

Academic Year 2026/27

Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Politics

UCAS Code: L200 (3 years)

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

Internal Code: 1465U (4 years)

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

Internal Code: 1819U (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) 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 | UK Politics: Westminster and Beyond | 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 | | |

(c) All candidates must 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> |
|-------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 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:

| <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 | 20 | | 4 | | |
| SOC1027 | Comparing Cultures: An Introduction to Anthropology | 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:

| <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 | | |
| POL2090 | Equality, Diversity and Inclusion: Social Issues in Contemporary Political Philosophy | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |

(c) In addition, candidates must take at least two of the following four 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> |
|-------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| POL2022 | Government and Politics of the USA | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |
| POL2034 | The Politics and Policy of the European Union | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |
| POL2111 | Democracy or Autocracy? What are the differences and how do we analyse them | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |
| POL2046 | A Global History of Political Thought | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |

(d) All candidates shall take their remaining modules from the following list 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> |
|---------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| POL2012 | Politics of the Middle East | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |
| POL2035 | Power and Poverty in the Global Economy | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |
| POL2046 | A Global History of Political Thought | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |
| POL2078 | International Politics from 'elsewhere' | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |
| POL2082 | Political Violence and the Modern State | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |
| POL2096* + | Politics Work Placement | 20 | 10 | 10 | 5 | | |
| POL2106 | Democracy in Deeply Divided Societies | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |
| POL2110 | Critical Security Studies | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |
| POL2113 | Sex, Gender and Power | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |
| POL2114 | The Politics of Race | 20 | | 20 | 5 | | |
| POL2310 | International Organisations and Diplomacy | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |
| GEO2047 | Political Geography | 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 (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 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.

| <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> |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|
| 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.

| <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> |
|-------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 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:

| <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> |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 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 at least 60 credits of modules normally selected 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> |
|-------------|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| GEO3168 | Geographies of Power and Resistance | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| NCL3007* | Career Development for Final Year Students* | 20 | 10 | 10 | 6 | | |
| POL3050 | Ethics Across Borders and Time | 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 | | |

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| POL3060 | The Politics of Protest in the Middle East | 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 | | |
| POL3127 | Apartheid regimes - from the local to the global | 20 | 20 | | | | |
| 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 | | |

* *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

Candidates who choose to take part in the Placement Year/Year Abroad shall be transferred onto the four year version of the programme.

They will be on degree programme code 1465U/1819U and will graduate with a BA (Hons) in Politics (with Placement Year)/ BA (Hons) in Politics (with International Study Year).