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Global Diplomacy

- Central and South America (MA)
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1 Choose a programme based on your interests

You can choose to study one of our four regional programmes based on your interests. You'll gain an understanding of the relationships between concept, policy and practice in the global realm of diplomacy within international studies, political economy, transnational relations with particular focus on diplomacy of a specialised region.

2 Learn from leaders in the field

The programme is taught by respected academics engaged in globally leading research and impactful engagement with practitioners, which influences government policy and the lives of individuals across the globe.

3 Flexible learning

The MA Global Diplomacy degrees can be studied from anywhere in the world, around your schedule. Study materials are delivered online through the University's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). Your studies are supported by a world-class library.

4 Opportunities to take your career further

Gain intellectual and transferable skills to enhance your career that will help you evaluate and reflect critically on issues; develop and present new ideas coherently and concisely; research core issues independently.

5 A mark of excellence

Earn an internationally recognised qualification from the University of London. The University has a track record of teaching, innovation and research dating back 160 years.





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Professor Wendy Thomson
Vice-Chancellor,
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About your qualification

When you graduate with a degree, diploma or certificate from the University of London you will receive two important documents – your Final Diploma (the parchment you receive on graduation) and a Diploma Supplement.

The Final Diploma

- Indicates that you were registered with the University of London and awarded a University of London degree, diploma or certificate.
- Features the University of London crest and the Vice-Chancellor's signature.

The Diploma Supplement

- Describes the nature, level and content of the programme you successfully completed.
- Includes the transcript of courses taken, marks achieved and overall classification.
- States the method of study.

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Key dates

April 2024 session

Applications open:

21 December 2023

Applications close:

04 March 2024

Registrations close:

18 March 2024

Programme starts:

April 2024

October 2024 session

Applications open:

25 June 2024

Applications close:

09 September 2024

Registrations close:

23 September 2024

Programme starts:

October 2024

A University of London degree from anywhere in the world



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Dr Ashley Cox is a Lecturer at SOAS, University of London, where he has been since 2014. He is the Programme Director for Global Diplomacy. Prior to joining SOAS, Dr Cox studied for his PhD at the University of Leicester where he was also a senior Tutor for online learning.

Dr Cox's research focuses on foreign policy diplomacy and the security of the United States he has published a book on the topic of Wilsonian interpretations of American conflicts. And supervises several PhD students in the field.

Dr Cox is a supporter of online learning, not only as a vehicle for widening access to Higher Education but also for the opportunities it offers for enhancing experiential learning.

A trusted name in global education

The University of London is one of the world's leading universities, internationally recognised for its high academic standards. This reputation is based on the outstanding teaching and research of our 17 federation members.

Among former students are six Nobel Prize winners, including Nelson Mandela and Charles Kao, a pioneer in the development of fibre-optics. Graduates have made and continue to make significant contributions worldwide.

London made global

Founded in 1836, the University of London is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the UK and is internationally regarded as a centre of academic excellence. In 1858, we made our degrees available to study anywhere in the world.

Today, we have more than 40,000 students in 190 countries, studying on 100-plus degrees, diplomas and certificates.



Global Diplomacy

Each Global Diplomacy programme will develop a wide range of intellectual skills and provide direct practice-based experience, enabling you to analyse and solve many of today's global problems.

Diplomacy forms the centre of international relations, and this programme is designed to support those interested in careers in foreign ministries, transnational organisations and global non-governmental organisations.

You will have the opportunity to engage with rigorous practical skills and a thorough conceptual understanding of the challenges to global society. This will allow you to influence professional situations in providing well-founded solutions to challenging global issues. With inputs from leading academics as well as international practitioners with experience in the UK FCDO, US State Department, other Ministries of Foreign Affairs and the United Nations.

You will join one of four programmes: Central and South America; Europe; North America; or Russia and Eastern Europe, allowing you to focus on diplomacy practices and policies

within a specific region set against a global context. By studying these programmes, you will gain a historical understanding and contemporary awareness of the practice of global diplomacy and the diplomacy of their chosen region.

The academic team are committed to the promotion of excellence in teaching, scholarship and research and hugely experienced in working with online learners.

By studying one of the Global Diplomacy programmes, you will gain:

- the ability to demonstrate an in-depth critical understanding of the nature and development of global and regional diplomacy, as applicable, drawing on a variety of contributing disciplines
- an advanced understanding of changes in global and/or regional diplomacy and procedures and the relationship of those changes to contemporary international politics
- a sound grounding in theoretical and empirical approaches to debates in global diplomacy and regional differentiations so that you will have the competencies and skills to analyse global events using a mixture of theoretical and empirical tools

- a detailed knowledge of issues in global diplomacy and/or the region in historical and contemporary contexts, an awareness of the importance of relevant topics and a sophisticated understanding of global events and political developments.

The Global Diplomacy programmes create opportunities to take your career further. You will have the opportunity to blend a strong conceptual understanding with rigorous practical skills. This combination will enable you to enhance your place in the workforce as an expert in global diplomacy.

In some countries, qualifications earned by distance and flexible learning may not be recognised by certain authorities or regulators for the purposes of public sector employment or further study. We advise you to explore the local recognition status before your register.

How you study

The programme offers a variety of highly engaging online learning materials and activities. Your learning experience will be facilitated by a dedicated associate tutor, an accessible learning platform, opportunities for reflection so you can map and understand your own progress, and enhanced online student support.

Each module, with the exception of the dissertation element, has six online assessments (e-tivities), which comprise a range of different written and reflective tasks within a dedicated framework for learning and giving each student the best possible chance to succeed to the best of their abilities.

Programme structure

The MA Global Diplomacy: Central and South America, MA Global Diplomacy: Europe, MA Global Diplomacy: North America and MA Global Diplomacy: Russia and Eastern Europe each consist of four modules and a dissertation as follows:

**Two core modules
(30 credit modules each):**

Art of Negotiation **and**

Economics, Politics, Society:
Central and South America; **or**

Economics, Politics,
Society: Europe; **or**

Economics, Politics, Society:
North America; **or**

Economics, Politics, Society:
Russia and Eastern Europe

**Two elective modules derived
from the list of those available**

**Dissertation modules
(Four modules together
worth 60 credits):**

All students will normally study the core module/s first. All assessments for each module will normally be submitted before a student may progress to a subsequent module.

For further information on intermediate qualifications and available modules, please visit: london.ac.uk/global-diplomacy

Online support

The programme is delivered online and there is no requirement to come to the UK as part of your studies. Our flexible online programme allows you to work around your own schedule and leads to a globally-recognised qualification.

When you register, we will give you access to the Student Portal. You can then access your University of London email account and other key resources including:

- the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), with online learning support, access to the student café and discussion areas, and other study materials
- subject guides introducing and developing topics studied during each module studied
- the Online Library, with access to over 100 million academic electronic items comprising ebooks, eournals, conference proceedings etc, and our Inter Library Loans service with the British Library
- Senate House Library for free reference access for all registered distance and flexible learning students.

Tutor support

All students receive online tutor support and feedback while studying this programme from a team of dedicated and trained associate tutors. Our associate tutors introduce the modules, respond to queries, monitor discussions and provide guidance on assessments.

Study materials

All essential resources, activities, videos, discussions and support are provided through the VLE. This allows you to fit your studies around your work commitments. There is no requirement to purchase additional textbooks.

Time commitment

Each year, there are two opportunities to join the programme. These entry points are in April and October.

The flexible approach to learning allows students to complete the global diplomacy programmes in a minimum of two years (subject to module availability) to a maximum of five years. Most students successfully complete the programme within two calendar years.

You can study at your own pace adjusting the intensity of learning to suit your needs.



One module can be studied per session. As a guideline, we recommend students devote between 10-12 hours of study per week during a module study session.

Assessment

The assessment across the modules is consistent to allow students to focus on the subject matter, and reflects a variety of different skills that will be supported by our leading pedagogy.

Entrance requirements and further information



Entrance requirements

For your application to be considered you will need the following:

- a minimum upper second-class honours degree (or equivalent) from an acceptable institution **or**
- relevant professional experience.

We will consider every application on its own merits.

We accept qualifications from around the world. If you have an appropriate professional award rather than a degree, we will consider this on an individual basis.

Our Admissions Panel will consider whether any alternative/incomplete qualifications or work experience you have are suitable for entry to the programme.

English language requirements

You must satisfy the English language requirements for the programme. For more information on the requirements please visit: bit.ly/english-reqs

If you do not meet the English language proficiency requirements but believe that you can demonstrate the requisite proficiency, the University may, at its discretion, consider your application.

Computer requirements

The University of London sets minimum basic computer requirements because your study resources are accessed via the Student Portal and it is vital that you can access this regularly. For this programme, you will need

regular access to a computer or device with an internet connection.

For more information about specific software requirements, please read the programme specification:
london.ac.uk/global-diplomacy

How to apply

Please refer to the MA Global Diplomacy webpages for details on how to apply:
london.ac.uk/global-diplomacy

Fees

The total fee payable to the University of London for 2024–2025 will be published on our website once confirmed. On average, fees incur a five per cent year-on-year increase. For the latest information on programme fees, please visit: london.ac.uk/fees

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