

Academic Year 2025/256

Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Politics and History

UCAS Code: VL12

Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Politics and History (with Placement Year)

Internal Code: 1439U (4 years)

Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Politics and History with International Study Year

Internal Code: 1616U (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, distance learning or Blended.*

1. Stage 1

- (a) All candidates shall select modules to a total credit value of 120. All candidates must take at least one module in History (including HCA coded modules) and at least one module in Politics in each semester.
- (b) 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> |
|-------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| HIS1100 | Evidence and Argument | 20 | 20 | | 4 | | |
| POL1046 | Order and Disorder: The Shaping of the 21 st Century | 20 | 20 | | 4 | | |

- (c) All candidates must select at least 1 module (20 credits) from **History List 1** and at least 1 module (20 credits) from **Politics List 1** below.

- (d) All candidates must take either 60 credits in each semester or 50 credits in one and 70 credits in the other.

History List 1

| <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> |
|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| HIS1101 | Historical Sources and Methods | 20 | | 20 | 4 | | |
| HIS1102 | History Lab I | 20 | 20 | | 4 | | |
| HIS1103 | History Lab II | 20 | | 20 | 4 | | |
| HIS1104 | Introduction to Public History | 20 | | 20 | 4 | | |
| HIS1105 | What Is History For? | 20 | 20 | | 4 | | |

Politics List 1

| <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 | UK Politics: Westminster and Beyond | 20 | | 20 | 4 | | |
| POL1032 | Key Concepts in International Politics | 20 | | 20 | 4 | | |
| POL1049 | Power and Inequality: How to Study Global Politics ... and Change the World | 20 | 20 | | 4 | | |
| POL1050 | Politics of Happiness | 20 | 20 | | 4 | | |
| POL1051 | State, People and Politics: Comparative Politics in a Globalised World | 20 | | 20 | 4 | | |
| POL1131 | Studying Political Economy: Ideas, Theories and Skills | 20 | 20 | | 4 | | |

- (e) All candidates must select their final 2 modules (40 credits) from **History List 1**, **Politics List 1** or **HCA List 1 (below)**, or, with the approval of the Degree Programme Director, they may select 1 module from either list, plus modules to a maximum of 20 credits from those offered by other schools in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

HCA List 1

| <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> |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| HCA1003 | Global Middle Ages | 20 | | 20 | 4 | | Blended |
| HCA1007 | Stuff: living in a material world | 20 | | 20 | 4 | | |
| HCA1008 | Global Ancient Histories | 20 | 20 | | 4 | | |

2. Stage 2

- (a) All candidates shall select modules to a credit value of 120. All candidates must take at least one module in History and at least one module in Politics in each semester.
- (b) All candidates shall select up to 3 modules in History from **History List 2** including at least 1 HIS-coded module and up to 3 modules in Politics from **Politics List 2** below. For candidates planning to take the History dissertation (HIS3020) in Stage 3, Crafting History (HIS2304) is a recommended option; for candidates planning to take one of the Politics research modules at Stage 3, Becoming a Political Researcher (POL2017) is a recommended option. Candidates proceeding to the Politics Dissertation will need to have taken either HIS2304 or POL2017.
- (c) All candidates must take either 60 credits in each semester or 50 credits in one and 70 credits in the other.

History List 2

| <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> |
|-------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| ARA2011 | From Lascaux to Knossos: Prehistoric Europe | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |
| ARA2091 | Archaeologies of the Roman Empire: The Roman World from Augustus to Justinian | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |
| ARA2097 | Colonial Worlds: History and Archaeology | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |
| CAH2006 | Hellenistic Empires from Alexander to Cleopatra | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |
| CAH2017 | The Roman World from Hadrian to Heraclius | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |
| CAH2020 | Greek and Roman Religions | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |
| CAH2061 | Slavery in Greco-Roman Antiquity | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |
| HIS2027 | Africa: History of a Continent | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |
| HIS2095 | Social Histories of Alcohol: Britain and Ireland, 1700-Present | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |
| HIS2219 | Oral History of Modern Britain | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |
| HIS2300 | 1968: A Global Moment? | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |
| HIS2301 | Culture and Communication in Medieval Eurasia | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | Blended |
| HIS2304 | Crafting History: Developing a Research Proposal | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |
| HIS2306 | Famines in History | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |
| HIS2316 | Researching History | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |

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| HIS2317 | The Aftermath of War in Europe and Asia, 1945-56 | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |
| HIS2318 | Revolutions of the Mind: European Thought, 1550-1750 | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |
| HIS2321 | Destroying Nature: Disasters, Diseases and Environmental Injustice | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |
| HIS2322 | Diversities of Sexuality and Gender in History | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |
| HCA2000 | Sacred Words and Dirty Deeds: Thriving in Late Antiquity | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |
| HCA2001 | The Mediterranean: a connected past | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |

Politics List 2

| <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> |
|-------------|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| POL2012 | Politics of the Middle East | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |
| POL2017 | Becoming a Political Researcher | 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 | | |
| POL2046 | A Global History of Political Thought | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |
| POL2082 | Political Violence and the Modern State | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |
| POL2090 | Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion: Social Issues in Contemporary Political Philosophy | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |
| POL2111 | Democracy or Autocracy? What are the differences and how do we analyse them | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |
| POL2113 | Sex, Gender and Power | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |
| POL2114 | The Politics of Race | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |
| POL2310 | International Organizations and Diplomacy | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |

- (d) Notwithstanding 2 (a)-(c) above, candidates may, subject to the approval of the Degree Programme Director, select modules with a total credit value of 20 from those offered by other Schools in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

- (e) Candidate may select, subject to the approval of the DPD, the following 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> |
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| NCL2007 | Career Development for second year students | 20 | 10 | 10 | 5 | | |

3. Year 3 (Career Placement Year)

- (a) 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 a placement year.

- (b) All candidates will 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>Credits Sem 3</i> | <i>Level</i> | <i>Type</i> | <i>Mode</i> |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|
| NCL3000 | Careers Service Placement Year Module | 120 | 60 | 60 | | 6 | | Blended Learning |

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

4. Year 3 (International Study Year)

- (a) On completion of Stage 2 and before entering Stage 3, candidates may as part of their studies for the degree spend a year abroad at an appropriate exchange partner institution. Permission to undertake a year abroad 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 a year abroad.

- (b) All candidates will 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>Credits Sem 3</i> | <i>Level</i> | <i>Type</i> | <i>Mode</i> |
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| ISY3000 | International Study Year Module | 120 | 60 | 60 | | 6 | | |
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5. Stage 3

- (a) All candidates shall select modules to a credit value of 120.
- (b) All candidates shall select modules to the credit value of no less than 40 and no more than 60 credits in Politics (POL) from the lists below, unless taking 40 credits of Politics research modules from list (e) in which case candidates may take no more than 80 credits in Politics.
- (c) All candidates shall select modules to the credit value of no less than 40 and no more than 60 credits in History (HIS) from the History Lists 3.1 and 3.2 below, unless taking HIS3020 (History dissertation), in which case candidates may take no more than 80 credits in History.
- (d) All candidates shall take no more than 2 optional modules (1 module in each semester, worth 40 credits in total) from the **History 3.2 list**.

History List 3.1

| <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> |
|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| HIS3000 | Reading History | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| HIS3036 | Public History In Practice | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |

History List 3.2

| <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> |
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| ARA3036 | Neolithic and Early Bronze Age Britain in its European Context | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| ARA3295 | Fundamentals of Digital Humanities: Computer Literacy, Data Analysis and GIS | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | Blended |
| HIS3206 | The Irish Revolution, 1879-1923 | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| HIS3212 | Reconstruction and the New South, 1865-1900 | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| HIS3220 | British Foreign Policy since Suez | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| HIS3221 | Birth Control in the 19 th and 20 th Centuries | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| HIS3240 | Civil Rights in America, 1948-1975 | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |

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| HIS3326 | Gender and the British Empire: Violence towards Men and Women in the Making of Modern South Asia | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| HIS3344 | The Rise and Fall of the Berlin Wall, 1961-1990 | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| HIS3346 | The Rising Generation: Youth, Age and Protest in Cold War Britain | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | Blended |
| HIS3349 | Healthy Spaces for Healthy Bodies: Medicine, Humans, Places | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| HIS3351 | Buddhism and Society in Medieval Japan | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| HIS3361 | Body and Emotions in Early Modern Europe, 1450-1650 | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| HIS3364 | May 1968: All Power to the Imagination | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| HIS3365 | British Colonialism in Sudan: Violence, Gender and Race, 1899-1956 | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| HIS3366 | Fictional Histories: from medieval to modern | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| HIS3368 | Exhausted! The Problem of Sleep (and not Sleeping) from 1500 to the Present Day | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| HIS3369 | Insiders and Outsider: Migrants, Refugees, and the Making of Modern Europe | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| HIS3370 | Beyond Brexit: The UK and European Integration since 1945 | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| HIS3371 | Riot, Reform and Revolution: Britain c.1760-1832 | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| HIS3372 | Read all About it! The News Revolution in Georgian Britain, 1714-1780 | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| SELL3334 | Envious Show: Wealth, Power, and Ambition in Narratives of the Country House, 1550-2000 | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |

Politics List 3

| <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> |
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| POL3042 | Writing for Foreign Policy Makers: Research Project in Foreign Policy Analysis | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |

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| POL3050 | The Ethics of Killing | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| POL3053 | Political Leadership in Britain | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| POL3055 | Who and Why Votes for Far Right? Using Data for Political Analysis | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| POL3092 | Political Parties and Elections in the UK | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| POL3117 | Politics of Immigration | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| POL3125 | Politics of Citizenship | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| POL3128 | Gender and Sexuality Politics in the Middle East | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| POL3132 | Public Policy: Theories, Cases, Skills | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| POL3133 | Politics as a Way of Life | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| POL3135 | Power and Policy: Understanding Impact | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| POL3339 | Global Justice and Human Rights | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |

- (e) Subject to the approval of the Degree Programme Director, candidates may select no more than 40 credits 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> |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| HIS3020 | Writing History | 40 | 20 | 20 | 6 | | |
| 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 | | |

- (f) Subject to the approval of the Degree Programme Director candidates may select the following 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> |
|-------------|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| NCL3007 | Career Development for final year students | 20 | 10 | 10 | 6 | | |

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 Honours performance on the basis of the assessment of all modules taken at Stage 2 plus all the modules taken at Stage 3. Assessment from Stage 3 counts for double that of Stage 2.

The placement year does not contribute to the degree classification, but must be passed to gain the award of Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Politics and History (with Placement Year).

8. Degree Title

Candidates who complete the three-year programme will graduate with a BA (Hons) in Politics and History.

Candidates who choose to take part in the Career Placement year will be transferred onto the four-year version of the programme. They will be on degree programme code 1439U and will graduate with a BA (Hons) in Politics and History (with Placement Year)

Candidates who choose to take part in the Study Abroad year will be transferred onto the four-year version of the programme. They will be on degree programme code 1615U and will graduate with a BA (Hons) in Politics and History with International Study Year