

Key course information

MSc in International Relations (January)

Induction event details

Date and time: **Wednesday 15th January 2025, 10.00am – 2.00pm**

Location: Livingstone Tower 212

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.

[Register your attendance for the induction event](#)

Reading list

A list of texts for the compulsory classes on the course.

- King, G., R. Keohane and S. Verba. **(KKV)**. 1994. *Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Classic of research design every PhD student reads
- Brady, H.E. and D. Collier. 2010: *Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards*, 2nd edition. London: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. Response to KKV; critique of quantitative approach
- Geddes, B. 2003. *Paradigms and Sandcastles: Theory Building and Research Design in Comparative Politics*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. Focus on qualitative case studies
- Shively, W.P. 2009. *The Craft of Political Research*, 7th edition. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall. Little more quant focused, but not too in-depth
- Toshkov, D. (2016) *Research Design in Political Science*. London: Palgrave. Covers a lot of areas, mix of quant and qual
- Dunne, Tim, Milja Kurki and Steve Smith (eds) (2020) *International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity*, 5th edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Reus-Smit, Christian and Duncan Snidal (2009) *Oxford Handbook of International Relations*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Katznelson, Ira and Helen V. Milner (2002) *Political Science: The State of the Discipline* New York: W.W. Norton and Company
- Martin, L. L. and Simmons, B. A. (1998). Theories and Empirical Studies of International Institutions. *International Organization*, 52(4):729-757.
- Abbott, K. W. and Snidal, D. (1998). Why States Act through Formal International Organizations. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 42(1):3-32.
- Duffield, J.S. (2007). What Are International Institutions? *International Studies Review*, 9(1):1-22

Elective classes

The list below shows the elective classes that are available on your course.

Name of class	Semester	Time	Lead academic
Quantitative Methods I	1 January-June	Thursday at 12:00	Stefanie Reher
Quantitative Methods II	1 January-June	Thursday at 15:00	Christine Sylvester
Qualitative Methods	1 January-June	Wednesday at 12:00	Mark Shephard
Principles of Research Design	1 January-June	Monday at 10:00	Max Gallop
Feminism and IR	1 January-June	Thursday at 10:00	Catherine Eschle
International Political Economy	1 January-June	Friday at 11:00	Ben Cormier
International Institutions and Regimes	1 January-June	Monday at 15:00	Lorenzo Crippa
Comparative Public Policy	1 January-June	Tuesday at 12:00	Fabrizio de Francesco
Quantitative Methods I	2 June-December	Monday at 10:00	Stefanie Reher
Contemporary IR	2 June-December	Friday at 13:00	Gary Uzonyi
Contemporary Security Challenges and Responses	2 June-December	Monday at 15:00	Gavin Hall
Political Behaviour	2 June-December	Monday at 12:00	Bob Mattes
Regulation, Concepts & Practices	2 June-December	Tuesday at 15:00	Fabrizio de Francesco
Policy Analysis	2 June-December	Wednesday at 11:00	Scott Cunningham
Comparative Political Economy	2 June-December	Thursday at 15:00	Sebastian Dellepian

Key dates

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

Course start date: 13th January 2025.

Semester 2 begins on 15th September 2025

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