

## 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	Politics 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		No changes
UCAS code	L202	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><b>Skills of clear-sighted political analysis are needed more than ever before, as our traditional political ‘certainties’ crumble.</b></p> <p>Our Politics course situates the big issues of the day in their historical and philosophical contexts. You’ll explore change in local, national and global dimensions of politics, and scrutinise political ideas, structures and approaches.</p> <p>There is strong emphasis on helping you gain the transferable skills that employers are looking for. The foundation year will develop your skills in critical thought and analysis, working as part of a team, networking, and the ability to communicate complex ideas clearly and concisely. These valuable assets will help you to enter roles in a variety of sectors such as national or local government, non-governmental organisations, journalism, or teaching.</p>	No changes

## Why study Politics with Foundation Year?

	<p>Every aspect of human life is organised around politics of one sort or another. Family, work, university, clubs and societies of all shapes and sizes are as ‘political’ as the more obvious institutions such as states, governments, trade unions, political parties and international organisations, such as the United Nations.</p> <p>Our Politics course gives you the opportunity to find out what makes something political – is it all related to the balance of power between states, individuals and organisations? How do class, gender and other aspects of identity influence how policies are decided and implemented?</p> <p><b>100% of our Politics students were satisfied with the quality of their course.</b></p> <p><b>National Student Survey 2019</b></p> <p>You may already have some firm views about politics or you might not have any party allegiance or ideological preference. Either way, as long as you are enthusiastic about exploring the ways the world works (or sometimes doesn’t), you’ll be able to develop your political thinking through this stimulating course.</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>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>3rd in the UK for student satisfaction with the quality of the course in the subject</b></p>	<p>Every aspect of human life is organised around politics of one sort or another. Family, work, university, clubs and societies of all shapes and sizes are as ‘political’ as the more obvious institutions such as states, governments, trade unions, political parties and international organisations, such as the United Nations.</p> <p>Our Politics course gives you the opportunity to find out what makes something political – is it all related to the balance of power between states, individuals and organisations? How do class, gender and other aspects of identity influence how policies are decided and implemented?</p> <p><b>100% of our Politics students were satisfied with the quality of their course.</b></p> <p><b>National Student Survey 2019</b></p> <p>You may already have some firm views about politics, or you might not have any party allegiance or ideological preference. Either way, if you are enthusiastic about exploring the ways the world works (or sometimes doesn’t), you’ll be able to develop your political thinking through this stimulating course.</p> <p>As well as traditional teaching methods such as onsite and online lectures, workshops and tutorials, the course, where appropriate and possible, will provide you 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>
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	<p><b>area of Politics.</b></p> <p><b>The Guardian University League Tables 2020</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><b>3rd in the UK for student satisfaction with the quality of the course in the subject area of Politics.</b></p> <p><b>The Guardian University League Tables 2020</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>Wherever possible, we invite guest speakers (e.g. political practitioners and members of social and political organisations) to present on specialised topics and provide insights from their professional experience, and into the inner workings of political institutions and processes, as part of some of the modules which you will be studying.</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>* <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,</p>
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		<p>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>
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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>About the course</b>		
	<p>Our expertise in models of government and governance, radical political thought and political ethics informs modules which combine empirical political study and theoretical analysis. Together, we will tackle questions which have puzzled scholars from the times of the Ancient Greeks, but remain relevant to all our lives today.</p> <p><b>100% of our Politics students were satisfied with the quality of teaching on their course.</b></p> <p><b>National Student Survey 2019</b></p> <p><b>98% of our Politics students were satisfied with their learning opportunities.</b></p> <p><b>National Student Survey 2019</b></p>	No changes
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 politics and governance, and you'll study British and global politics. You'll also explore key political thinkers.	No changes
Year 2	In Year 2, you'll study political theory. You'll also examine certain core methods used in political research and analysis. 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
<p><b>Module information</b></p> <p>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</p>		

will vary when studied in combination with another subject.

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	<p>Contemporary Issues in Politics Core module - (0 Credits)</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>No changes</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>	<p>No changes</p>
	<p>Contemporary Issues in Psychology Core module - (0 Credits)</p> <p>You'll learn about some key areas and concepts in psychology, including their 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>No changes</p>
	<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>	<p>No changes</p>
	<p>Academic Skills 1 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>	<p>No changes</p>
	<p>Academic Skills 2</p>	<p>No changes</p>

	<p>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>	
Core year 1		
	<p>Introduction to Politics and Governance 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 politics.</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>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>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</p>	<p>This core module will be replaced by the following 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</p>

	<p>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>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> <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>	<p>No changes</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>This optional module will be replaced by the following optional module:</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</p>

		<p>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 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>Contemporary Political Theory Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you'll evaluate the key authors and ideas central to contemporary political theory. Thinkers will include John Rawls, Robert Nozick, Charles Taylor, Richard Rorty, Michel Foucault, Hannah Arendt, Carol Pateman, Slavoj Zizek, and Chantal Mouffe. Some key questions that you will explore include: What do we mean when we use the term individual rights? What are the limitations to democracy? How do we define liberty? Should freedom of speech be restricted? To what extent is liberal democratic society patriarchal in its structure?</p>	No changes
	<p>Political Research Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will examine certain methods used in political research, 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 and you'll look at the theoretical context of research – specifically the domain of social scientific epistemology.</p>	No changes
Optional year 2		
	<p>British Politics: Continuity and Change Optional module - (20 Credits)</p>	No changes

	<p>In this module, you'll explore the structure of British politics and the practical functioning of British government. You will examine the main political and administrative institutions in the British system within a comparative context. Specifically, you will explore alternative political processes as well as the formal institutions of state; this will involve studying powerful forces such as political parties, non governmental organisations and the British media, alongside institutions such as Parliament, the Prime Minister, the Civil Service and the constitutional monarchy.</p>	
	<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 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>	<p>No changes</p>
	<p>Comparative Politics: States and Societies Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module is based on the long tradition of comparative political science and it is designed to give you the critical knowledge and understanding required to appreciate the importance of global events and to analyse contemporary political institutions. Building on the knowledge and understanding developed in the earlier module Introduction to Politics and Governance, 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>No changes</p>
	<p>Transport: Politics and Society Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you'll study the complexity of politics in the real world, through the lens of transport policy. You will begin to</p>	<p>No changes</p>

	<p>explore the problem of too little mobility, due to lack of access to transport, for specific groups in UK society, before examining the negative consequences of increasing mobility for these groups, the environment and wider society. You'll learn about ways in which transport influences society and you'll develop your understanding of the complexity of political decision-making, the contradictions inherent in policy making and the compromises that are necessary when we seek to influence.</p>	
		<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, 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 problems, and reflect on the application of those ideas to social and political problems through the examination of live ethical debates in contemporary global politics and international affairs.</p>
		<p>Federalism, Conflict Resolution and Good Governance Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module gives you an insight into</p>

		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
Core year 3		
	<p>Political Ideologies in Action Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you'll develop a critical understanding of the way in which different ideologies shape contemporary, national and international, political problems and projects. Using theoretical and conceptual tools, you'll study political phenomena through an ideological lens and you'll learn about the ideological underpinnings of the major issues in politics.</p>	No changes
	<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 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.</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</p>

	<p>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>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, 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>No changes</p>
		<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</p>

		<p>in priorities in a globalising world? You will address both conceptual and empirical issues in relation to how foreign policy is designed and implemented.</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 several 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 will also have a more informed understanding of politics in general and will develop their ability to analyse political news.</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</p>

		<p>descriptive and analytical approach in doing so. It will provide an introduction to the Westminster Parliament, and 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>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; 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, policy brief writing, blogging and

	<p>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 politics and public affairs.</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. This may involve the following blended 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 your experience by developing transferable skills together with our</p>
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<p>Independent study</p>	<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 or other sessions, 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>Overall workload</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.</p> <p>For every hour of contact, you'll be expected complete three hours of independent study.</p>	<p>No changes</p>
<p>Academic input</p>	<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>	<p>No changes</p>

	<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>	
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## How you'll be assessed

	<p><b>100% of our Politics students were satisfied with the academic support on their course.</b></p> <p><b>National Student Survey 2019</b></p> <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 can select your options.</p> <p>Single honours students are required to undertake a 40 credit 'Individual Study' which explores a theme related to Politics 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 assessment caters for a range of students' requirements. Throughout the course, a strong emphasis is placed on regular feedback in order to provide you with the opportunity to enhance your performance.</p>	No changes
<b>Fees</b>		
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
<p>* 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.</p>		

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. 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. Trips will be replaced, where appropriate and possible, with alternative extra-curricular opportunities and activities – e.g. 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
Industry links	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	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 for European political study supports

	<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>our Jean Monnet Centre for European Studies. This allows 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>* As noted above, given the circumstances we are facing, we have suspended 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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