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# International Foundation Programme 2016–2017

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# Join the World Class



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The International Foundation Programme equips you with the skills and knowledge necessary to embark on a wide range of demanding undergraduate degrees.

It has been designed to ensure that you achieve high academic standards, learn appropriate subject knowledge and acquire both the skills and intellectual curiosity necessary for rigorous degree-level study. IFP graduates have gone on to study for degrees with the University of London International Programmes and at many other prestigious universities in the UK and elsewhere.

The IFP curriculum encourages active learning by engaging with contemporary issues. Classroom teaching is supported by comprehensive subject guides, textbooks and a virtual learning environment which includes a variety of interactive online material.

The learning experience is strongly focused on the development of academic skills alongside analysis and debate of real-world issues. We hope you will join us.'



## Why study the International Foundation Programme?

The International Foundation Programme provides an ideal route to a variety of undergraduate options.

On successful completion you are guaranteed entry to a number of degrees delivered through the University of London International Programmes.

These include:

- BSc Accounting and Finance
- BSc Business Administration
- BSc Business and Management
- BSc Computing and Information Systems
- BSc Development and Economics
- BSc Economics
- BSc Economics and Politics
- BSc International Relations
- Law (LLB)
- BSc Management with Law

and many other undergraduate degrees with academic direction from LSE, Goldsmiths and Royal Holloway.

You will also be able to progress to a number of Certificates of Higher Education offered by the University of London International Programmes.

As an International Foundation Programme student, you can also apply for on-campus study at a wide range of universities in the UK and worldwide.\*

Our students have gone on to study at institutions such as LSE, Durham, King's College London, Warwick and at prestigious universities in Australia, Canada and the United States.

\*Other universities have their own application criteria. We advise you to speak to them directly before applying to ensure you are eligible and whether there are any specific grades you need to achieve. To see a sample list of universities that will accept the IFP for entry consideration, please visit the course web pages.

# How you study

## Study at an approved institution

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This is a taught programme and must be studied at an institution that has been approved to teach the International Foundation Programme by the University of London. Studying at an institution provides students with face-to-face academic support and the opportunity to interact with fellow students in person.

## Specially written online study materials

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Your online study materials, coupled with the tuition you receive at your institution and the essential textbooks, will guide you through your studies. The study materials we provide include:

- a subject guide for each course you study
  - access to a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) which contains supplementary learning resources and opportunities including audio-visual tutorials, academic interviews, self-testing activities and online discussion forums
  - a student handbook containing practical information and advice; examiners' commentaries which provide guidance on how sample and past examination questions should have ideally been answered
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- a University of London email account and web area which you can use to manage your personal information.
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## Estimated study hours

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The programme can be completed in a minimum of one academic year. Your institution will be able to advise on the number of hours per week you will need to devote to your studies. As a guide, each course requires 150 hours of combined in-class and self-study time.

## Prestige

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The University of London provides academic direction for this programme. The University has a long history of providing international education and is regarded as a centre of academic excellence.







# Programme structure and course outlines

Programme structure	
One compulsory course	
FP0001	Foundation course: Mathematics and statistics
Plus three courses chosen from:	
FP0002	Foundation course: Economics
FP0003	Foundation course: International relations
FP0004	Foundation course: Politics
FP0005	Foundation course: Social psychology
FP0006	Foundation course: Sociology
FP0007	Foundation course: Pure mathematics

You take four courses in total: one compulsory and three optional.

## FP0001 Foundation course: Mathematics and statistics

The course offers an overview of key mathematical methods and statistical concepts frequently applied to economics, management, finance and related areas. Topics include: an overview of arithmetic, algebra and calculus; insight into concepts of probability; an introduction to financial mathematics; basic knowledge of how to summarise, analyse and interpret data and an introduction to modelling the linear relationships.

## FP0002 Foundation course: Economics

The course offers a broad overview of the key economic concepts and their applications to everyday situations and current economic affairs. Course topics

include: an introduction to the nature and scope of economics; competitive markets; market failure and government intervention; managing the economy; development and sustainability and the recent financial and economic crisis.

**FP0003 Foundation course:  
International relations**

This course offers a basic introduction to International Relations (IR), its classical and contemporary theories, schools of thought and research areas. The course has three major aims: to provide an introduction to IR as a social scientific discipline, its history, key contributors and methodologies; to consider key ways in which knowledge derived from IR can be applied to real-life contexts and to provide tools that support students in critical thinking and argumentation.

**FP0004 Foundation course: Politics**

This course provides an introduction to the discipline, its theories and key empirical issue areas that are the focus of political thought. The course introduces the history of political thought, outlining how key thinkers have contributed to the development of the discipline. It then covers political concepts and theories and explores these in the context of real-life issues.

**FP0005 Foundation course:  
Social psychology**

The course provides a broad introduction to concepts, theories and methodologies used in the study of Social psychology. Course topics include: an overview of the subject; the idea of the self in a social context; dealing with interpersonal relations; dealing with group and inter-group relations and cultural phenomena.

**FP0006 Foundation course:  
Sociology**

This course offers a broad introduction to Sociology, its key thinkers, concepts and research areas. Topics include an overview of sociology and the development of the discipline. The course then covers three main topics: sociology as a discipline; sociological issues in relation to policy and finally sociology in relation to contemporary issues such as urbanisation and environmental change.

**FP0007 Foundation course:  
Pure mathematics**

This course develops proficiency in working with a range of mathematical methods including logic and proof by contradiction, algebraic equations, trigonometric functions and expressions, coordinate geometry, vectors and calculus. The theoretical concepts underlying these areas are explored and related to working methods and application which together build on the elementary techniques of mathematics.

# Entrance requirements and further information

To be eligible for the International Foundation Programme you must:

- normally be aged 17 or over before 31 December in the year of registration

And

- have passed a minimum of at least four separate subjects at GCSE/GCE O level, with grades A-C or the equivalent

And

- have demonstrated fluency in academic English by passing GCSE/GCE O level English language at grade C or above or the equivalent, **OR** have passed a test of proficiency in English such as IELTS at 5.5 overall with a minimum of 5.0 in each sub-test)

And

- satisfy all additional and/or higher entry requirements required by your chosen teaching institution.

## How to apply

Please refer to the International Foundation Programme web pages for details on how to apply: [londoninternational.ac.uk/ifp](http://londoninternational.ac.uk/ifp)

## Fees

The total fee payable to the University of London will be £1,700. Please note that this total is based on 2016–2017 fees, does not reflect any annual increase and assumes completion in the minimum study period. You will also have to pay additional fees to your local tuition provider and examination centre.



### Key dates

#### **Institution application deadline:**

You must apply directly to your chosen teaching institution. Please contact them for their application deadline.

#### **University of London application deadline:**

After you have been accepted by your teaching institution, a further application needs to be made to the University of London by 30 September. Your chosen teaching institution will advise you on this process.

#### **Examinations take place:** late April

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