

Academic Year 2026/27

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 Diocletian	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		
HCA2000	Sacred Words and Dirty Deeds: Thriving in Late Antiquity	20		20	5		
HCA2001	The Mediterranean: A Connected Past	20	20		5		
HIS2027	Africa: History of a Continent	20		20	5		
HIS2219	Oral History of Modern Britain	20	20		5		
HIS2300	1968: A Global Moment?	20		20	5		
HIS2304	Crafting History: Developing a Research Proposal	20		20	5		
HIS2305	War Wounds and Disabilities in Global Perspectives	20	20		5		

HIS2306	Famines in History	20	20		5		
HIS2308	History and Film: Representing the Past	20	20		5		
HIS2316	Researching History	20	20		5		
HIS2319	Reformation and Revolution: Tudors to the Georgians	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		
HIS2328	Politics in Britain: National Life since 1945	20	20		5		
LAS2030	Comparative History of Hispano-America and Brazil: From Independence to the Mexican Revolution (1789/1810-1917)	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		
POL2078	International Politics from 'elsewhere'	20	20		5		
POL2082	Political Violence and the Modern State	20		20	5		
POL2090	Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion: Social Issues in	20	20		5		

	Contemporary Political Philosophy						
POL2106	Democracy in Deeply Divided Societies	20	20		5		
POL2110	Critical Security Studies	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.

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>
ISY3000	International Study Year Module	120	60	60		6		

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>
ARA3013	Early Medieval Britain	20	20		6		
ARA3021	Frontier Communities of Roman Britain	20		20	6		
ARA3118	Early Prehistoric Europe: Origins and transformations	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		
HIS3326	Gender and the British Empire: Violence towards Men and Women in the Making of Modern South Asia	20	20		6		
HIS3341	Lunatic to Citizen? Madness and Society since 1900	20		20	6		
HIS3344	The Rise and Fall of the Berlin Wall, 1961-1990	20	20		6		
HIS3351	Buddhism and Society in Medieval Japan	20	20		6		
HIS3355	The Gulag: A History of the Soviet Camps - Origins, Experiences and Aftermaths	20		20	6		
HIS3359	Nineteenth Century Aotearoa New Zealand: Maori, Pakeha & Tauwi	20		20	6		
HIS3362	War and Remembering: Recalling War in Oral Histories, c.1950-2022	20		20	6		
HIS3364	May 1968: All Power to the Imagination	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		
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		
LAS4001	Inter-American Relations from the Spanish-American War (1898) to the end of the Cold War (1989/1991)	20		20	6		
SELL3444	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>
POL3042	Writing for Foreign Policy Makers: Research Project in Foreign Policy Analysis	20	20		6		
POL3050	The 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		

- (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