



University of
Strathclyde
Humanities &
Social Sciences

MSc Induction

Induction event details

Your induction event will be led by Dr Max Gallop.

This induction event provides a broad overview of the course and how the MSc works at Strathclyde. We will also go over note taking, research and writing skills and how to avoid plagiarism, how to use the library, as well as provide core careers information to get you started.

Please note that induction details are to be confirmed and will be shared with you.

Key dates

For a list of University key dates, [please visit our website](#).

Welcome week: 16 September 2024

Course start date: 23 September 2024

Semester 2 begins on 20 January 2025

Each class has its own set of assessments and submission dates, these will be made available online via MyPlace.

Courses

MSc International Relations – Course Leader: Gavin Hall

MSc Public Policy – Course Leader: Fabrizio De Francesco

MSc Data Science for Politics & Policy Making – Course Leader: Scott Cunningham

MSc Politics – Course Leader: Robert Mattes

MSc Political Research – Course Leader: Robert Mattes

MSc Political Economy – Course Leader: Despina Alexiadou

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Elective classes

For MSc International Relations:

Compulsory Modules

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2941	Principles of Research Design	5	20

Optional Modules

No fewer than 40 credits (and up to 100 credits) to be chosen from the modules listed in List A

List A

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2912	International Institutions and Regimes	5	20
L2962	Contemporary International Relations	5	20
L2963	Contemporary Security Challenges and Responses	5	20
L2964	Debating International Relations Theory	5	20
L2965	Feminism and International Relations	5	20
L2991	International Political Economy	5	20
L2994	Politics of Non-Democratic Regimes	5	20
L2805	Human Rights	5	20
L2803	Advanced Topics in Civil Conflict	5	20
L2802	Global Nuclear Politics	5	20

The remaining credits to be selected from List B:

List B

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2905	Quantitative Methods 1	5	20
L2908	Quantitative Methods 2	5	20

L2909	Qualitative Methods	5	20
L2992	Comparative Political Economy	5	20
L2993	Comparative Political Institutions	5	20
L2914	European Governance	5	20
L2916	Comparative Public Policy	5	20
L2917	Policy Analysis	5	20
M9920	Law of the World Trade Organisations	5	20
M9921	International Environmental Law	5	20
M9864	Global Health, Rights and Development	5	20
V1993	Diplomacy: Evolution, Theory and Practice	5	20
V1994	Embassies in Crisis	5	20

Any level 5 module offered by the Department of Government and Public Policy may also be chosen. Such other Level 5 modules up to a maximum of 40 credits chosen from other programme offered by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences as may be approved by the Head of Department offering the module and the Programme Director of the programme on which the student is registered.

Not all optional modules on this list will be available in each academic year.

For students on MSc:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2933	Dissertation	5	60
Or			
L2974	Placement Dissertation	5	60

For MSc Public Policy

Compulsory Modules

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2945	Theories and Practices of Regulation and Governance	5	20
L2917	Policy Analysis	5	20

and a minimum of two of the following:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2909	Qualitative Methods	5	20
L2916	Comparative Public Policy	5	20
L2905	Quantitative Methods 1	5	20
L2948	Policy Analysis: Problem Structuring Methods	5	20

Optional Modules

Maximum of 40 credits chosen from if 120 credits not chosen from above:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2908	Quantitative Methods 2*	5	20
L2912	International Institutions and Regimes	5	20
L2914	European Governance	5	20
L2963	Contemporary Security Challenges and Responses	5	20
L2946	Levelling Up: A Guide to the New Regional and Industrial Policies	5	20
L2947	Networked Institutions, Infrastructure and Technology	5	20

* With appropriate prerequisite.

Any level 5 module offered by the Department of Government and Public Policy may also be chosen with approval of the Head of Department and Programme Director. Such other Level 5 modules up to a maximum of 40 credits chosen from other programmes offered by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences as may be approved by the Head of Department offering the module and the Programme Director of the programme on which the student is registered.

Not all optional modules on this list will be available in each academic year.

Students for the degree of MSc only:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2933	Dissertation	5	60
Or			
L2974	Placement Dissertation	5	60

For MSc Data Science for Politics and Policy

Compulsory Modules

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
CS978	Legal, Ethical and Professional Issues for the Information Society	5	10
CS982	Big Data Technologies	5	20
CS990	Database Fundamentals	5	10
CS985	Machine Learning for Data Analytics	5	20

And

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2905	Quantitative Methods 1**	5	20

Optional Modules

40 credits from:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L5501	Perspectives on Social Research	5	20
And			
L5976	Welfare Concepts and Ideas*	5	20
Or			
L2941	Principles of Research Design	5	20

And			
L2917	Policy Analysis*	5	20

* Departments within HaSS or Strathclyde Business School may substitute another policy-oriented module to tailor the MSc or MPA programme to a specific policy area

** dependent on experience to be approved by programme leader L2908 Quantitative Methods 2 or L2909 Qualitative Methods may be substituted.

For the MPA

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2901	Applied Leadership Programme	5	60

For the MSc

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2933	Dissertation	5	60
Or			
L2974	Placement Dissertation	5	60

Not all optional modules on this list will be available in each academic year.

For MSc Politics:

Compulsory Modules

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2941	Principles of Research Design	5	20
And			
L2905	Quantitative Methods 1	5	20
Or			
L2909	Qualitative Methods	5	20

Optional Modules

No fewer than 80 credits chosen from:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2905	Quantitative Methods 1*	5	20
L2908	Quantitative Methods 2	5	20
L2909	Qualitative Methods*	5	20
L2912	International Institutions and Regimes	5	20
L2914	European Governance	5	20
L2916	Comparative Public Policy	5	20
L2992	Comparative Political Economy	5	20
L2993	Comparative Political Institutions	5	20
L2917	Policy Analysis	5	20
L2962	Contemporary International Relations	5	20
L2963	Contemporary Security Challenges and Responses	5	20
L2965	Feminism and International Relations	5	20
L2805	Human Rights	5	20
L2803	Advanced Topics in Civil Conflict	5	20
L2802	Global Nuclear Politics	5	20

L2994	Politics of Non-Democratic Regimes	5	20
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* If not taken as compulsory

Any level 5 module offered by the Department of Government and Public Policy may also be chosen. Such other Level 5 modules up to a maximum of 40 credits chosen from other programme offered by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences as may be approved by the Head of Department offering the module and the Programme Director of the programme on which the student is registered.

Not all optional modules on this list will be available in each academic year.

MSc Political Research

Compulsory Modules

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L5981	Perspectives on Social Research	5	20
L2905	Quantitative Methods: Survey Methods	5	20
L2908	Quantitative Methods: Statistics and Analysis	5	20
L2909	Qualitative Methods	5	20

Optional Modules

No fewer than 40 credits chosen from:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2912	International Institutions and Regimes	5	20
L2992	Comparative Political Economy	5	20
L2914	European Governance	5	20
L2916	Comparative Public Policy	5	20
L2917	Policy Analysis	5	20
L2962	Contemporary International Relations	5	20
L2963	Contemporary Security Challenges	5	20
L2964	Debating International Relations Theory	5	20
L2965	Feminism and International Relations	5	20
L2805	Human Rights	5	20
L2803	Advanced Topics in Civil Conflict	5	20
L2802	Global Nuclear Politics	5	20
L2994	Politics of Non-Democratic Regimes	5	20
L2945	Theories and Practices of Regulation and Governance	5	20
L2948	Policy Analysis: Problem Structuring Methods	5	20
L2946	Levelling Up: A Guide to the New Regional and Industrial Policies	5	20

L2947	Networked Institutions, Infrastructure and Technology	5	20
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Any level 5 module offered by the Department of Government and Public Policy may also be chosen. Such other Level 5 modules up to a maximum of 40 credits chosen from other programmes offered by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences as may be approved by the Head of Department offering the module and the Programme Director of the programme on which the student is registered.

Not all optional modules on this list will be available in each academic year.

Students for the degree of MSc only:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2933	Dissertation	5	60
Or			
L2974	Placement Dissertation	5	60

MSc Political Economy

Compulsory Modules

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2992	Comparative Political Economy	5	20
L2991	International Political Economy	5	20
L2905	Quantitative Methods 1*	5	20
L2908	Quantitative Methods 2*	5	20

* Students with sufficient research training may select a further optional module in place of this module in agreement with the programme leader.

Optional Modules

40 credits chosen from the following modules:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2912	International Institutions and Regimes	5	20
L2993	Comparative Political Institutions	5	20
L2963	Contemporary Security Challenges and Responses	5	20
L2962	Contemporary International Relations	5	20
L2965	Feminism and International Relations	5	20
L2914	European Governance	5	20
L2909	Qualitative Methods	5	20
L2941	Principles of Research Design	5	20
L2805	Human Rights	5	20
L2803	Advanced Topics in Civil Conflict	5	20
L2802	Global Nuclear Politics	5	20
L2994	Politics of Non-Democratic Regimes	5	20
L2917	Policy Analysis	5	20
L2945	Theories and Practices of Regulation and Governance	5	20
L2948	Policy Analysis: Problem Structuring Methods	5	20
L2946	Levelling Up: A Guide to the New Regional and Industrial Policies	5	20

L2947	Networked Institutions, Infrastructure and Technology	5	20
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Such other Level 5 modules up to a maximum of 40 credits chosen from other programmes offered by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Strathclyde Business School (Economics) as may be approved by the Faculty offering the module and the Programme Leader.

Not all optional modules on this list will be available in each academic year.

Students for the degree of MSc only:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2933	Dissertation	5	60
Or			
L2974	Placement Dissertation	5	60

Reading list

MSc International Relations - Course Leader: Gavin Hall

Baylis, J., Owens, P. & Smith, S. (2022) *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*, 9th Edition (Oxford: Oxford University Press)

Collins, A. (2022) *Contemporary Security Studies*, 6th Edition (Oxford: Oxford University Press)

Dannreuther, R (2013) *International Security: The Contemporary Agenda*, 2nd Edition (Blackwells)

Devetak, R., George, J. & Percy, S. (2017) *An Introduction to International Relations*, 3rd Edition (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press)

Hough, P. (2023) *Understanding Global Security*, 5th Edition (Abingdon: Routledge)

Dunne, T., Kurki, M., Kusic, K & Smith S. (2024) *International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity*, 6th Edition (Oxford: Oxford University Press)

Sorensen, G, Moller, J. & Jackson R (2021) *Introduction to International Relations: Theories and Approaches*, 8th Edition (Oxford: Oxford University Press)

Young, J. & Kent, J. (2020) *International Relations Since 1945*, 3rd Edition (Oxford: Oxford University Press)

MSc Public Policy - Course Leader: Fabrizio De Francesco

Baldwin, R., Cave, M. and Lodge, M. (2012) *Understanding Regulation: theory, strategy, and practice*, 2nd ed., Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Cairney, P. (2012), *Understanding Public Policy*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Patton, C. V., Sawicki, D. S. and Clark, J. J. (2013) *Basic Methods of Policy Analysis and Planning*. 3rd ed. Upper Saddle River, N.J: Pearson.

Peters, B.G. (1998) *Comparative Politics: Theory and Methods*, Basingstoke: Palgrave.

Sabatier, P. and Weible, C. (eds.) (2014) *Theories of the Policy Process* (3rd edition), Boulder: Westview Press

Thissen, W.A.H. and Walker, W.E (2013) *Public Policy Analysis*, Springer, Boston, MA.

MSc Data Science for Politics & Policy Making - Course Leader: Scott Cunningham

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MSc Political Research – Robert Mattes

Gary King, Robert Keohane and Sidney Verba, Designing Social Inquiry: *Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research*, Princeton University Press, 1994

Janet Johnson, Henry Reynolds, Jason Mycoff, *Political Science Research Methods*, Sage, 2019.

Howard Schuman and Stanley Presser, *Questions and Answers in Attitude Surveys: Experiments on Question Form, Wording and Context*. Sage, 1996.

Peter John, *Field Experiments in Political Science and Public Policy: Practical Lessons in Design and Delivery*, Routledge, 2017

John Gerring, *Social Science Methodology: A Unified Framework*, Cambridge, 2012.

MSc Politics – Robert Mattes

Inglehart R, Welzel C. *Modernization, Cultural Change, and Democracy: The Human Development Sequence*. Cambridge University Press; 2005.

Daron Acemoglu and James A. Robinson, *Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity, and Poverty*. Profile Books, 2013.

Francis Fukuyama, *Political Order and Political Decay: From the Industrial Revolution to the Globalisation of Democracy*. Profile Books, 2014

Paul Collier. *The Bottom Billion: Why the Poorest Countries Are Failing and What Can Be Done About It?* Oxford: Oxford University Press. 2007

Pippa Norris. *Making Democratic Governance Work: How Regimes Shape Prosperity, Welfare, and Peace*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012.

Herbert Simon, *Administrative Behavior: A Study of Decision Making Processes in Administrative Organizations*, 4th ed. (New York: Free Press, 1997)

Morton Halperin, Joseph Siegle, Michael Weinstein, "Setting the Record Straight," in *The Democracy Advantage: How Democracies Promote Prosperity and Peace* (New York: Routledge, 2005),

Russell Dalton, *Citizen Politics: Public Opinion and Political Parties in Advanced Democracies*, Chatham House, 2008.

MSc Political Economy- Course Leader: Despina Alexiadou

For Political Economy & Comparative Political Economy

North, Douglas and Barry Weingast, "Constitutions and Commitment: The Evolution of Institutions Governing Public Choice in Seventeenth Century England, *Journal of Economic History* 49(4), 1989, 803-32.

Meltzer, Allan, H. and Scott F. Richard. 1981. A Rational Theory of the Size of Government, *Journal of Political Economy* 89 (5): 914-27

Korpi, W. and Palme, J. 2003. New Politics and Class Politics in the Context of Austerity and Globalization: Welfare State Regress in 18 Countries, 1975-95. *American Political Science Review* 97, 425-446

Western, Bruce and Jake Ronsenfield. 2011. "Unions, Norms and the Rise in U.S. Wage Inequality", *American Sociological Review*, 76(4): 513-537

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Adolph C (2018) The missing politics of central banks. *Political science & politics* 51(4): 737-742.

Berman S (2020) The causes of populism in the west. *Annual Review of Political Science* 24: 71-88.

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Findley, Michael G., Nielson, Daniel L., & Sharman, Jason C. (2013). Using field experiments in international relations: a randomized study of anonymous incorporation. *International Organization*, 67(4), 657-693.

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Morse, Julia C. (2019). Blacklists, market enforcement, and the global regime to combat terrorist financing. *International Organization*, 73(3), 511-545.