

## Changes to previous information

During the global COVID-19 pandemic, we prioritised the health, wellbeing and safety of our students and staff.

As we start the new academic year, your health, wellbeing and safety remains our top priority. This means when we return to our campuses and buildings in September 2020 social distancing and other health and safety measures will be in place. This is to help keep you, and others around you, safe. We will respond to the requirements of vulnerable students regarding their personal safety on an individual basis.

We remain committed to delivering an outstanding education and student experience both on campus and online. Like most universities, we'll be providing a mix of on-site face-to-face and digital learning and teaching. The exact mix will vary between courses and course modules taking into account teaching requirements and other considerations such as meeting the safety of vulnerable staff.

It is important to emphasise that a face-to-face, on-site experience will be delivered within the Government and Public Health England guidance and providing there are no serious unforeseeable public health issues that result in the Government introducing further lockdown measures.

Our response to the pandemic means we may have made changes to your course. This is to take account of these important health and safety measures.

We ask you to read the information provided about course changes carefully. We detail what we include in our online prospectus and explain what has changed.

You should read our statement of changes alongside any information provided in videos, at open days or in other promotional materials. This is because the information may also have been affected by the changes we had to make. We are providing this information so you can make an informed choice about whether the course remains suitable for you.

When you register for your course, you will be asked to confirm you have read about our changes and you agree to them. It means that by choosing to continue with your application, and register with us, you accept these changes and are happy to study your course with us.

We really look forward to seeing you in the next academic year. In the meantime, if you want to find out more about University life from this September, and being part of our supportive and welcoming community, please visit our [September 2020 web pages](#).

Current published course related information		
Course title	International Relations with Foundation Year	No changes
Award level	BSc – Single honours only	No changes
<b>How do you want to study?</b>		
Start Date	Sept 2020	No changes
Modes of study	Full-time	No changes
Duration	4 years	No changes
UCAS code	L257	No changes
Location	Canterbury	No changes
Partner institution	N/A	No changes
Available with a Foundation Year	N/A	No changes
<b>Overview</b>		
	<p>Taught by experts in a stimulating and inclusive environment, you will gain a historical understanding of the development of nation states and its contemporary relevance.</p> <p>The foundation year helps you develop the study skills and self-confidence needed for higher education when you don't reach the entry requirements for your subject or you need a grounding in a new subject area.</p> <p>Examine what obligations states might have in today's international society and explore the links between identity, conflict and models of governance to deal with the challenges of the 21st century.</p> <p>We place a strong emphasis on transferable skills with a focus on employability. You'll gain skills in critical thought and analysis, team work, and the ability to communicate complex ideas clearly and effectively.</p>	No changes

	<p>Our graduates are now working in a variety of sectors including the civil service, international non-governmental organisations, journalism, law, and teaching.</p>	
<p>Why study International Relations with Foundation Year?</p>		
	<p>If you are considering a degree in international relations, then you are probably already quite well informed about what is happening both nationally and internationally. This course will challenge you to use your knowledge of what is happening and gain a deeper understanding of why the world is the way it is.</p> <p><b>100% of our International Relations students were satisfied with the quality of their course.</b> <b>National Student Survey 2019</b></p> <p>During the foundation year, you'll gain an understanding of contemporary issues in politics and the social sciences, while developing study skills that will help you progress through the degree.</p> <p>Throughout the course, our lecturers will introduce you to theories and conceptual approaches which help make sense of political events and processes.</p> <p>You'll share your knowledge and opinions with fellow students as you explore the core themes of international relations – power, justice, security and peace – together.</p> <p>As well as traditional teaching methods such as lectures and tutorials, you'll have opportunities to go on field trips to the Houses of Parliament or the European Union institutions in Brussels and Strasbourg. In addition, you might be eligible to study abroad for a year as part of the Erasmus programme.</p> <p><b>100% of our International Relations</b></p>	<p><b>Note:</b> Given the current circumstances, trips and study abroad opportunities as well as on-site public events (Making Politics Matter events) have been <b>suspended</b> until further notice. In place of the trips and public events we will, where possible, endeavour to recreate the experience of and knowledge which you would gain in a field trip and public event via various online activities. For instance, we might organise webinars and online workshops with political practitioners and members of social and political organisations. We will continue to strive to offer internships and employment opportunities or equivalent opportunities (e.g. remote working internal internships), where appropriate and possible.</p>

	<p><b>students were satisfied with the quality of their course.</b></p> <p><b>National Student Survey 2019</b></p> <p>Through our Making Politics Matter series, we regularly invite high-profile guest speakers, including politicians, to debate the issues of the day with our students and the general public. Staff and students work together to organise these events, providing another opportunity to enhance networking and employability skills.</p> <p>You'll also hear from guest lecturers who present specialised topics as part of certain modules. Wherever possible, we invite practitioners to provide insights from their professional experience.</p> <p>We encourage, support and facilitate work experience in order to maximise your opportunities to gain real world insights. Many of our students have undertaken internships or work shadowing with MPs, MEPs and UN agencies. We also offer short term employment opportunities such as working as a researcher on academic projects and working within our Centre for European Studies or as part of the Making Politics Matter initiative.</p> <p>Our International Relations course offers you a balance of current issues, theoretical analysis and historical context based on three important elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>an examination of significant international relations theories and their contemporary relevance</li><li>importance of international cooperation and global governance</li><li>focus on contemporary issues such as the political influence of emerging powers and new international policy concerns such as energy security or climate change.</li></ul> <p><b>“The degree will challenge you to think</b></p>	
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	<p><b>critically, consistently. Looking back on my three years, I absolutely loved the variety of modules. I was always spoilt for choice at every avenue; vital if like me at the time, you too are not yet sure what area of politics you would like to specialise in.”</b></p> <p><b>Kojo</b></p> <p><b>93% of our International Relations students were satisfied with their learning opportunities.</b></p> <p><b>National Student Survey 2019</b></p> <p>“The curriculum remains current, exciting and challenging. The scope and content of the curriculum prepares students well through its breadth and depth. Graduates are able to demonstrate knowledge and skills that will equip them well for the future. It is clear in the work that is produced that students are engaged and often excited by their studies. The efforts to go beyond teaching the curriculum to offering opportunities for students to gain social and cultural capital are commendable.”</p> <p><b>External Examiners Report, May 2019</b></p>	
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Entry requirements	Applicants should normally have 32 UCAS Tariff points. We will also welcome applications from students with few or no formal Level 3 qualifications who wish to return to education and applicants may be asked to attend an interview.	No changes
<b>All about the course</b>		
Foundation Year	During the foundation year, you'll develop the self-confidence and study skills needed to progress to the degree. You'll learn about contemporary issues in politics and the social sciences.	No changes
Year 1	In Year 1 you'll have an introduction to international relations and you'll study British and global politics and explore key political thinkers.	No changes
Year 2	In Year 2, you'll study theories of international relations. You'll also examine certain core methods used in political research and analysis and may have the opportunity to study abroad. During Year 2 and Year 3, you'll be able to choose optional modules on subjects that most interest you.	No changes
Year 3	In Year 3, you'll continue to study core and optional modules and you'll undertake a significant piece of independent research where you'll select a topic of special interest within your discipline area.	No changes
<b>Module information</b> Please note that the list of optional modules and their availability may be subject to change. We continually review and where appropriate, revise the range of modules on offer to reflect changes in the subject and ensure the best student experience. Modules will vary when studied in combination with another subject.		
<b>Core Foundation Year</b>		
	Contemporary Issues in Politics Core module - (0 Credits)  You'll explore key issues and questions in the study of politics, including how political systems function, how political change occurs, and who holds political power. There will be plenty of opportunities to get involved in lively and topical debate on contemporary political issues.	No changes
	Contemporary Issues in Psychology Core module - (0 Credits)  You'll learn about some key areas and concepts in psychology, including their	No changes

	<p>application to practical real-world problems and contemporary issues. You'll also look at how to approach psychological theory and application from a critical standpoint.</p>	
	<p>Contemporary Issues in Sociology Core module - (0 Credits)</p> <p>You'll begin to develop your understanding of key critical issues in the study of sociology, including race, class and gender. You'll be encouraged to use your 'sociological imagination' to interrogate these issues in an engaging, innovative and informative fashion.</p>	No changes
	<p>Contemporary Issues in Criminology Core module - (0 Credits)</p> <p>You'll study key concepts in criminology through analysis of contemporary issues within the criminal justice system. You'll also explore key questions concerning crime in our society.</p>	No changes
	<p>Academic Skills I Core module - (0 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you'll start developing the academic skills you need as you progress to the degree. You will identify and develop a range of transferable skills, which may include essay writing, research, communication and team working skills.</p>	No changes
	<p>Academic Skills II Core module - (0 Credits)</p> <p>You'll further develop and extend the skills you learned in Academic Skills 1, so that you are fully prepared to study as a self-reflective learner at higher education level.</p>	No changes
Core year 1		
	<p>Introduction to International Relations Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you'll develop the key skills you need to progress through your degree, such as library and online research skills, essay writing and presentation skills. You'll develop an understanding of key issues and theories in the study of international relations. This may include topics like migration, conflict, inequality, violence,</p>	No changes

	climate change, etc. You'll explore theories such as liberalism, realism, feminism, post-colonialism and Marxism.	
	<p>Contemporary Global Politics Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>How has our world come to be shaped in the way that it is today? In this module, you will consider how the international political system of the past is being replaced by something markedly different – a global political world where state power is less significant. You will explore how the acquisition, possession and loss of state power became systematised over time and in different ways, and you'll explain critically the responses which have been made to this loss of power, from protectionism to full scale war.</p>	No changes
	<p>British Politics in Context Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module will provide you with an improved understanding of why, politically, we are as we are today. Topics covered may include: the post-war consensus, the miners' Strike, Thatcherism, New Labour, the fall and rise of the Liberals, Britain and Europe.</p>	No changes
	<p>Reimagining the EU in the World Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>Why do nation states choose to join the EU? Why do others wish to leave? How much sovereignty do states sign over to the EU? Why are certain policies so controversial? What is the purpose of the European institutions? What role does the EU play on the global stage? To answer these important questions, you will examine European integration during the twentieth and twenty-first centuries and you'll analyse the main policies and institutions of the European Union.</p>	<p>Reimagining the EU in the World will be replaced by the following module as a core module:</p> <p>Power, Politics and the State Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>What is the nature of political power? How does it operate in practice? How do structures of race, gender and class affect access to power? What role does the state play in contemporary society? This module will cover a number of key issues central to understanding the relationship between the realm of the state, its modes of power and authority, its various ideologies, and its connection with modes of governance.</p>
	<p>Key Political Thinkers Core module - (20 Credits)</p>	No changes

	<p>What is the purpose of government? Is it ever permissible for politicians to act immorally? Should national interest take primacy over individual rights? Is it ever ok to break the law? Would it be wrong to smash capitalism? In this module, you'll explore key thinkers in the history of political thought, and their attempts to answer these and other challenging political and philosophical questions. You'll scrutinise a range of long-standing arguments and ideas in political philosophy, using these to interrogate current dilemmas in domestic and international politics, and to establish connections between the political concerns of the past and present.</p>	
Optional year 1		
	<p>Power, Politics and the State Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>What is the nature of political power? How does it operate in practice? How do structures of race, gender and class affect access to power? What role does the state play in contemporary society? This module will cover a number of key issues central to understanding the relationship between the realm of the state, its modes of power and authority, its various ideologies, and its connection with modes of governance.</p>	<p>Power, Politics and the State will be replaced by the following module as an option:</p> <p>Reimagining the EU in the World Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>Why do nation states choose to join the EU? Why do others wish to leave? How much sovereignty do states sign over to the EU? Why are certain policies so controversial? What is the purpose of the European institutions? What role does the EU play on the global stage? To answer these important questions, you will examine European integration during the twentieth and twenty-first centuries and you'll analyse the main policies and institutions of the European Union.</p>
		<p>Modern Foreign Language Module Optional Module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You can take one 20-credit language module that counts towards your degree. You don't need any previous knowledge of the language, at level 4, as the language modules are all at beginner's level. You can learn one of</p>

		<p>the following languages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• French</li> <li>• Italian</li> <li>• German</li> <li>• Mandarin Chinese</li> <li>• Spanish</li> </ul>
Core year 2		
	<p>Theories of International Relations Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you'll explore the different ways in which the world of international politics can be understood with reference to the many perspectives that exist politically, culturally, socially or religiously and also to our perspective on the world. You'll study a range of theories that further expand on the idea that there is not just one way of looking at the world. We will look at key events in the 20th and 21st century like WWI, WWII, the Cold War, decolonisation, 9/11 and the financial crisis, analysing them by using different theories that look at power (realism), cooperation (liberalism), identity (constructivism), gender (feminism), race (post-colonialism), or class (Marxism).</p>	No changes
	<p>Political Research Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will examine certain core methods used in political research and analysis, for example, survey and interview design, primary and secondary data analysis, and the use of statistics. You will explore the ethical issues that can arise when undertaking political research. Emphasis will also be placed on the theoretical context of research – specifically the domain of social scientific epistemology.</p>	No changes
Optional year 2		
	<p>European Union: Power, Policy and Integration Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will examine the scope of community power, the supremacy of EU law and the complexity of EU decision making. You will also explore some of the major policy areas</p>	No changes

	covered by the EU, for example, the continuing debate over the role of the EU in a common defence strategy, and some of its major legal doctrines.	
	<p>Federalism, Conflict Resolution and Good Governance Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module gives you an insight into the theory and practice of federalism and regionalism in a number of political systems. By focusing on the issue of multinationalism, you will explore how federalism can be seen as a form of conflict management in divided societies in Europe and beyond.</p>	No changes
	<p>Global Governance Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you'll be introduced to concepts and examples of globalisation and governance. You will explore international, supra-state and global dynamics, retracing them through a range of issues that are often the solved but sometimes also caused by globalisation and governance; these could include humanitarian interventions, climate change, or global inequality. You will take part in a class-wide simulation where you will represent a particular party (state, organisation, NGO, social movement) at a negotiation. This will give you a very direct experience of the promises and perils of global governance.</p>	No changes
		<p>Global Ethics Optional Module - (20 credits)</p> <p>Our local and global landscape is marked by a deep diversity of cultures, beliefs and moral values; and, this poses a fundamental political challenge: how are we to live well together, when we cannot agree on how people ought to lead their lives?</p> <p>That question forms the core of this module, which explores a range of key concepts and ethical issues in global politics, including global justice, poverty, gender and representation,</p>

		<p>global poverty, community and culture, conflict, injustice, problems of dirty hands, the ethics of civil disobedience and protest, the ethics of war, terrorism and the ethics of torture.</p> <p>The module will equip you with the theoretical tools to scrutinise the aforementioned issues and problems, and to reflect on the application of ethical theories to social and political problems through the examination of live ethical debates in contemporary global politics and international affairs.</p>
		<p>Comparative Politics Optional Module - (20 credits)</p> <p>This module is based on the long tradition of comparative political science and seeks to equip you with the critical knowledge and understanding required to appreciate the importance of global events and to analyse contemporary political institutions. You will examine the methodological underpinnings of comparative politics, and apply this knowledge to a practical analysis of political systems around the world.</p>
		<p>Transport, Politics, and Society Optional Module - (20 credits)</p> <p>We are a society that needs to move. Transport, and the mobility that transport provides, gives us access, to goods, opportunities, services and social networks, which sustain us and make our lives worth living. Put simply, if we can't get to places, we cannot take part in the activities that enable us to be included in the society in which we live.</p> <p>In this module, we will explore the ways in which those who have too little transport and too little mobility experience cultural, economic, political and social exclusion. We will explore how this 'mobility-related social</p>

		<p>exclusion' reproduces traditional patterns of disadvantage and disempowerment.</p> <p>But should the solution to too little mobility be to increase mobility? The evidence suggests that this would be a mistake, suggesting that the root cause of too little mobility is the fact that our society is built around too much mobility. We will explore the ways in which increasing mobility is environmentally problematic; and how, when we increase mobility, we actually decrease accessibility, pushing the world further away.</p> <p>Through the lens of transport policy, political decisions are brought to life: the compromises; the consequences; the contradictions. We will explore the transport impacts of a topical, non-transport policy, typically taken from the local area. This could include, for example: the impacts of Brexit for local communities in Kent; the relocation of Accident and Emergency services; or parental choice in education, through the creation of free schools. We will begin to develop skills in influence and impact as we explore and debate the competing demands for access and mobility in modern UK society.</p>
Core year 3		
	<p>Foreign Policy Analysis Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you'll examine the nature of diplomacy and foreign policy in the 21st century. You may consider question such as: Why do some foreign policy choices end in success and others in failure? Is it due to the way decisions are made or how policies are implemented? Who are the important actors and what factors influence their behaviour? What are the consequences of the rise of new powers and the shifts in priorities in a globalising world? You will</p>	No changes

	address both conceptual and empirical issues in relation to how foreign policy is designed and implemented.	
	<p>Individual Study Core module - (40 Credits)</p> <p>This is a significant piece of independent research, where you may select a topic of special interest within your discipline area. You will be guided by a lecturer, but the main direction of the work will be decided by you. Your individual study also acts as a step on the path to your career as it allows you to demonstrate effective time and workload management in the production of an extended piece of work.</p>	No changes
Optional year 3		
	<p>Contemporary Security: Theory &amp; Practice Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you'll learn about the most influential theoretical approaches in security studies, and some of the major issues in contemporary international security. You will look at the conceptual and theoretical history of security studies, examining themes such as NATO after the end of the Cold War and the security priorities for the United Kingdom. You'll also explore 'Critical Security Studies', where you'll analyse case studies and discuss the main theoretical schools, from the Copenhagen School to Post-Colonialism. You will also explore the interaction between theory and technological development, focusing on post-modernity and risk as conceptual tools for the understanding of issues such as cybersecurity or the use of drones.</p>	<p>European Security Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you'll learn about the most influential theoretical approaches in security studies, and some of the major issues in contemporary international security. You will look at the conceptual and theoretical history of security studies, examining themes such as NATO after the end of the Cold War and the security priorities for the United Kingdom. You'll also explore 'Critical Security Studies', where you'll analyse case studies and discuss the main theoretical schools, from the Copenhagen School to Post-Colonialism. You will also explore the interaction between theory and technological development, focusing on post-modernity and risk as conceptual tools for the understanding of issues such as cybersecurity or the use of drones.</p>
	<p>Radical Political Thought Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you'll study key thematic tensions and theoretical difficulties in the classical Marxist tradition. You'll look at the theoretical resources of political philosophy and positive political theory, giving attention to the issues of ideology,</p>	No changes

	<p>revolutionary morality, strategy, democracy and ‘emancipatory knowledge’. You'll explore key thinkers, such as Althusser, Laclau and Mouffe, Geras, Badiou, and Žižek. During the module, key questions that you could explore include: To what extent are the ‘problems of Marxism’ insurmountable for its reform? Is ideology a permanent aspect of human existence? Can a revolutionary ethics address the issue of ‘dirty hands’? How does desire motivate politics? Can we imagine a world free of ‘the state’? Is social clear still relevant for emancipatory politics? How important is the ecological ‘crisis’ for our understanding of radical politics? Can we imagine a world ‘beyond capitalism’? Is the ‘idea of communism’ dead?</p>	
		<p>Political Ideologies in Action Option - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module aims to provide students with a critical understanding of the way in which ideologies shape major in contemporary politics, both national and international. In that regard, this module has two main aims: first, to offer adequate theoretical and conceptual tools in order to understand political phenomena through ideological lenses; second, to familiarise students with the ideological underpinnings of the major issues in politics. These will vary according to their contemporary relevance, but can include topics such as: austerity politics, surveillance and privacy in the cyberspace, or the ascent of nationalist parties in contemporary Europe.</p>
		<p>Parliamentary Studies Option - (20 Credits)</p> <p>Parliament plays a key role in the British political system, but that role is often misunderstood. This module will explore this role, and adopt both a descriptive and analytical approach in doing so. It will provide an introduction to the Westminster Parliament, and</p>

		<p>examine where it fits into the political system as a representative institution. It will explore the key functions performed by parliament, in terms of deliberation, legislation and scrutiny, along with analysis of proposals to reform these functions. It will also examine the relationship between parliament and the public, and contemporary discussions about how this relationship might be improved. The module will cover both the House of Commons and the House of Lords, and will also, where useful, include some analysis of the devolved institutions.</p>
		<p>Authoritarian and Totalitarian Regimes Option - (20 Credits)</p> <p>Authoritarian and totalitarian regimes remain of key importance in the 21st century. Not only is our world today shaped by the experiences of past-totalitarian experiments (Fascism in Italy, National Socialism in Germany, Marxism-Leninism in the Soviet Union), but a number of contemporary countries can also be classified as authoritarian and totalitarian.</p> <p>The aim of this module is to introduce and familiarize you with the politics of authoritarian and totalitarian regimes. You will not only study the different types of authoritarian and totalitarian regimes but also learn about their internal politics, popular resistance, and mechanisms that regime leaders employ to prevent democratisation. The module also allows you to develop your critical analysis skills as well as your ability to communicate with others through module assignments, presentations, and class participation. These skills are important for employment in any field and sector. Students who complete this module</p>

		<p>will also have a more informed understanding of politics in general and will develop their ability to analyse political news.</p>
		<p>International Justice and Human Rights Option - (20 credits)</p> <p>In this module, you will identify and focus on the mechanisms and functions of International Human Rights Law, and to scrutinise its multifaceted implications. The course will offer insight to the history and philosophical foundations of human rights, as well as an appreciation of how human rights operate within a national as well as international legal system.</p>

## How you'll learn

### Teaching

We want you to be able to engage in politics and apply your knowledge to real world cases. Using innovative teaching methods, we bring the outside world into our degree, so you'll be learning through political role plays, policy brief writing, blogging and interactive learning via webinars and other digital platforms. You'll also have the opportunity to go on visits to places relevant to the world of international relations and politics.

Teaching is structured to allow for flexibility. Your actual contact hours will depend on the optional modules you select. However, typically you will have 9-12 hours of structured contact time per week. This may be in lectures, where the module leader delivers key material to you in a large group, or seminars where you'll discuss and debate the material being studied in smaller groups. You may also experience workshops, which combine lectures and seminars when the class size is smaller.

Our degree has a strong focus on career development. You can build your experience by developing transferable skills together with our partners from the political arena (journalists, diplomats, parliamentarians, civil servants, NGOs), who are actively involved with the curriculum.

All courses are informed by the University's Learning and Teaching Strategy 2015-2022.

*All programmes will be designed to accommodate blended learning approaches ensuring the learning design purposefully, thoughtfully and effectively integrates on-site face-to-face and digital learning opportunities, informed and driven by student needs.*

*All lectures will be delivered digitally,(small) interactive lectures may be accommodated on campus (subject to availability).*

*Contact hours are defined as hours in which a student interacts through thoughtfully structured activity to include:*

- On-site face-to-face teaching*
- Synchronous live digital teaching*
- Asynchronous digital activities as part of structured learning (for example, running a discussion activity regarding an aspect of the current topic through Blackboard Collaborate, Padlet or Blackboard Discussion Boards). A pre-recorded lecture presentation provided via ReCap can also be included in this definition provided it is part of a broader structured activity.*

Our degree will enable you to engage in politics and apply your knowledge to real world cases. Using innovative teaching and learning methods (e.g. simulations such as Hustings and Global Negotiations; debates; case study analysis; twitter analysis, blog writing, interactive events with guest speakers; webinars), we bring the outside world into our degree. In short, you'll be learning through political role plays,

	<p>policy brief writing, blogging and interactive learning via webinars and other digital platforms. Where appropriate and possible, the module will also provide you with the opportunity to go on visits to places relevant to the world of international relations and politics.</p> <p>Teaching is structured to allow for flexibility. Your actual contact hours will depend on the optional modules you select. However, typically you will have 9-12 hours of structured contact time per week. We will endeavour to offer the following learning and teaching approaches and methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lectures (onsite and online) where the module leader delivers key material to you</li><li>• Seminars where you'll discuss and debate the material being studied in smaller groups.</li><li>• Workshops (onsite and online), which combine lectures and seminars when the class size is smaller.</li></ul> <p>In light of the current circumstances and demands of the job market, the programme and course will, in addition to onsite learning, thus also involve a variety of online teaching and learning strategies that aim to foster independent, critical thinking and learning - e.g. virtual workshops, lectures, videos, and online sessions. These teaching strategies will also equip you with core, transferable skills, knowledge of novel ways of working, and thereby prepare you to establish and effectively lead a post-Covid 19 professional life.</p> <p>Our degree has a strong focus on career development. You can build</p>
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		<p>your experience by developing transferable skills together with our partners from the political arena (journalists, diplomats, parliamentarians, civil servants, NGOs), who are actively involved with the curriculum.</p> <p>All courses are informed by the University's Learning and Teaching Strategy 2015-2022.</p>
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Independent study	<p>When not attending timetabled sessions, we expect you to continue learning through self-directed study. Typically, this involves undertaking research in the library, working on projects, and preparing for coursework assignments/examinations, workshops and seminars.</p> <p>Your lecturers will indicate specific readings and/or activities to complete before class. We will also provide reading lists for further study. Seminars are enriched when students have completed their independent reading, allowing everyone to interact with this learning and benefiting the whole group.</p> <p>The Individual Study in your final year is a significant piece of independent research, where you may select a topic of special interest. You will be guided by a supervisor, but the main direction of the work will be decided by you.</p>	<p>When not attending timetabled sessions, we expect you to continue learning through self-directed study. Typically, this involves undertaking research, working on projects, attending online lectures, and preparing for coursework assignments/examinations, workshops and seminars.</p> <p>Your lecturers will indicate specific readings and/or activities to complete before class. We will also provide reading lists for further study. Seminars are enriched when students have completed their independent reading, allowing everyone to interact with this learning and benefiting the whole group.</p> <p>The Individual Study in your final year is a significant piece of independent research, where you may select a topic of special interest. You will be guided by a supervisor, but the main direction of the work will be decided by you.</p>
Overall workload	<p>Teaching is structured to allow for flexibility. Your actual contact hours will depend on the optional modules you select. However, typically you will have 9-12 hours of structured contact time per week.</p> <p>For every hour of contact, you'll be expected complete three hours of independent study.</p>	No changes
Academic input	<p>You will be taught by academics at all stages of their careers, from postdoctoral researchers to professors.</p> <p>Every member of our teaching team is committed to innovative and engaging approaches to teaching and members hold excellent teaching qualifications (Higher Education Academy accredited) and academic qualifications (PhDs in Politics or International Relations).</p> <p>We are also research active, publishing our research in academic journals and books,</p>	No changes

	<p>engaging in work with academic and professional bodies, and featuring in the media when our expertise is required.</p> <p>Our students tell us that they value the opportunities they have to be taught by experts in particular areas.</p> <p>“As political leaders struggle to make sense of problems we face, locally and globally, fresh thinking from the next generation is needed. Our passionate, dedicated team is committed to providing an innovative and challenging experience to all our students. Learning about human rights, social justice and power dynamics, students gain political understanding and critical reasoning required for our changing world.”</p> <p><b>Dr Paul Anderson</b> <b>Lecturer in Politics and International Relations</b></p>	
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## How you'll be assessed

	<p>We recognise that people learn differently and our assessments are designed to be as varied as possible to maximise the opportunities for students to demonstrate the knowledge they have acquired. You will be assessed through a range of methods, including essays, examinations, individual and group oral presentations, practical assignments and reports, active simulations which recreate political scenarios, social media blogs and research projects. These will evaluate your acquisition of relevant knowledge and understanding and the development of academic style and practical skills. The balance of assessment depends on how you select your options.</p> <p><b>93% of our International Relations students were satisfied with the quality of teaching on their course.</b></p> <p><b>National Student Survey 2019</b></p> <p>Single honours students are required to undertake a 40 credit Individual Study which explores a theme related to International Relations of your own choosing. This is also an option for combined honours students who wish to major with our course.</p> <p>To progress from one level of study to the next you must pass 120 credits (typically six 20 credit modules). The standard pass mark for a module is 40%.</p> <p><b>Feedback</b></p> <p>Our aim is to ensure that assessments cater for a range of students' requirements. Throughout the degree, strong emphasis is placed on regular feedback in order to provide you with the opportunity to enhance your performance.</p> <p><b>"The achievements of some students exceed those of other HE institutions particularly in those modules where students are required to become involved in simulations/research conferences/presentations or the</b></p>	<p>No changes</p>
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	<p><b>production of briefing notes and blogs. All these different assessment tools enable students to really showcase their achievements and the development of employability and professional skills.”</b></p> <p><b>External Examiners Report, May 2019</b></p>	
Your future career		
	<p>In a competitive job market, it is crucial that as a graduate you have all the right skills that employers are looking for. Our international relations degree emphasises transferable skills at each level of study, with a strong focus on career development. You can expect to gain skills in critical thought and analysis, working autonomously and as part of a team, networking, and the ability to communicate complex ideas in a clear and concise fashion.</p> <p>“My degree helped my career in many ways. My clients are banking institutions, asset management and law firms. They are all tied to international developments around the globe. Conflicts, trading regulations and political instabilities shape our global society and affect everyone. Thanks to my degree I can relate with my clients, track potential opportunities and understand my clients' preoccupations.”</p> <p><b>William</b> <b>International Relations graduate</b></p>	
Fees		
UK/EU	Full-time - Foundation Year 0 £7,050	No changes
	Full-time - years 1-3 * £9,250	No changes
Overseas	Full-time - Foundation Year 0 £9,910	No changes
	Full-time - years 1-3 * £13,000	No changes
* The tuition fees of £9,250 / £13,000 relate to 2020/21 only. Please read the 2020/21 Tuition Fee Statement for further information regarding 2020/21 tuition fees and year on year fee increases.		

Course specific costs		
Field Trips (including trips abroad and trips to museums, theatres, workshops etc)	<p>Compulsory field trips are all covered by tuition fees or by external funding. On these trips students would be expected to pay only for food and drink.</p> <p>Occasional non-compulsory interest based trips may also be organised during the course of the degree programme. These trips are funded for those students in receipt of a student hardship fund, but all other students would be expected to pay train fares and subsistence. Most of these outings take place in London and would last no longer than one day, thus costing the student no more than £40.</p>	<p>Compulsory field trips are all covered by tuition fees or by external funding. On these trips students would be expected to pay only for food and drink*.</p> <p>Occasional non-compulsory interest based trips may also be organised during the course of the degree programme, where possible and appropriate. These trips are funded for those students in receipt of a student hardship fund, but all other students would be expected to pay train fares and subsistence. Most of these outings take place in London and would last no longer than one day, thus costing the student no more than £40.</p> <p>*Given the current circumstances, we have <b>suspended</b> trips until further notice. We will endeavour to replace trips, where appropriate and possible, with documentaries, webinars and online workshops with political practitioners and members of social and political organisations.</p>
Text books	<p>Text books for each module are advised for purchase. Normally we advise one core reading text per module. We have 6 modules per year for single honours students and text books cost around £30 each. This would come to £180 if all books were purchased.</p> <p>These books are however also available in the library and are therefore not compulsory purchases.</p>	No changes
Professional accreditation	N/A	No changes
Specialist Facilities and Industry Links		
	<p>Our politics degree is enhanced by our links with local, national and international politicians and policymakers. External funding from the European Commission's Jean Monnet programme for European political study supports our Jean Monnet</p>	<p>Our degree is enhanced by our links with local, national and international politicians and policymakers. External funding from the European Commission's Jean Monnet programme</p>

	<p>Centre for European Studies. This allows us to take students on fully paid visits to sites of European interest and have previously included trips to Brussels and the war graves of Northern France.</p> <p>Where appropriate, we invite practitioners to speak to students about their experiences working on policy issues which relate to the academic material under investigation. For example, the Foreign Policy Analysis module has been addressed by former ambassadors and foreign affairs correspondents. Parliamentary clerks have visited British Politics modules and representatives of NGOs supporting refugees have participated in sessions of the Politics of Migration module. Our own graduates regularly return and get involved in different modules to build a sense of community among current students and alumni.</p>	<p>for European political study has supported our Jean Monnet Centre for European Studies. This has allowed us, where possible and appropriate, to take students on fully paid visits to sites of European interest and have previously included trips to Brussels and the war graves of Northern France*.</p> <p>Where appropriate, we also invite practitioners to speak to students about their experiences working on policy issues which relate to the academic material under investigation. For example, the Foreign Policy Analysis module has been addressed by former ambassadors and foreign affairs correspondents. MPs and Parliamentary clerks have visited British Politics modules and representatives of NGOs supporting refugees have participated in sessions for the Global Governance. Our own graduates regularly return and get involved in different modules to build a sense of community among current students and alumni.</p> <p><b>*Note:</b> Bearing in mind the circumstances we are facing, we have <b>suspended</b> trips until further notice. However, in place of the trips we will endeavour to offer the opportunity for webinars and online workshops with political practitioners and members of social and political organisations.</p>
Other important information		
	N/A	No changes
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