

## Academic Year 2026/27

### Master of Arts in Politics (Research)

Code: 4026 F/P

#### Notes

- (i) *These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Taught Programme Regulations.*
- (ii) *A core module is a module which a student must pass.*
- (iii) *A compulsory module is a module which a student is required to study.*
- (iv) *All modules are delivered in Linear mode unless stated otherwise as Block, eLearning or distance learning.*

#### 1. Programme structure

- (a) The programme is available for study in both full-time and part-time modes.
- (b) The period of study for full-time mode shall be one year starting in September. The period of study for part-time mode shall normally be two years starting in September.
- (c) The programme comprises modules to a credit value of 180.
- (d) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules: (160 credits):

<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>
HSS8001	Thinking about Research	10	10			7	
HSS8002	Information Skills	10	10			7	
HSS8004	Qualitative Methodology in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences	20		20		7	
HSS8005	Quantitative Analysis	20		20		7	
HSS8007	The Making and Unmaking of Knowledge	10	10			7	
POL8041	Thinking About Politics	20	20			7	
POL8098	Dissertation	70			70	7	

- (e) All candidates shall choose from the following optional modules available in Semester 2 to a credit value of 20:

<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>
POL8003	European Union: Policy and Politics	20		20		7	

POL8020	American Foreign Policy	20		20		7	
POL8043	Development, Environment and International Politics	20		20		7	
POL8044	Critical Geopolitics	20		20		7	
POL8059	The United Nations: Policy, Politics and Power	20		20		7	
POL8065	Principles of Data Science for Political Research	20		20		7	
POL8067	The Moral Limits of the Market: Theoretical Foundations	10		10		7	
POL8068	The Moral Limits of the Market: Public Policy Projects	10		10		7	
POL8070	Problem Solving for Defence (H4MoD)	20		20		7	
POL8073	Policy-orientated research in Sustainable Development	20		20		7	
SEC8026	Global Security: Politics, Space and Society (P)	20		20		7	
SOC8069	Critical Approaches to Environment and Society	20		20		7	
SOC8070	Global Sex Global Race	20		20		7	
SOC8073	Perpetual Wars? Crime, Policing and (in)Security	20		20		7	
GEO8031	Migration, Displacement and Global Challenges	20		20		7	

- (f) The part-time programme of study will be decided in consultation with the Degree Programme Director.
- (g) The compulsory dissertation POL8098 shall not normally exceed 12,000 words.

## 2. Assessment methods

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