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# International Foundation Programme

Academic direction by:

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THE LONDON SCHOOL  
OF ECONOMICS AND  
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“The University of London International Foundation Programme has been designed to equip students with the skills

and knowledge necessary to embark successfully on a wide range of demanding undergraduate degree programmes in business, economics, social sciences and related subjects offered through the University of London International Programmes.

It has been designed by the London School of Economics and Political Science to ensure that students achieve high academic standards, learn appropriate subject knowledge and acquire both the skills and intellectual curiosity to prepare them for rigorous degree level study.

The curriculum is topical and up to date and the course is designed to encourage active learning by engaging with relevant and contemporary issues. Classroom teaching is supported by comprehensive subject guides, text books and a virtual learning environment which includes a wide variety of interactive online material.

Our aim has been to design a learning experience which is structured, strongly focused on the development of academic skills and, above all, fun. We hope you will come and join us!”

**Dr Keith Sharp**

Director, University of London International Programmes at LSE



# Why study the International Foundation Programme?

The International Foundation Programme provides an ideal route to studying one of our degree programmes or those offered by other universities, both in the UK and elsewhere\*. By successfully completing the programme you will gain guaranteed entry onto an LSE-led degree delivered through the University of London International Programmes. You will also be able to transfer to the Diploma in Economics or Diploma in Social Sciences, if you wish.

The International Foundation Programme also satisfies entry requirements for the majority of our other undergraduate degrees such as the LLB and the BSc Business Administration.

## Study at an approved institution

This is a taught programme and must be studied at an institution that has been approved to teach the International Foundation Programme. Studying at an institution provides students with face-to-face academic support and the opportunity to interact with fellow students in person. For a list of tuition providers, please visit: [apps.londoninternational.ac.uk/online-search/institutions](https://apps.londoninternational.ac.uk/online-search/institutions)

## Specially written online study materials

Developed by academics appointed by LSE, your online study materials and resources, coupled with the tuition you receive at your institution, will guide you through your studies. Your study materials and resources include: a subject guide for

each course you study; a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) containing interactive resources, discussion forums, news alerts and a study skills area; a student handbook containing practical information and advice; worked examples of mock examination papers and examiners' commentaries which provide general feedback on examination performance; a University of London email account and web area which you can use to manage your personal information.

## Estimated study hours

The programme is flexible in that it can be completed in a minimum of six months and a maximum of three years. 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

The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) provides academic direction for this programme. LSE is regarded as an international centre of academic excellence and innovation in the social sciences.

\*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 list of universities that will accept the IFP for entry consideration, please visit the course web pages.

# International Foundation 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

## **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.

You take four Level 3 (A-level standard) courses in total: one compulsory and three optional.

### **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 current 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.



“The University of London International Foundation Programme offers exciting opportunities to students around the world. The aim is to prepare students for the challenges of higher education degrees, whether they choose to study in their home country or abroad. The courses, developed with enthusiasm and expertise at LSE, provide a solid grounding in academic approaches and techniques. Students will

gain the skills they need to succeed in university-level courses offered through the University of London International Programmes or on-campus in the UK and other countries. Our hope is that this qualification gives students the chances they deserve to realise their ambitions.”

**Lynne Roberts, Head of Learning and Teaching**

University of London International Programmes at LSE





The Bournemouth and Poole College is approved to teach the University of London International Foundation Programme.

**Venue:** Lansdowne, Bournemouth  
**Duration:** Full-time, one-year  
**Start date:** September each year  
**Course level:** NQF Level 3, Advanced  
**Awarding body:** University of London

### Introduction:

The Bournemouth and Poole College is a large publically funded institution offering a wide range of education programmes. The College has around 20,000 students per year, including around 200 International students from many different backgrounds and countries who choose to study with us, the countries include Middle East, Europe, Asia, Latin America, Africa and the Pacific Rim. We provide excellent facilities and teaching teams and offer many programmes which provide entry to a UK university. The local area is a very popular choice of destination for International students from all over the world. The local area has much to offer and when you study with us you are guaranteed a valuable and memorable experience, where you can enjoy high quality study and an excellent lifestyle. As the largest state College in the region, you will study alongside thousands of UK students. This provides an excellent opportunity to improve your English and learn about British life and culture. The local region, including the towns of Bournemouth and Poole, are famous as major tourist centres. The climate is good and there are activities for everyone, including excellent shopping, nightlife, restaurants, and of course, beaches and water sports. There are fast trains to London taking around one hour and forty minutes, and the surrounding area offers outstanding opportunities for cultural excursions to London, Bath, Oxford and Thorpe Park to name a few.

### Entry requirements:

For this programme you must be 17 years plus and provide proof of your English Language level e.g. minimum IELTS 6.0 with no less than 5.5 in reading and writing, or equivalent UKBA recognised English Language test. In addition, you must have no less than 85% grade from your final year of high school.

### Course Content:

The International Foundation Programme is a challenging and inspiring new programme that has been designed to provide students with the skills and knowledge to prepare them for rigorous undergraduate study. London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) provides academic direction\* for the International Foundation Programme.

### Compulsory course:

Mathematics and Statistics

**Elective courses:** Economics, International Relations and Social Psychology

### How to apply:

For enquiries in China, please contact University First Asia Office at [application@universityfirst.org](mailto:application@universityfirst.org), telephone +86 10 8515 1899 ext. 607. For enquiries from any other country, you must complete the International Application Form which is available on the website at [www.thecollege.co.uk/international/courses](http://www.thecollege.co.uk/international/courses) and scan, fax, or post it to the International Office, together with proof of English Language, academic transcripts translated to English and a £300 non-refundable deposit.

### Fees:

£16,960 – scholarships may be available on application.

### For further information please contact:

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\* Academic direction means that staff at this College develop the syllabuses, prepare the study materials, and are responsible for the assessment of International Programmes students.





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