

Academic Year 2023/24

Bachelor of Arts with Honours in International Relations

UCAS Code: L250 (3 years)

Bachelor of Arts with Honours in International Relations (with Placement Year)

Internal Code: 1807U (4 years)

Bachelor of Arts with Honours in International Relations (with International Study Year)

Internal Code: 1820U (4 years)

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) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

| <i>Code</i> | <i>Descriptive title</i> | <i>Total Credits</i> | <i>Credits Sem 1</i> | <i>Credits Sem 2</i> | <i>Level</i> | <i>Type</i> | <i>Mode</i> |
|-------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| POL1032 | Key Concepts in International Politics | 20 | | 20 | 4 | | |
| POL1045 | Becoming a Political Analyst | 20 | 20 | | 4 | | |
| POL1046 | Order & Disorder: The shaping of the 21st Century | 20 | 20 | | 4 | | |
| POL1049 | Power and Inequality | 20 | | 20 | 4 | | |

- (b) All candidates shall take **at least one** of the following optional modules:

| <i>Code</i> | <i>Descriptive title</i> | <i>Total Credits</i> | <i>Credits Sem 1</i> | <i>Credits Sem 2</i> | <i>Level</i> | <i>Type</i> | <i>Mode</i> |
|-------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| POL1015 | The Westminster System: the UK in comparative perspective | 20 | | 20 | 4 | | |
| POL1050 | Politics of Happiness | 20 | 20 | | 4 | | |

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

| <i>Code</i> | <i>Descriptive title</i> | <i>Total Credits</i> | <i>Credits Sem 1</i> | <i>Credits Sem 2</i> | <i>Level</i> | <i>Type</i> | <i>Mode</i> |
|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 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 module:

| <i>Code</i> | <i>Descriptive title</i> | <i>Total Credits</i> | <i>Credits Sem 1</i> | <i>Credits Sem 2</i> | <i>Level</i> | <i>Type</i> | <i>Mode</i> |
|-------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| POL2017 | Becoming a Political Researcher | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |

- (c) All candidates must take at least three modules from the following list:

| <i>Code</i> | <i>Descriptive title</i> | <i>Total Credits</i> | <i>Credits Sem 1</i> | <i>Credits Sem 2</i> | <i>Level</i> | <i>Type</i> | <i>Mode</i> |
|-------------|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| POL2035 | Power and Poverty in the Global Economy | 20 | | 20 | | | |
| POL2088 | The Politics of Africa: Africa's place in Global Politics | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |
| POL2090 | Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion: Social Issues in Contemporary Political Philosophy | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |
| POL2110 | Critical Security Studies | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |
| POL2113 | Sex, Gender and Power | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |
| POL2310 | International Organisation and Diplomacy | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |

- (d) All candidates shall take their remaining modules from the following lists to a total of 120 credits:

| <i>Code</i> | <i>Descriptive title</i> | <i>Total Credits</i> | <i>Credits Sem 1</i> | <i>Credits Sem 2</i> | <i>Level</i> | <i>Type</i> | <i>Mode</i> |
|-------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| GEO2047 | Political Geography | 20 | 10 | 10 | 5 | | |
| NCL2007* | Career Development for second year students | 20 | 10 | 10 | 5 | | |
| POL2012 | Politics of the Middle East | 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 | | |
| POL2045 | British Politics: State and Society | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |
| POL2046 | A Global History of Political Thought | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |

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| POL2082 | Political Violence and the Modern State | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |
| POL2096*+ | Politics Work Placement | 20 | 10 | 10 | 5 | | |
| POL2114 | The Politics of Race | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |

*Candidates may only take one of these modules.

+ Placement opportunities will be guided by national and institutional policy at the time

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 | | Blended Learning |

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

4. Year 3 (International Study year)

On completion of Stage 2 and before entering Stage 3, candidates may as part of their studies for the degree spend a year at an international partner institution. Students must undertake all pre-departure requirements prior to study abroad. Students will be able to select from a range of modules offered by their host university, in doing so they must agree on an overall selection of modules with the Degree Programme Director and take the approximate equivalent of 120 credits (60 ECTS). Students who are required to re-sit their Stage 2 assessment must delay the start of their international study year until they have done so. Students must pass their Stage 2 modules before they can begin their international study abroad year

| Code | Descriptive title | Total Credits | Credits Sem 1 | Credits Sem 2 | Level | Type | Mode |
|---------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|------|------|
| ISY3000 | International Study Year Module | 120 | 60 | 60 | 6 | | |

5. 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 |
|------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|------|------|
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|-----------|---|----|----|----|---|--|--|
| POL3046 | Final Year Dissertation | 40 | 20 | 20 | 6 | | |
| POL3047 | Final Year Project: Semester 1 | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| POL3048 | Final Year Project: Semester 2 | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| POL3103 | Community-Based Research in Politics | 40 | 20 | 20 | 6 | | |
| POL3134 * | Public Policy Placement | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |

* Permission to take this module is subject to the approval of the Degree Programme Director. Placement opportunities will be guided by institutional policy at the time.

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

| Code | Descriptive title | Total Credits | Credits Sem 1 | Credits Sem 2 | Level | Type | Mode |
|----------|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|------|------|
| GEO3102 | Geopolitics | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| NCL3007* | Career Development for Final Year Students | 20 | 10 | 10 | 6 | | |
| NCL3008* | Advanced Career Development module* | 20 | 10 | 10 | 6 | | |
| POL3050 | The Ethics of Killing | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| POL3053 | Political Leadership in Britain | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| POL3054 | Urban International Politics | 20 | | 20 | | | |
| POL3055 | Applied Political Research with Quantitative Methods | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| POL3060 | The Politics of Protest in the Middle East | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| POL3081 | International Political Thought | 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 | | |
| POL3125 | Politics of Citizenship. | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| POL3127 | Global Apartheid Regimes | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| POL3129 | Global Justice: Global Issues in Contemporary Political Philosophy | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| POL3132 | Public Policy: Theories, Cases, Skills | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| POL3133 | Politics as a Way of Life | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |

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

(d) Students who did not take [ISY3000](#) can take one of the following modules subject to agreeing an overall selection of modules for the Stage with the Degree Programme Director

| <i>Code</i> | <i>Descriptive title</i> | <i>Total Credits</i> | <i>Credits Sem 1</i> | <i>Credits Sem 2</i> | <i>Level</i> | <i>Type</i> | <i>Mode</i> |
|-------------|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 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.

6. Assessment methods

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

7. 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.

8. Degree Title

Upon successful completion of the degree, the degree title awarded will be Bachelor of Arts with Honours in International Relations (L250). Candidates who choose to take part in the Placement Year/International Study Year shall be transferred onto the four-year version of the programme and graduate with one of the following:

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