

Academic Year 2026/27

Master of Arts in Cross-Cultural Communication and International Relations

Code: 4054 F/P

Notes

- (i) *These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Postgraduate (Taught) Progress Regulations and Examination Conventions.*
- (ii) *A core module is a module which a student must pass and in which a fail mark may not be compensated; such modules are designated by the board of studies as essential.*
- (iii) *A compulsory module is a module which a student must take.*
- (iv) *All modules are delivered in Linear mode unless stated otherwise as Block, eLearning or distance learning.*
- (v) *All 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.*
- (vi) *Not all modules may be offered in all years, and they are listed subject to availability.*

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 1 year starting in September. The period of study for part-time mode shall normally be 2 years starting in September. The part time mode will be agreed in consultation with the Degree Programme Director.
- (c) The programme comprises modules to a credit value of 120 credits of taught modules and a 60 credit Research Portfolio. The choice of optional modules is subject to the approval of the Degree Programme Director.
- (d) All candidates shall take the following **80 credits of compulsory modules**:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level	Type	Mode
ALC8003	Research Portfolio	60			60	7		
ALC8013	Introduction to Intercultural Communication	20	20			7		

- (e) All candidates shall take further **optional Language & Communication modules** to a value of **40 credits** from the following:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level	Type	Mode
ALC8001	The Social Psychology of Communication	20	20			7		
ALC8007	Professional Communication in Globalised Workplaces	20		20		7		
ALC8009	English in the Globalised World	20	20			7		
ALC8021	Beyond Language – Understanding Multimodal	20		20		7		

	Communication							
ALC8037	Multilingualism in Society	20		20		7		
ALC8041	Digital Cultures and Communication	20		20		7		

With the approval of the Degree Programme Director and depending upon the academic background of the candidate alternative optional modules to those listed above may be selected.

- (f) Students are required to choose a total of 60 credits of modules across Semester 1 & 2 from taught modules in the School of Geography, Politics and Sociology. Students who do not hold a first degree in Politics can take 20 credits of Stage 3 undergraduate modules in Politics in consultation with the Degree Programme Director and with the approval of the relevant module leader. All candidates shall take **Politics modules to a value of 60 credits** from the following:

<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>
POL8003	European Union: Policy and Politics	20		20		7		
POL8005	Theories and Theorists of International Political Economy	20	20			7		
POL8006	Theories of International Relations	20	20			7		
POL8039	Global Justice and Human Rights	20	20			7		
POL8043	Development, Environment and International Politics	20		20		7		
POL8044	Critical Geopolitics	20		20		7		
POL8048	World Politics, Popular Culture, Arts	20	20			7		

- (g) Candidates may take, subject to the approval of the Degree Programme Director, no more than 20 credits of alternative modules outside their chosen pathway. This could include an additional language and communications module, or a module from another pathway. At least 40 credits must come from the politics options.

2. Assessment methods

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