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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS INFOSHEET

New student admissions for summer 2026 are open

1-Week Course

This course is one week long, and you can extend your experience to as many as four weeks by adding additional one-week courses.

Program Highlights

- Analyze global issues by exploring the relationships between states, cultures and intergovernmental organizations such as the United Nations and other NGOs
- Apply theoretical and methodological approaches to examine historical and contemporary challenges in world politics
- Debate international conflicts, negotiate solutions and practice conflict resolution strategies
- Collaborate and strategize with peers to develop creative responses to global issues
- Participate in a Model UN simulation and explore academic and career pathways in international relations

2026 Dates

Oxford :

- Session 4: July 26 - August 1

Academic Program Overview

Are you curious about what drives global conflict, what sustains peace and how world politics really work? This summer, dive into international affairs with a strong introduction to the study of international relations.

Explore major themes including conflict and security, foreign policy, cooperation, international organizations, trade, human rights, migration, environmental challenges and the growing role of AI in warfare.

Excursions

Meet with experts and professionals working in international affairs. Visit the Department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Oxford, along with a mid-week day trip to London visiting the UK Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, a tour of the Foreign Office and a diplomat educational briefing. Other excursions may include the Oxford Union debating chamber, a London think tank or a museum.

Instructors

Christine Pelican

Dr. Christine Pelican earned her DPhil from the University of Oxford, where her doctoral thesis received the Winchester Prize for exceptional scholarship in the field of human rights and fundamental freedoms. She specialises in political psychology, U.S. politics, elite rhetoric, and public opinion. With teaching experience across multiple Oxford colleges, her approach blends intellectual rigour with experiential learning, guiding students to analyse complex international issues critically and to apply their insights through interactive simulations.

Course Structure

There are five 4-hour class sessions over the one-week course. Students have class from 9am-1pm, Monday-Friday. Our intimate, seminar-style courses in Oxford offer small class sizes that foster close-knit collaboration and active discussion with leading academics. Afternoons are dedicated to students' course-specific academic excursion, guest speaker or activity.

Tuition Information:

Residential Students:

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course and weekend excursions
- **Excludes**: optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price:** $5,498 first week $4,498 each additional week

Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner and weekend excursions
  - Weekend excursions can be added on for $125 per day
- **Price:** $2,498 first week $1,998 each additional week

Typical Schedule

8AM	Breakfast
9AM	Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival
11AM	15-Minute Break
11:15AM	Academic Course
1:15PM	Lunch/Free-Time
3PM	Academic Excursion/Lab
5PM	Commuter Students Depart
6PM	Dinner
7PM	Evening Activity
8:30PM	Free-Time
9:30PM	Back in Dorms

Supplements:

- **Application fee**: Starting at $99 (mandatory, non-refundable)
- **Tuition Protection Plan**: Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click here for more info.

More info on Airport Transfer

More info on Unaccompanied Minor Service

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International Relations Infosheet

New student admissions for Summer 2026 are open.

2-Week Course

This is a two-week program where you'll focus on one course for the entire duration.

Program Highlights

- Learn to address global issues by investigating and researching the relationships between various nation-states, cultures, and intergovernmental organizations such as the United Nations, and other NGOs.
- Debate international conflicts, seek solutions and learn to negotiate and reach successful conflict resolution.
- Collaborate and strategize with students and staff from different countries to develop new approaches to global issues.
- Participate in a Model UN simulation and receive feedback from professionals in the field.

2026 Dates

Georgetown ($5,798)

- Session 1: June 21 - July 3

Academic Program Overview

Are you interested in learning how the world works, what causes war, and the conditions of peace? This summer, immerse yourself in international affairs by learning how the world works. You will receive an introduction to the world of politics and the social-historical impact of global development by exploring topics such as foreign policy, international Law, diplomacy, human rights, and environmental issues, among others.

Excursions

In the past, our students have met with influential leaders, including Asma Mirza, Chief Performance Officer for the State of Maryland, and Dhuah Baig, a Foreign Affairs Officer at the U.S. Department of State, during a roundtable discussion at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on the White House campus. They also had the chance to engage with a representative from the Domestic Policy Council. Last summer, the program continued to provide exceptional experiences, with students visiting the embassies of Ukraine and Kosovo to expand their knowledge of international affairs.

Instructors

Georgetown - Dr. Kuniko Ashizawa

Dr. Kuniko Ashizawa, a lecturer at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs, specializes in Asian politics, international relations, and global governance. With teaching experience across the UK, Kosovo, and Japan, her research focuses on U.S.-Japan/Asia relations, regional cooperation, and international organizations. A prolific scholar, she has conducted extensive fieldwork, engaging with policymakers and diplomats worldwide. Dr. Ashizawa, who earned her Ph.D. from Tufts University, has been a visiting fellow at esteemed institutions, offering students rich insights into international affairs.

Course Structure

There are nine 3-hour class sessions over the two-week course. During week one, students have class from 9am-12pm, Monday - Friday. During week two students have class from 9am-12pm Monday through Thursday. Wednesday afternoons are dedicated to additional academic time (excursions, speakers).

Tuition Information:

Residential Students:

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- **Excludes**: optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price**: See prices under 2026 dates

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- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner, weekend excursions
  - Weekend excursions can be added on for $125 per day
- **Price**: $2998 at Georgetown

Typical Schedule

8AM	Breakfast
9AM	Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival
12PM	Lunch
1:30PM	Academic Excursions or Recreational Activity
3:30PM	College Readiness Workshop or True You
5PM-6:30PM	Commuter Student Departure
6PM	Dinner
7PM	Clubs
10:30PM	Night Checks

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