

Academic Year 2026/27

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:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Mode
POL1032	Key Concepts in International Politics	20		20	4		
POL1046	Order & Disorder: The shaping of the 21st Century	20	20		4		
POL1049	Power and Inequality: How to Study Global Politics ... and Change the World	20	20		4		
POL1051	State, People and Politics: Comparative Politics in a Globalised World	20	20		4		

- (b) All candidates shall take **two** of the following optional modules:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Mode
POL1015	UK Politics: Westminster and Beyond	20		20	4		

POL1050	Politics of Happiness	20		20	4		
SOC1032	Politics and Society	20		20			
SML1022	Introduction to Cultural Studies	20	10	10			

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>
POL2078	International Politics from 'elsewhere'	20	20		5		
POL2090	Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion: Social Issues in Contemporary Political Philosophy	20	20		5		
POL2110	Critical Security Studies	20		20	5		
POL2114	The Global Politics of Race	20		20	5		
POL2310	International Organisations 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		20	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		
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		
POL2096+*	Politics Work Placement	20	10	10	5		
POL2106	Democracy in Deeply Divided Societies	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		

**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.

<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		<i>Blended Learning</i>

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>
POL3042	Writing for Foreign Policy Makers: Research Project in Foreign Policy Analysis	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		
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:

<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		
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		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		
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* *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/Year Abroad shall be transferred onto the four-year version of the programme and graduate with one of the following:

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