



Programme Specification

Politics And International Relations {Foundation} [Frenchay]

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Section 1: Key Programme Details

Part A: Programme Information

Programme title: Politics And International Relations {Foundation} [Frenchay]

Highest award: BA (Hons) Politics and International Relations

Interim award: BA Politics and International Relations

Interim award: DipHE Politics and International Relations

Interim award: CertHE Politics and International Relations

Awarding institution: UWE Bristol

Affiliated institutions: Not applicable

Teaching institutions: UWE Bristol

Study abroad: Yes

Year abroad: Yes

Sandwich year: Yes

Credit recognition: No

Department responsible for the programme: HAS Dept of Social Sciences,
Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences

Contributing departments: Not applicable

Professional, statutory or regulatory bodies: Not applicable

Apprenticeship: Not applicable

Mode of delivery: Full-time, Part-time, Sandwich

Entry requirements: For the current entry requirements see the UWE public website.

For implementation from: 01 September 2023

Programme code: L29F00

Section 2: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

Part A: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

Overview: The BA (Hons) Politics and International Relations programme (with Foundation Year) is a four year programme (Full-time), a five year programme (Sandwich), or an eight year programme (Part-time). This undergraduate programme offers students an opportunity to engage with the important area of Politics and International Relations. Students can study both aspects of the subject on an equal basis, or specialise in pathways in either Politics or International Relations, or indeed any combination in between. The combination of both Politics and International Relations into a single course, with maximum flexibility in the Levels 5 and 6, and a very wide range of available option choices, allows students to design their own programme of study as freely as possible. One of the most important and distinctive characteristics of Politics and International Relations at UWE is that it is academically rigorous, while using innovative methods of teaching and learning to develop skills and contacts needed for future study and employment. The programme offers the opportunity to explore Politics and International Relations at local, national and global levels, engaging in theoretical, empirical, and practical dimensions of the discipline.

Educational Aims: The programme has the option to be entered via a thematically organised introduction to Social Sciences foundation year.

The programme aims to promote in its students capacity for outstanding learning, developing ready and able graduates who are active citizens, making a real contribution to their communities, workplaces and society; graduates with the skills, knowledge, attitude and confidence to create, critique, and make a difference to the world beyond university; graduates who are prepared for lifelong learning, personal-development, excellence and success in whatever fields they choose to work and participate.

The programme seeks to foster a strong global outlook in students. It is designed to encourage innovation and creativity in assessing current opportunities, challenges, and processes in Politics and International Relations, and in designing responses, thus preparing graduates for employment in both the private and public sectors, as well as in the third sector, in the UK and internationally. The programme is based on an understanding of Politics and International Relations as both a subject of academic study and a vocational discipline. The programme seeks to reflect this by:

Equipping students with an understanding of Politics and International Relations and related disciplines, especially focusing on current issues at the forefront of academic study.

Developing the analytical skills needed to make reasoned, creative and well informed judgments regarding the development and operation of domestic and international politics.

Assisting students to develop greater intellectual autonomy and to become independent learners.

Equipping students with the research skills and methodological knowledge needed to conduct their own research, such as in their project and placement module.

Refining students' ability to communicate effectively complex ideas in a diverse range of oral and written forms.

Encouraging effective decision-making, incorporating broad concerns in relation to issues such as development, sustainability, and global citizenship.

Assisting students to develop the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment requiring the exercise of initiative and personal responsibility and decision-making.

Encouraging lifelong learning and personal development and thereby enabling students to be able to work with self-direction and originality and to make a positive

contribution to society.

To acknowledge the wide diversity of students and their interests through a flexible programme, enabling the student to choose between a variety of modules and disciplines in order to meet their particular educational needs and to foster their individual development.

To provide an opportunity for international exchange and study abroad through the sandwich year.

To provide opportunity for placements.

Programme Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of this programme graduates will achieve the following learning outcomes.

Knowledge and Understanding

- A1. Philosophical Roots of political thought
- A2. Core social scientific theories and practices
- A3. The importance and quality of political knowledge
- A4. The range of political theories
- A5. The nature and evolution of political systems
- A6. The nature and evolution of the international system
- A7. The methodology of political science and international relations

Intellectual Skills

- B1. Ability to deal with complex and specialised problems and to explore the current limits of knowledge in Politics and International Relations
- B2. Ability to critically analyse, at the appropriate undergraduate level, approaches to Politics and International Relations, and to apply them to complex and developing factual situations

- B3. Ability to analyse and synthesise abstract concepts and theories
- B4. Ability to present a structured argument at both abstract and concrete levels
- B5. Ability to gather, retrieve and synthesize information

Subject/Professional Practice Skills

- C1. Ability to use information and knowledge effectively
- C2. Ability to communicate effectively in both written and oral form
- C3. Ability to articulate ideas, develop arguments and engage in debates orally, through presentations and group discussions and in written work
- C4. Ability to use relevant ICT effectively
- C5. Ability to apply academic knowledge to work experience and vice versa
- C6. Ability to recognise and critically reflect on academic, professional and personal development
- C7. Ability to demonstrate professional qualities, skills and attributes necessary for future career

Transferable Skills and other attributes

- D1. Effective communication to a variety of audiences through the use of a range of different media
- D2. Use of information technology to facilitate the exercise of the other skills listed here
- D3. Capacity for learning new information and knowledge and understanding how to apply it in practice
- D4. Ability to work effectively in a variety of roles as part of a team to achieve common goals
- D5. Ability to self-manage in order to be able to exercise the other skills identified above

Part B: Programme Structure**Year 1**

Full time and sandwich students must take 120 credits from the modules in Year 1.
Part time students must take 60 credits from the modules in Year 1.

Year 1 Compulsory Modules (Full Time and Sandwich)

Full time and sandwich students must take 120 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules (Full Time and Sandwich).

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UZQRUX-30-0	Essentials of Academic Practice 2022-23	30
UZQRUY-30-0	Exploring the Social World and the Problems of Crime 2022-23	30
UZQRV9-30-0	From Plato to Nato 2022-23	30
UZQRVA-30-0	People and Social Science 2022-23	30

Year 1 Compulsory Modules (Part Time)

Part time students must take 60 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules (Part Time).

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UZQRUX-30-0	Essentials of Academic Practice 2022-23	30
UZQRVA-30-0	People and Social Science 2022-23	30

Year 2

Full time and sandwich students must take 120 credits from the modules in Year 2.
Part time students must take 60 credits from the modules in Year 2.

Year 2 Compulsory Modules (Full Time and Sandwich)

Full time and sandwich students must take 120 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules (Full Time and Sandwich).

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UZQK8M-30-1	Critical Thinking and Political Theory 2023-24	30

UZQNFB-30-1	International Relations 2023-24	30
UZQNFH-30-1	Politics of Crisis and Change 2023-24	30
UZQSYE-30-1	Politics, States and Resistance 2023-24	30

Year 2 Compulsory Modules (Part Time)

Part time students must take 60 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules (Part Time).

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UZQRUY-30-0	Exploring the Social World and the Problems of Crime 2023-24	30
UZQRV9-30-0	From Plato to Nato 2023-24	30

Year 3

Full time and sandwich students must take 120 credits from the modules in Year 3. Part time students must take 60 credits from the modules in Year 3.

Year 3 Compulsory Modules (Full Time and Sandwich)

Full time and sandwich students must take 30 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules (Full Time and Sandwich).

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UZQYJE-30-2	Political Innovation, Leadership and Communication 2024-25	30

Year 3 Compulsory Modules (Part Time)

Part time students must take 60 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules (Part Time).

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UZQNFB-30-1	International Relations 2024-25	30
UZQSYE-30-1	Politics, States and Resistance 2024-25	30

Year 3 Optional Modules (Full Time and Sandwich)

Full time and sandwich students must take 90 credits from the Optional Modules (Full Time and Sandwich).

Available at the discretion of the Programme Leader:

The following optional Independent study modules may be made available to students to facilitate participation in, and completion of, study abroad exchange schemes.

UZQY33-15-2

UZQY34-15-2

UZQY35-15-2

UZQY36-15-2

UZQY37-15-2

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UZQNHB-30-2	Atrocities in Global Politics 2024-25	30
UZQYJF-30-2	Conflict, Security and Terror 2024-25	30
UZQYJG-30-2	Development and Decolonisation 2024-25	30
UZQSXP-30-2	Gender and Global Politics 2024-25	30
UZQNGS-30-2	Global Political Economy 2024-25	30
UZQNJP-30-2	US Foreign Policy 2024-25	30

Year 4

Full time and Sandwich students must take 120 credits from the modules in Year 4.

Part time students must take 60 credits from the modules in Year 4.

Year 4 Compulsory Modules (Full Time)

Full time students must take 30 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules (Full Time).

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UZQY5M-30-3	Politics and International Relations Project and Placement 2025-26	30

Year 4 Compulsory Modules (Part Time)

Part time students must take 60 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules (Part Time).

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UZQK8M-30-1	Critical Thinking and Political Theory 2025-26	30
UZQNFH-30-1	Politics of Crisis and Change 2025-26	30

Year 4 Compulsory Modules (Sandwich)

Sandwich students must take 15 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules (Sandwich).

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UZSY5D-15-3	Social Sciences Placement Year 2025-26	15

Year 4 Optional Modules (Full Time)

Full time students must take 90 credits from the modules in Optional Modules (Full Time).

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UZQY69-15-3	Britain After 'Brexit' 2025-26	15
UZQY6M-15-3	Climate Politics 2025-26	15
UZQY6C-15-3	Crimes and Criminality in World Politics 2025-26	15
UZQY6D-15-3	Critical Reflections on Security and Strategy 2025-26	15
UZRYJH-15-3	Decolonisation in Theory and Practice 2025-26	15
UZQY6E-15-3	Democracy in Theory and Practice 2025-26	15
UZQY6F-15-3	Development and Resistance in Latin America 2025-26	15

UZQY6G-15-3	Europe Reloaded 2025-26	15
UZQY6H-15-3	Exploring the International Relations of Southeast Asia 2025-26	15
UZQY6J-15-3	From Terror to Trauma: Politics in the Aftermath of Violence 2025-26	15
UZQY6A-15-3	Gender and Security 2025-26	15
UZQY6K-15-3	Global Governance 2025-26	15
UZQY6B-15-3	Identity, Agency and Violence in South Asia 2025-26	15
UZQY6L-15-3	Perspectives on Global Migration 2025-26	15
UZQY6N-15-3	Public Policy and Decision Making 2025-26	15
UZQY6P-15-3	Religion and Politics 2025-26	15
UZQK9A-15-3	Terrorism, Security and Migration in Europe 2025-26	15
UZQY66-15-3	The Berlin Republic 2025-26	15
UZQY6Q-15-3	Violence and the International Order: Law, Ethics and Politics 2025-26	15

Year 5

Sandwich students must take 105 credits from the modules in Year 5.

Part time students must take 60 credits from the modules in Year 5.

Year 5 Compulsory Modules (Part Time)

Compulsory modules can be taken by part time students in Year 5 or Year 6.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UZQYJE-30-2	Political Innovation, Leadership and Communication 2026-27	30

Year 5 Compulsory Modules (Sandwich)

Sandwich students must take 30 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules (Sandwich).

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UZQY5M-30-3	Politics and International Relations Project and Placement 2026-27	30

Year 5 Optional Modules (Part Time)

Optional modules can be taken by part time students in Year 5 or Year 6.

Available at the discretion of the Programme Leader:

The following optional Independent study modules may be made available to students to facilitate participation in, and completion of, study abroad exchange schemes.

UZQY33-15-2

UZQY34-15-2

UZQY35-15-2

UZQY36-15-2

UZQY37-15-2

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UZQNHB-30-2	Atrocities in Global Politics 2026-27	30
UZQYJF-30-2	Conflict, Security and Terror 2026-27	30
UZQYJG-30-2	Development and Decolonisation 2026-27	30
UZQSXP-30-2	Gender and Global Politics 2026-27	30
UZQNGS-30-2	Global Political Economy 2026-27	30
UZQNJP-30-2	US Foreign Policy 2026-27	30

Year 5 Optional Modules (Sandwich)

Sandwich students must take 75 credits from the modules in Optional Modules (Sandwich).

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UZQY69-15-3	Britain After 'Brexit' 2026-27	15
UZQY6M-15-3	Climate Politics 2026-27	15
UZQY6C-15-3	Crimes and Criminality in World Politics 2026-27	15
UZQY6D-15-3	Critical Reflections on Security and Strategy 2026-27	15
UZRYJH-15-3	Decolonisation in Theory and Practice 2026-27	15
UZQY6E-15-3	Democracy in Theory and Practice 2026-27	15
UZQY6F-15-3	Development and Resistance in Latin America 2026-27	15
UZQY6G-15-3	Europe Reloaded 2026-27	15
UZQY6H-15-3	Exploring the International Relations of Southeast Asia 2026-27	15
UZQY6J-15-3	From Terror to Trauma: Politics in the Aftermath of Violence 2026-27	15
UZQY6A-15-3	Gender and Security 2026-27	15
UZQY6K-15-3	Global Governance 2026-27	15
UZQY6B-15-3	Identity, Agency and Violence in South Asia 2026-27	15
UZQY6L-15-3	Perspectives on Global Migration 2026-27	15
UZQY6N-15-3	Public Policy and Decision Making 2026-27	15
UZQY6P-15-3	Religion and Politics 2026-27	15

UZQK9A-15-3	Terrorism, Security and Migration in Europe 2026-27	15
UZQY66-15-3	The Berlin Republic 2026-27	15
UZQY6Q-15-3	Violence and the International Order: Law, Ethics and Politics 2026-27	15

Year 6

Part time students must take 60 credits from the modules in Year 6.

Year 6 Compulsory Modules (Part Time)

Compulsory modules can be taken by part time students in Year 5 or Year 6.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UZQYJE-30-2	Political Innovation, Leadership and Communication 2027-28	30

Year 6 Optional Modules (Part Time)

Optional modules can be taken by part time students in Year 5 or Year 6.

Available at the discretion of the Programme Leader:

The following optional Independent study modules may be made available to students to facilitate participation in, and completion of, study abroad exchange schemes.

UZQY33-15-2
UZQY34-15-2
UZQY35-15-2
UZQY36-15-2
UZQY37-15-2

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UZQNHB-30-2	Atrocities in Global Politics 2027-28	30
UZQYJF-30-2	Conflict, Security and Terror 2027-28	30
UZQYJG-30-2	Development and Decolonisation 2027-28	30

UZQXP-30-2	Gender and Global Politics 2027-28	30
UZQNGS-30-2	Global Political Economy 2027-28	30
UZQNJP-30-2	US Foreign Policy 2027-28	30

Year 7

Part time students must take 60 credits from the modules in Year 7.

Year 7 Compulsory Modules (Part Time)

Compulsory module can be taken by part time students in Year 7 or Year 8.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UZQY5M-30-3	Politics and International Relations Project and Placement 2028-29	30

Year 7 Optional Modules (Part Time)

Optional modules can be taken by part time students in Year 7 or Year 8.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UZQY69-15-3	Britain After 'Brexit' 2028-29	15
UZQY6M-15-3	Climate Politics 2028-29	15
UZQY6C-15-3	Crimes and Criminality in World Politics 2028-29	15
UZQY6D-15-3	Critical Reflections on Security and Strategy 2028-29	15
UZRYJH-15-3	Decolonisation in Theory and Practice 2028-29	15
UZQY6E-15-3	Democracy in Theory and Practice 2028-29	15
UZQY6F-15-3	Development and Resistance in Latin America 2028-29	15
UZQY6G-15-3	Europe Reloaded 2028-29	15

UZQY6H-15-3	Exploring the International Relations of Southeast Asia 2028-29	15
UZQY6J-15-3	From Terror to Trauma: Politics in the Aftermath of Violence 2028-29	15
UZQY6A-15-3	Gender and Security 2028-29	15
UZQY6K-15-3	Global Governance 2028-29	15
UZQY6B-15-3	Identity, Agency and Violence in South Asia 2028-29	15
UZQY6L-15-3	Perspectives on Global Migration 2028-29	15
UZQY6N-15-3	Public Policy and Decision Making 2028-29	15
UZQY6P-15-3	Religion and Politics 2028-29	15
UZQK9A-15-3	Terrorism, Security and Migration in Europe 2028-29	15
UZQY66-15-3	The Berlin Republic 2028-29	15
UZQY6Q-15-3	Violence and the International Order: Law, Ethics and Politics 2028-29	15

Year 8

Part time students must take 60 credits from the modules in Year 8.

Year 8 Compulsory Modules (Part Time)

Compulsory module can be taken by part time students in Year 7 or Year 8.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UZQY5M-30-3	Politics and International Relations Project and Placement 2029-30	30

Year 8 Optional Modules (Part Time)

Optional modules can be taken by part time students in Year 7 or Year 8.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
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UZQY69-15-3	Britain After 'Brexit' 2029-30	15
UZQY6M-15-3	Climate Politics 2029-30	15
UZQY6C-15-3	Crimes and Criminality in World Politics 2029-30	15
UZQY6D-15-3	Critical Reflections on Security and Strategy 2029-30	15
UZRYJH-15-3	Decolonisation in Theory and Practice 2029-30	15
UZQY6E-15-3	Democracy in Theory and Practice 2029-30	15
UZQY6F-15-3	Development and Resistance in Latin America 2029-30	15
UZQY6G-15-3	Europe Reloaded 2029-30	15
UZQY6H-15-3	Exploring the International Relations of Southeast Asia 2029-30	15
UZQY6J-15-3	From Terror to Trauma: Politics in the Aftermath of Violence 2029-30	15
UZQY6A-15-3	Gender and Security 2029-30	15
UZQY6K-15-3	Global Governance 2029-30	15
UZQY6B-15-3	Identity, Agency and Violence in South Asia 2029-30	15
UZQY6L-15-3	Perspectives on Global Migration 2029-30	15
UZQY6N-15-3	Public Policy and Decision Making 2029-30	15
UZQY6P-15-3	Religion and Politics 2029-30	15
UZQK9A-15-3	Terrorism, Security and Migration in Europe 2029-30	15

UZQY66-15-3	The Berlin Republic 2029-30	15
UZQY6Q-15-3	Violence and the International Order: Law, Ethics and Politics 2029-30	15

Part C: Higher Education Achievement Record (HEAR) Synopsis

The Politics and International Relations programme at UWE offers students a wide-ranging and contemporary insight into today's political world. It focuses uniquely on politics as a vocation, equipping graduates with the necessary skills to build careers in government, civil service, NGOs, research organisations, and other relevant areas of the public and private sector. The course is taught by experienced staff members who are active researchers committed to delivering high quality teaching.

Part D: External Reference Points and Benchmarks

The following reference points and considerations were used in designing the programme:

University teaching and learning policies.

Staff research projects.

QAA Subject Benchmarks for Politics and International Studies.

The Programme Team has used these reference points and considerations to test the outcomes of the proposed programme award for compliance with the University's strategic priorities, teaching and learning and other policies, and the extent to which the proposal has appropriate currency in the wider academic, professional or vocational world.

In particular, the learning outcomes for the modules at level 6 are considered consistent with the QAA's descriptor for a higher education qualification at level 6: Bachelor's degree with honours. Graduates of the programme achieving an Honours classification will have developed a systematic understanding of a wide range of advanced Political and International Relations methods and transferable skills that are essential for future employment.

Moreover, the UWE strategic framework is embedded at all levels of study with particular reference to three modules at level 4 (Politics of Crisis and Change; Ethics and Power; and Critical Thinking) and 30 credits at Level 5 (Nature and Use of Research and Developing Self and Society). At level 6 students undertake the Social Sciences Project and Placement module and have the option to take subject modules tailored to introduce specific staff research expertise. Students on the programme have the option of a part-time study pathway. At each level, students are assigned a Personal Tutor from the academic staff that provides tailored support and guidance throughout the year.

Staff are actively involved in their own research, practice and knowledge exchange activities with relationships across a broad range of governmental, commercial and non-commercial organisations, and these links have informed the development of the programme. In addition, feedback from current students and graduates has helped to shape the programme, both in terms of content and assessment.

Part E: Regulations

Approved to University Regulations and Procedures.