- International Political Theory

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.

### Scholarships and bursaries

Loughborough University Alumni Bursaries are available to self-funding UK/EU and international students who obtained their previous degree from Loughborough.

Further details about this and other bursaries and scholarships can be found at: [www.lboro.ac.uk/students/finance/pgt/scholarships](http://www.lboro.ac.uk/students/finance/pgt/scholarships)

### How to apply

To apply for this course please submit your application online: [www.lboro.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/masters-degrees](http://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/masters-degrees)

Your application must be supported by documentary evidence of entry qualifications, including English language, academic transcripts and references. You are strongly advised to send your documents, including transcripts and references, as soon as you make your online application.





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