



**SUMMER  
SPRINGBOARD**  
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# International Relations Infosheet

**New student admissions for  
Summer 2025 are open.**



## 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.



## 2025 Dates

Georgetown (\$5,698)

- Session 1: June 29 - July 11

Oxford (\$6,298)

- Session 1: July 6 - July 18



## 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

### Georgetown

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.

### Oxford

Meet with Foreign relations experts and former diplomatic professionals. Visit the world-renowned Politics and International Relations department at the University of Oxford, as well as one or two sites which may include: the London Institute of Peace Research, the OxPeace, NGOs, and other county government offices.

## 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.

### Oxford - Andrea Paolini, PhD

Andrea Paolini holds a PhD in Cultural Studies with a Graduate Certificate in Global Studies from the University of Pittsburgh. She also holds MA's in Human Rights (University of London), and English and Creative Writing (University of Windsor). She has over ten years' experience working in the realm of government, academia, and international relations. Her current research examines the intersections of human rights and writing, and champions the importance of global education and experiential learning.

## Tuition Information:

### Residential Students:

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course, weekend excursions
- **Excludes:** optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price:** See prices under 2025 dates

### Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner, weekend excursions
  - Weekend excursions can be added on for \$125 per day
- **Price:** \$3,298 at Oxford, \$2998 at Georgetown



## 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).



## Typical Schedule



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## Supplements:

- **Application fee:** \$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.

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