Academic Year 2021/2022

Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Politics
UCAS Code: L200

Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Politics (with Placement Year)
Internal Code: 1465U

Notes
(i)   *These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Taught Programme Regulations.*
(ii)   *All optional modules are offered subject to the constraints of the timetable and to any restrictions on the number of students who may be taught on a particular module. Not all modules may be offered in all years and they are listed subject to availability.*
(iii)   *Unless otherwise stated under 'Type', modules are not core.*
(iv)   *A compulsory module is a module which a student is required to study.*
(v)   *A core module is a module which a student must pass, and in which a fail mark may neither be carried nor compensated; such modules are designated by the board of studies as essential for progression to a further stage of the programme or for study in a further module.*
(vi)   *All modules are delivered in Linear mode unless stated otherwise as Block, eLearning or distance learning.*

1.   Stage 1

(a)   Unless otherwise stated modules are not core.

(b)   All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Mode
POL1015	The Westminster System: Politics of the UK	20		20	4		
POL1045	Becoming a Political Analyst	20	20		4		
POL1049	Power and Inequality	20		20	4		
POL1050	Politics of Happiness	20	20		4		

(c)   All candidates must take at least one of the following optional modules:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Mode
POL1032	Key Concepts in International Politics	20		20	4		
POL1046	Order & Disorder: The Shaping of 21st Century	20	20		4		

(d)   All candidates shall take their remaining credits from the optional module listed in section (d) or section (c) above to a total of 120 credits:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Mode
GEO1010	Interconnected World	20	10	10	4		
SOC1027	Comparing Cultures	20	20		4		

With the approval of the Degree Programme Director alternative optional modules to those listed above may be selected.

2.   Stage 2

(a)   At least 80 credits shall be drawn from POL modules.

(b)   All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Mode
POL2017	Becoming a Political Researcher	20	20		5		
POL2090	Equality, Diversity and Inclusion: Social Issues in Contemporary Political Philosophy	20	20		5		

(c)   In addition, candidates must take at least one of the following three modules:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Mode
POL2045	British Politics: State and Society	20	20		5		
POL2111	Democracy or Dictatorship? What are the differences and how do we analyse them	20		20			
POL2113	Sex, Gender and Power	20	20		5		

(c)   All candidates shall take their remaining modules from the following list to a total of 120 credits:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Mode
POL2015	Regional and International Organisations	20	20		5		
POL2016	Foreign Policy Analysis: Theories and Approaches	20		20	5		
POL2022	Government and Politics of the USA	20	20		5		
POL2034	The Politics and Policy of the European Union	20		20	5		
POL2035	Power and Poverty in the Global Economy	20		20	5		

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Mode
POL2082	Political Violence and the Modern State	20		20	5		
POL2088	The Politics of Africa: Africa's place in Global Politics	20	20		5		
POL2096+	Politics Work Placement	20	10	10	5		
POL2110	Security Studies	20		20	5		
GEO2047	Political Geography	20	10	10	5		
NCL2007*	Career Development for second year students*	20	10	10	5		

*Candidates may only take one of these modules and cannot be taken, if taking POL2096.
+ Permission to take this module is subject to the approval of the Degree Programme Director. Placement opportunities will be guided by national and institutional policy at the time.

(d)   Candidates may spend Semester 2 studying abroad, in which case they take the following module, subject to agreeing an overall selection of modules with the Degree Programme Director.

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Mode
POL2072	Student Exchange: Semester 2	60		60	5		

With the approval of the Degree Programme Director alternative optional modules to those listed above may be selected

3.   Year 3 (Placement Year)

On completion of Stage 2 and before entering Stage 3, candidates may as part of their studies for the degree spend a year in a placement with an approved organisation. Permission to undertake a placement is subject to the approval of the Degree Programme Director. Students who are required to re-sit their Stage 2 assessment must delay the start of their placement until they have done so. Students who fail Stage 2 may not complete the placement year.

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Mode
NCL3000	Careers Service Placement Year Module	120	60	60	6		

Placement opportunities will be guided by governmental and institutional policy at the time.

4.   Stage 3

(a)   At least 80 credits must be drawn from POL modules.

(b)   All candidates shall take at least 20 and not more than 60 credits of optional modules from the following list:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Mode
POL3046	Dissertation in Politics	40	20	20	6		
POL3047	Project in Politics: Semester 1	20	20		6		
POL3048	Project in Politics: Semester 2	20		20	6		
POL3103	Community-based Research in Politics	40	20	20	6		

(c)   All candidates shall take at least 60 credits of modules normally selected from the following list:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Mode
GEO3102	Geopolitics	20	10	10	6		
NCL3007*	Career Development for Final Year Students*	20	10	10	6		
POL3050	Ethics of Killing	20		20	6		
POL3053	Political Leadership in Britain	20		20	6		
POL3054	International Politics and Urbanism	20		20	6		
POL3055	Applied Political Research with Quantitative Methods	20	20		6		
POL3081	International Political Thought	20	20		6		
POL3092	Political Parties and Elections in the UK	20	20		6		
POL3111	UK Parliamentary Studies	20		20	6		
POL3117	Politics of Immigration	20	20		6		
POL3124	Mexican Politics: Authoritarianism & Democracy	20	20		6		
POL3128	The Politics of Gender and Sexuality in the Middle East	20	20		6		
POL3129	Global Justice	20		20	6		
POL3131	The Politics of Health	20		20	6		

Permission to take this module is subject to the approval of the Degree Programme Director.

(d) Students who did not take POL2072 in the previous Stage can take one of the following modules subject to agreeing an overall selection of modules for the Stage with the Degree Programme Director

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Mode
POL3071	Student Exchange: Semester 1	60	60		6		

POL3076	Student Exchange (Dissertation Students)	40	40		6		

With the approval of the Degree Programme Director alternative optional modules to those listed above may be selected.

5.   Assessment methods

Details of the assessment pattern for each module are explained in the module outline.

6.   Degree classification

Candidates will be assessed for degree classification on the basis of all the modules taken at Stages 2 and 3 with the weighting of the stages being 1:2 for Stage 2 and Stage 3 respectively.

7.   Degree title

Candidates who choose to take part in the Placement Year shall be transferred onto the four year version of the programme. They will be on degree programme code 1465U and will graduate with a BA (Hons) in Politics (with Placement Year).