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POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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KEY INFORMATION AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

PENRYN CAMPUS, CORNWALL	UCAS CODE	TYPICAL OFFER	
BA Single Honours Politics and International Relations/ with Study Abroad [^]	4519/7925	AAB-BBB; IB: 34-30	C
International Relations/ with Study Abroad [^]	L252/L253	AAB-BBB; IB: 34-30	C
BA Joint Honours History and International Relations	LVF1	AAA-AAB; IB: 34-32	C
History and Politics/ with Study Abroad [^]	VLC2/ VLD2	A*AA-ABB; IB: 38-32	C
Flexible Combined Honours	Y003	A*AA-BBB; IB: 38-30	C



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Applying to study Combined Honours with Modern Languages

When applying to Politics and International Relations Combined Honours degrees with Modern Languages you will need to indicate under 'further details' in the 'choices' section of the application the language you wish to study using the codes in the entry data table. Please note you may choose only one language. For further information on completing your UCAS form, please visit www.ucas.com

For details of language requirements for entry onto Combined Honours with Modern Languages programmes please visit our website: www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/languages

MODERN LANGUAGES ENTRY DATA	
SUBJECT	CODE
French	<i>Fren</i>
Chinese	<i>Chin</i>
German	<i>Germ</i>
Italian	<i>Ital</i>
Portuguese	<i>Port</i>
Russian	<i>Russ</i>
Spanish	<i>Span</i>

STREATHAM CAMPUS, EXETER	UCAS CODE	TYPICAL OFFER	
BA Single Honours International Relations/ with Study Abroad [^]	L250/L251	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34	E
Politics/ with Study Abroad [^]	L200/L240	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34	E
Politics, Philosophy and Economics/ with Study Abroad [^]	LOV0/LOV1	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34	E
BSc Single Honours Politics and International Relations/ with Study Abroad [^]	L292/L293	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34	E
BA Combined Honours History and International Relations/ with Study Abroad [^]	LVF1/VL1F	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34	E
International Relations and Modern Languages (Chinese, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, or Spanish)	LR01	AAA-ABB; IB: 36-32	E
Philosophy and Politics/ with Study Abroad [^]	VL52/VL5F	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34	E
Politics and Modern Languages (Chinese, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, or Spanish)	LR02	AAA-ABB; IB: 36-32	E
Politics and Sociology/ with Study Abroad [^]	LLH2/LL23	AAA-ABB; IB: 36-32	E
Flexible Combined Honours/ with Study Abroad [^] / with Work Abroad/ with UK Work Experience	Y004/ Y006/ Y008/ Y007	A*AA-AAB; IB: 38-34	E
BSc Combined Honours Economics and Politics/ European Study/ with International Study/ with Industrial Experience	LL12/LL1F/ LLCF/ LL1G	A*AA-AAB; IB: 38-34	E



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For further details on all our entry requirements, please see our Politics pages at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/politics

We strongly advise that you check this before attending an open day or making your application. Some programmes require prior study of specific subjects and may also have minimum grade requirements at GCSE or equivalent, particularly in English Language and/or Mathematics.

International students

If you are an international student you should consult our general and subject-specific entry requirements information for A levels and the International Baccalaureate, but the University also recognises a wide range of international qualifications. You can find further information about academic and English language entry requirements at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/international

[^]for details about Study Abroad please see www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/politics

POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

5th in the UK for world-leading and internationally excellent research¹

9th for Politics in *The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2017*

Work experience bursaries of up to £2,000 available for BSc students taking applied research skills²

US field trip available to Politics and International Relations students in Cornwall

In today's environment of rapid global, technological and cultural transformations, Politics is one of the most relevant and exciting programmes you can study. Studying Politics or International Relations at the University of Exeter takes you to the heart of issues where you'll explore the political, historical, institutional, social, economic and cultural forces that mediate the exercise of power within and between nations. Whether thinking about issues like the environment, security, elections, the nature of democracy or party politics, the discipline of politics is relevant to everyday life and its study is applicable in a number of different careers.

Politics and International Relations is an inclusive department with a diverse and lively student community. We're committed to delivering high-quality programmes, introducing a range of theories, countries and debates in ways that are intellectually stimulating and innovative. Our teaching is inspired by our research: notably, all our third year options are specialist seminar-based modules that reflect the research interests of the academic course leader. Our broad research strengths include conflict, security and development, Central Asian and

Middle East politics, British and European politics, public policy and administration, climate change and sustainability, campaigns and elections, and the history of political thought. Across these research areas, we have a collective interest in questions to do with explanation and interpretation in the social sciences, as well as a shared commitment to linking ideas to practices. We are ranked 5th in the UK for world-leading and internationally excellent research in the Research Excellence Framework 2014¹.

We offer an exciting range of Single and Combined Honours degrees at the Streatham Campus in Exeter and at our Penryn Campus near Falmouth, which combine grounding in the major sub-fields of politics and a broad level of student choice. You will receive strong tutorial support throughout your studies and experience good post-graduation employment rates. Working closely with colleagues from other departments brings a cosmopolitan and pluralist flavour to our teaching. We have a good international mix of staff and our excellent research reputation attracts visiting lecturers from around the world.

One of the members of the Politics department, Professor Sir Steve Smith, is the University's Vice-Chancellor. He is co-editor of *The Globalisation of World Politics* which has become the standard text in the field and is 'the politics bestseller' (*The Independent*). According to Professor Smith, "Politics and International Relations is one of the strengths of the University. We are committed to continuing to strengthen politics and international relations so that it becomes one of the very best groupings in the UK".

¹ Research Excellence Framework 2014 based on the percentage of research categorised as 4* and 3*
² value of bursary depends on length of placement



POLITICS IN CORNWALL

Politics in Cornwall is characterised by its focus on some of the biggest political challenges facing the world today including inequality, climate change, the global financial crisis, conflict, the depletion of natural resources, public disillusionment with politics, and the changing balance in world power.

At the Penryn Campus, we believe that politics shouldn't just be an intellectual exercise; it's the means by which people change the world. So, although we'll teach you about political systems and theories, we'll apply these to world events and the major issues setting the modern political agenda.

We will take you out of the classroom to get a bigger perspective.

Whether you're observing a session of the United Nations in New York, talking to local veterans about the legacies of war, or providing consultancy for a political organisation in Cornwall, you'll have opportunities to experience how politics operates in practice.

We believe our fieldwork and work experience opportunities, combined with what we teach and how we teach it, develop insight and provide you with relevant skills and experience sought by employers. Fieldwork varies from one-day trips in Cornwall to an overseas field course in North America. You can also choose to undertake a placement with an employer, or you may opt for an internship at Westminster or an MP's constituency office.

Our teaching is inspired by our research, meaning that you will benefit from direct access to the latest thinking within the field. Teaching comprises interactive lectures, small group seminars, visiting practitioners, field trips, simulations, and engagement with local issues and communities. You will acquire research skills valued by employers and will have the opportunity to apply them in a consultancy role for an external organisation. As well as traditional academic essays, we use career-relevant assessments including portfolios, reports, video, online communications, and presentations.

We have particular research strengths in international relations and security studies; Middle East Politics; American Politics; war and conflict; political theory; political behaviour and its influences in areas such as the media, economy and advertising; political psychology; identity; social movements and protest; and environmental politics.

The educational experience at our Penryn Campus in Cornwall, with its intimate, small-group teaching and close contact with academics, is incredibly well suited to studying politics. The emphasis is on innovative learning and teaching in a flexible, personal atmosphere.

The student-run Politics Society offers the chance to meet other politics students through its wide variety of activities. The Society has organised lectures and visits to Parliament and to local government institutions as well as other academic activities and has a full programme of social events.

How your degree is structured

The programme is increasingly made up of optional modules in your second and third years, so you will have flexibility to structure your degree according to your specific interests. Full-time undergraduates need to take 120 credits each year and choose from modules worth 15 or 30 credits. Core modules are mainly designed to develop applied research skills and include a third year dissertation on a subject of your choice.

For up-to-date details of all our programmes and modules, please check www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/politics

Single Honours

BA International Relations

This programme combines a solid grounding in international relations, with the opportunity to specialise in an issue or region. Our International Relations programme in Cornwall focuses on the greatest challenges of the 21st Century: international terrorism, war and peace in the Middle East, global poverty and inequality, declining empires and rising powers, and much more. We will teach you how to think critically and respond to these challenges.

Year 1 Your first year will introduce you to the essential concepts and approaches to the study of international relations so that you can analyse, interpret and evaluate some of the biggest political challenges in the world. You will also have the opportunity to study political science, environmental politics, public policy and the history of political thought, which will equip you with the essential concepts and approaches needed to study international relations today. You will explore contemporary issues such as war, migration, poverty and inequality, development and religion.

Year 2 You will continue to tailor your degree through a range of more specialised, research-led modules covering issues such as nuclear proliferation, international terrorism, the Middle East peace process, humanitarian intervention, American Politics, the future of the European Union, and more. All our modules are taught by a member of staff with research expertise in the area. You will also learn and apply cutting-edge research techniques that will equip you with essential skills desired by employers.

Year 3 In your final year you will carry out a piece of independent research and write a dissertation under the supervision of a member of academic staff. You will select more specialised, research-led modules. You will also have the opportunity to attend our US field trip.

BA Politics and International Relations

This distinctive programme is one of the few in the UK that enables you to combine politics and international relations to gain a well-rounded perspective on some of the most important issues shaping our world. Fieldwork overseas and a focus on career-related experience and skills ensure learning is both research-led and relevant to your future career aspirations. Modules cover all aspects of political science and topics include the environment, humanitarian intervention, democracy, war and terrorism.

Year 1 Your first year will introduce you to the foundations of the discipline. In addition to learning about how government and politics work in Britain, you'll be introduced to key concepts in political theory and learn why the ideas of political thinkers of the past are still relevant today. You'll also investigate some of the most important challenges facing global politics such as conflict, the environment, HIV/AIDS, poverty and inequality.

Year 2 In Year 2, the core module will provide you with a firm grounding in the principles of research design and the tools for analysis of political data. In addition to developing applied research skills, you may also choose from a wide range of research-led modules on contemporary and classic political thought, public policy, foreign policy, EU politics and political psychology.

Year 3 In your final year you will carry out a piece of independent research and write a dissertation under the supervision of a member of academic staff. You will choose a number of optional modules covering issues such as the politics of war, activist politics, and American Politics and the challenges of the 21st Century. You will also have the opportunity to attend our US field trip.

Joint Honours

Our Joint Honours degrees give you the opportunity to divide your study between two complementary areas of interest. You will study the modules from each subject in a choice of pathways. Full programme structures can be found on our website at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/politics

History and International Relations

The 21st Century is marked by an array of concerns that are decidedly international in character: seemingly intractable conflict in the Middle East; marginalisation of minorities according to race or gender; the threat posed by terrorism; stark poverty and inequality; the continued transformation of the West and the rise of new global powers elsewhere. Responding to these challenges is a daunting task that requires more than one disciplinary perspective. Our BA in History and International Relations provides you with the tools to understand how the present is conditioned by our past, and how our future is determined by our knowledge of the present.

History and International Relations at Penryn is an exciting opportunity to benefit from the expertise of these two departments. An interdisciplinary degree, it has been designed to provide integrated training in the historical evolution and contemporary character of world politics. In your first year, you will develop a foundational understanding of historical theory and key political concepts, and be introduced to the multifarious character of global violence and the tools of critical thinking. As you progress, you will receive specialised research training that deals with the particular challenges of history and international relations research. You will have the chance to specialise in an issue or region, and choose modules that include the Arab-Israeli conflict; authoritarianism; extremism and populism; decline and fall of empire; American Politics; imperialism; race; gender; protest; security and intelligence; foreign policy; and political psychology. You will also have the opportunity to participate in a US field trip where you will gain a first-hand perspective on these topics from the perspective of a global superpower.

With both disciplines tackling global themes and perspectives, our staff, consisting of historians and international relations

experts, specialise in international security; foreign policy; intelligence studies; the politics of the European Union; the Middle East and North Africa; gender and international relations; critical military studies; comparative electoral politics; media; political psychology; political theory; quantitative and qualitative research methods; and environmental politics.

Our BA in History and International Relations is especially relevant for those wishing to pursue a career in government, for example: the Foreign Office, intelligence agencies, diplomatic services; not-for-profit organisations, such as charities; international law; the Civil Service; international organisations (the UN, EU, etc); political analysis; and further study.

BA History and Politics

The globalising world in which we live presents us with a multitude of challenges and opportunities. Urgent issues such as conflict, development, marginalised communities, poverty and the environment require creative solutions. In this dynamic programme you will explore, understand and engage critically with contemporary socio-political problems through an examination of the past, present and future.

History and Politics at the University of Exeter's Penryn Campus is a unique, integrated degree programme that genuinely combines the research expertise of staff in both disciplines. This programme is committed to using both historical practice and political analysis to gain multiple perspectives on contemporary problems. We offer a diverse range of modules from the early modern period to the present day. Module choices include the politics of war and counterinsurgency; British imperialism in the Middle East; race relations in North America; propaganda; protest and NGOs; environmental change; gender; science and technology; and security and intelligence.

You will have the opportunity to combine academic study with real-world experience. In Year 3, you can participate in our US field trip where you will gain insight into the latest global issues and a first-hand perspective on the American political system and its origins.

This programme will equip you with graduate skills sought after by the most competitive employers in the public and

private sectors. Our degree in History and Politics is particularly relevant for those interested in a career in diplomacy, NGOs, law and advocacy, teaching, journalism, the Civil Service and international development.

Our small class sizes, supportive environment and innovative teaching methods will ensure every History and Politics student reaches their potential.

For details of the second subject in our Joint Honours programme please check the following website: www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/history

US field trip

If you choose to study one of our Single or Joint Honours degree programmes at our Penryn Campus you can choose as an option to attend our departmentally-subsidised field trip to the United States, where you'll gain insight into the latest global issues and a first-hand perspective of the American political system.

Taken before the start of your third year, the six-day field trip will provide you with the basic training required to carry out ethical fieldwork under a controlled, supervised setting. In 2016, for example, we took a group of students to New York, where they visited the UN, the Statue of Liberty and the World Trade Center; took part in a seminar with students from NYU; went behind the scenes at ABC news; followed the US presidential elections; and visited Ellis Island.

This is a unique opportunity which is only available to students studying in our Politics and International Relations department at our Penryn Campus, Cornwall.

Flexible Combined Honours

Our innovative Combined Honours scheme enables you to combine modules from a number of different fields of study not otherwise available through an existing Joint Honours programme. You can combine up to three subjects from a range of subjects. Throughout your degree you will be given regular support to help you choose the most appropriate pathway for you. Further information and the full list of available subjects can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/flexible





Motives

- Strategic Calculations & insecurities
 - Geopolitical location
 - US, SU, China, Japan
 - History
 - 900+ invasions
 - 5 major occupations
 - National identity
 - Defined by - Retaining & increasing sovereignty
 - Gain Greater Independence
 - w/o compromising existing regime & its characteristics.
 - Domestic pressures
 - Distractions from domestic issues

anti-American nationalism

- protection from 'threat' of US nuclear umbrella

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Politics and international relations are diverse, exciting and interdisciplinary subject areas. You'll have the opportunity to choose from a number of options throughout your degree. These range across time and space, and can include the study of politics in Britain today, the ideals of democracy in ancient Greece, war and peace in the Middle East, contemporary governance in the EU and America, the role of the media in contemporary politics, and the politics of resistance and human rights in a globalised world. The core aim is to give you the flexibility to shape your degree in a way that suits your existing and emerging interests.

The research interests of our staff range widely from early modern to contemporary political thought, from the politics of the UK to those of Tajikistan, from social movements to public policy-making processes and from the political development of Europe to the electoral politics of Latin America. Members of staff have good contacts with various external organisations and individuals, such as local authorities, civil servants, professional staff in Parliament in the UK, EU and North America as well as the armed services – all reflecting their research interests and areas of curriculum development.

EAR WEAPONS A SOURCE OF STABILITY IN I.R.?

YES HELPS MAINTAIN STATUS

STATES SEEKING HORIZONTAL PROLIFERATION

ISSUE OF TRANSPARENCY

POSTURING OF POWER

How your degree is structured

The degrees are divided into core and optional modules, which gives you the flexibility to structure your degree according to your specific interests. Individual modules are usually worth 15 credits each in Years 1 and 2 and 30 credits in Year 3. Full-time undergraduates need to take 120 credits in each year. Within Politics, in addition to the core modules, you can choose from an extensive range of options in all three years, a few examples of which are shown at the back of this brochure.

For up-to-date details of all our programmes and modules, please check www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/politics

Single Honours

BA Politics

The Single Honours programme is a progressive one, building on a broad foundation in the first year to highly specialised work in the final year, including a dissertation on a topic of personal interest. With a degree in politics from Exeter, you'll gain a sound knowledge of the four principal areas of study: political thought, international relations, comparative government, and public policy. Modules in the first and second years give you a basic grounding in these four areas. You'll also gain a wider understanding of the world by focusing on both the theoretical and practical problems of politics through a combination of core compulsory modules and specialised optional ones. Your choice of optional modules increases each year. The programme combines an academic grounding in the study of political science with access to current issues and practical experience.

Year 1 The first year will introduce you to key methodological and theoretical debates within the study of politics and provide foundational knowledge in British and European politics, the history of political thought, international politics and the study of political behaviour and civil society.

You can either take all your modules in politics, or take up to two modules in disciplines such as sociology, history or philosophy.

Year 2 In the second year, you will develop an understanding of the theory and practice of public policy, rational choice theory and modern political thought. You will select five optional modules, two of which may be taken from outside the Politics department.

Year 3 You'll undertake a dissertation on a topic of personal interest supervised by a member of academic staff and also study three specialist modules which are selected from a wide range of options. These include subjects as diverse as war and public opinion, the politics of climate change, Latin American parties and elections, the media in Europe, and war and its aftermath. All third year modules take the form of two-hour weekly seminars convened by a member of faculty with research expertise in the area concerned.

BA International Relations

This degree provides you with an excellent education across the range of international relations topics in a supportive and responsive learning environment that is enriched by research. You'll gain an appreciation of the structure of the international system, as well as engaging with key dilemmas and debates in international politics today. We aim to ensure that you'll be able to understand and use the main concepts, approaches and theories in the study of international relations and to analyse, interpret and evaluate world political events and issues. This degree will give you a solid grounding in understanding international issues together with the opportunity to specialise in a particular region or special subject, such as Central Asia or US Foreign Policy.

Year 1 Two core modules will introduce you to the structure of the international political system, key theories of international politics and problems in contemporary international politics. You will select optional modules, at

least two of which must be taken in politics. Optional modules may cover topics such as strategy and security, Middle East politics, European politics, and state and society.

Year 2 You will take two core modules, which build upon foundational study in Year 1, offering you an opportunity to deepen your knowledge and understanding across the discipline. You will study security studies and contemporary theories of international relations, which survey the main paradigms for making sense of world politics. Optional modules may cover topics such as foreign policy, international political economy, American Politics, conflict and development and environmental politics.

Year 3 You will write a dissertation on a topic of personal interest supervised by a member of academic staff. You'll study three further optional modules that can be selected from a wide range of options. All third year modules take the form of two-hour weekly seminars convened by academic staff with dedicated research expertise in the area concerned.

BA Politics, Philosophy and Economics

This programme is well regarded as good preparation for careers in business, finance, journalism, and politics. It offers you the chance to study an interdisciplinary programme across three outstanding and distinctive disciplines. You'll have the opportunity to explore some of the major questions facing human society including war and peace, democracy, resource scarcity and distribution, the natural environment, and faith and reason. Modules will address the philosophical, political and economic foundations of order and justice and interrogate the meaning and practice of the market economy on a global scale. You'll also learn how government is constituted, how being and truth are deliberated and how goods, services and peoples are economically organised. You will also develop a wide range of essential skills such as analytical problem solving, teamwork, research and organising, and communicating information.

Year 1 Your core modules will provide you with an introduction to all three disciplines and will specifically explore issues relating to power and democracy, the philosophy of morality, philosophical analysis and economic principles. You'll also be able to choose from a wide range of optional modules in each discipline.

Year 2 You'll explore how your three disciplines overlap in fields such as political philosophy (eg, considering topics such as liberty, justice, rights and citizenship), economic policy and the economics of politics. You'll compare political systems and reflect on the nature of society, considering philosophical questions relating to inequality and power. You'll also have a wide choice of optional modules enabling you to tailor your degree to your own interests.

Year 3 You'll write a dissertation on a topic of personal interest relating to politics, philosophy or economics. Optional modules may cover topics such as business and politics, human rights, the political economy of globalisation, or money, ethics and power.

BSc Politics and International Relations



Q-Step

A step-change in quantitative social science skills

Funded by the Nuffield Foundation, ESRC and HEFCE

Our BSc Politics and International Relations is offered as part of the prestigious Q-Step programme which aims to equip social sciences students with the types of research and data analysis skills used to answer important political questions. You will not only acquire deep knowledge of politics and international relations but you will also develop the ability to handle data and use numerical evidence systematically. You will be able to understand the issues and questions affecting your subject area and more importantly, you will develop the skills to answer those questions.

If you choose this degree you have the opportunity to undertake a work placement with one of our industry partners and receive a bursary of up to £2,000. The work placement is designed to give you an opportunity to put in to practice the skills that you are learning on your programme, and will provide you with an opportunity to see data and data analysis tools being used in the real world. Data analysis skills

support evidence-based policy making in government and decision making in the private sector and in international NGOs, so your combination of political knowledge and data skills will be in demand. These skills are relevant to a variety of careers including business, social research, marketing, policy analysis and politics, or can prepare you for further study.

Year 1 Core modules provide a foundation in data analysis in political science and international relations. You'll gain an understanding of the key concepts and theories used within the discipline and will be able to choose from a wide variety of optional modules. You'll take optional modules in substantive areas such as world politics, Middle East, European and British politics and the history of political thought.

Year 2 You'll undertake modules in research design and quantitative methods. You'll be able to focus on the specific manifestations of these questions by taking optional modules on topics such as global governance, forms of democracy, party politics, electoral politics, political parties, security, development and conflict.

Year 3 In the third year, you will undertake a compulsory research project. This will entail guided research – as an individual or in a group – drawing on your training in quantitative research design and methods as well as your increased understanding of the important debates within politics. You'll also be able to tailor your degree to your own interests by choosing from a long list of optional modules.

Combined Honours

Politics and international relations may be studied at Exeter with a wide range of other subjects including economics, history, philosophy, sociology or with a modern language (Chinese, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish). Your work is divided evenly between the two subjects, with the politics and international relations modules appropriate to the combined degree.

BSc Economics and Politics

This programme provides an excellent education across the fields of politics and economics, from core to specialist topics, in a supportive and responsive learning environment that is enriched by research.

BA History and International Relations

The History and International Relations programme enables you to investigate the connections between these complementary subjects and to study the historical evolution and contemporary character of world politics from different perspectives.

This is a progressive course, building on a broad foundation in the first year, to highly specialised work in the final year, including the study of a particular subject in depth and a dissertation on a topic of personal interest.

You will receive an excellent education across the range of international relations topics in a supportive and responsive learning environment. You will gain an appreciation of the historical evolution of the international system, as well as engaging with key issues dominating international politics today. We aim to ensure that you will be able to understand and use the main concepts, approaches and theories in the study of international relations and to analyse, interpret and evaluate world political events and issues. You will gain a solid grounding in understanding international issues together with the opportunity to specialise in a particular region or special subject, such as transnational crime or globalisation.

BA Philosophy and Politics

This programme allows you to apply analytical philosophical skills to the study of political events and theories. Philosophy and politics overlap considerably when it comes to discussing concepts of 'state', 'democracy' and 'public good', and yet both disciplines have their own methodologies and styles. It will enable you to become familiar with the best known approaches, and appreciate their complementary nature whilst challenging you to reflect upon the conditions of human social life and the significance of politics as a human activity.

BA Politics/International Relations and Modern Languages (Chinese, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish)

This interdisciplinary programme offers you the opportunity to explore and understand domestic and global affairs while acquiring a thorough understanding of the language, culture and literature from a diverse choice of societies. Your third year will normally be spent studying abroad in a country where you can develop your chosen language.

The study of politics explores political thought, international relations, comparative government, and public policy along with a wider understanding of the world by focusing on both the theoretical and practical problems of politics. The international relations option will give you a solid grounding in understanding international issues together with the opportunity to specialise in a particular region or special subject, such as transnational crime or globalisation. The study of a modern language will enable you to develop strong skills in spoken and written language and analytical thought, and gain a deeper understanding of another culture and people. You will receive an excellent research-inspired education in a supportive, responsive

environment from expert academics who are passionate about their subjects. By the end of your degree, you will have acquired a diverse and valuable set of skills employers seek across a wide range of professions.

BA Politics and Sociology

This programme enables you to study the social organisation, economy and cosmology of a range of societies together with their political ideas, institutions and practices.

For details of the second subject in all our Combined Honours programmes please refer to the relevant subject entry in the undergraduate prospectus or check the following websites:

Economics:
www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/economics

History:
www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/history

Philosophy:
www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/philosophy

Modern Languages:
www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/languages

Sociology:
www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/sociology

Flexible Combined Honours

Our innovative Combined Honours scheme enables you to combine modules from a number of different fields of study not otherwise available through an existing Combined Honours programme. You can combine up to three subjects from an extensive list. Throughout your degree you will be given regular support to help you choose the most appropriate pathway for you. Further information and the full list of available subjects can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/flexible





LEARNING AND TEACHING

Your teaching will include lectures, tutorials and seminars, with a growing emphasis at each successive level on student-led learning. You'll have on average between one and three teaching hours per module per week and will need to allow for additional hours of private study. You should expect your total workload to average about 40 hours per week during term time.

As well as attending lectures, writing essays and revising for exams, you'll be expected to make presentations in seminars and tutorials. We encourage your presentation work because it involves you actively participating in the teaching and learning process and develops important life skills such as good verbal and visual communication and effective interaction with other people.

In the first two years, we place considerable emphasis on teaching in small groups, which gives you ample opportunity to participate, as well as providing close contact between you and members of staff. In the third year, there are fewer formal lectures and much of your learning is through seminars, in which students present a report to the group followed by class discussion.

We're actively engaged in introducing new methods of learning and teaching, including increased use of interactive, computer-based approaches to learning through our virtual learning environment where the details of all modules are stored in an easily navigable website. Depending on your degree programme you may also be involved in innovative group work, technical training and simulations. You can access detailed information about modules and learning outcomes and interact through activities such as the discussion forums.

We aim to develop your analytical skills, help you become an independent and critical learner and ensure that you are aware of, and have the opportunity to study in-depth, the wide-ranging theories and concepts involved. We also offer opportunities for you to gain the types of skills and experiences which will make you stand out when seeking employment. Depending on your programme, these may include technical training in the methods used by political researchers, or the chance to undertake a placement working alongside an MP in Westminster or in their constituency office. You may also decide to extend your knowledge of a foreign language or

experience a new culture by studying abroad or participating in a study trip, and you'll be expected to develop a variety of personal skills including IT and presentation skills. We regularly host internationally renowned visiting speakers for departmental seminars and you will be able to join the Politics Society, which organises regular social events.

Research-inspired teaching

Teaching inspired by research ensures that lectures are up-to-date and relevant and you will benefit from access to the latest thinking, equipment and resources. All staff teach final year options which are linked to their own interests which include the study of Middle East politics, comparative politics, public policy and administration, climate change and sustainability, ethno-politics, terrorism and security studies, electoral and political behaviour, and political theory.

Academic support

All students have a personal tutor who is available for advice and support throughout your studies. There are also a number of services on campus where you can get advice and information, including the Students' Guild Advice Unit. You can find further information about all the services in the University's undergraduate prospectus or online at www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate

Taking modules outside of your programme

Depending on your programme you may take up to 30 credits in another subject (subject to academic approval and timetabling), for instance a language or business module, to develop career-related skills or widen your intellectual horizons. If you achieve at least 60 credits in a language via our Foreign Language Centre you may be able to have the words 'with proficiency in' and the language added to your degree title. Further details about the FLC can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/flc

Study Abroad

Studying for your degree at Exeter offers you the exciting possibility of spending up to one year abroad. Last year, almost 500 Exeter students studied at one of our partner universities, which are in more than 40 countries around the world. You could learn a new language and experience different

cultures, become more self-confident and widen your circle of friends. You could get the chance to specialise in areas that are not available at Exeter, and when it comes to a career, your skills and knowledge of another country will prove invaluable to many employers. This of course applies equally to overseas students coming to study abroad at Exeter.

If you take Politics or International Relations with a Modern Language, you will normally spend your third year abroad. Please check the Modern Languages website for further details at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/languages

For our other degree programmes, including those in Cornwall, you may study for half a year at a partner institution in Europe, North America or Australia. Students based at both campuses can also follow a four-year 'with Study Abroad' programme which allows you to spend your third year abroad. You may apply directly for the four-year programmes or transfer from another programme once you are here. Full details of these schemes and of our partner institutions can be found on our website at www.exeter.ac.uk/socialsciences/undergraduate/studyabroad

For further details about study abroad please check the International Office website at www.exeter.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/outbound

Assessment

You will be required to take exams at the end of each academic year, but some second-year and most third-year modules offer you the opportunity to be assessed through essays and a project as well as exams. You will also complete a dissertation and may choose to undertake project work. The ratio of coursework to exam varies according to which modules you take, but on average is about 40:60.

Your first year doesn't count towards your final degree classification, but you do have to pass it in order to progress. If you study a three-year programme, assessments in the final two years both count towards your classification.

For full details of the assessment criteria for each module, check the undergraduate section of our website at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/politics



Exeter Q-Step Centre

Demand in industry and government for workers with quantitative skills is increasing, and the growing reliance on and availability of open data; coupled with the phenomenal growth in social media data use; and makes it essential that today's social science graduates are equipped with the skills to manage, analyse and interpret data.

The Exeter Q-Step Centre builds on the core disciplines of Sociology, Criminology, and Politics and International Relations in order to increase the number of students undertaking quantitative methods training in social science degree programmes by: embedding research skills training into substantive degree programmes and modules; enhance employability through work placements and practical experience; and prepare students for further research training.

We regularly recruit new expertise for the delivery of our Q-Step programmes, to ensure we equip students with quantitative literacy and applied data analysis skills they need to succeed in the jobs market.

For students who are interested in quantitative methods but not taking one of the Q-Step BSc programmes, we also offer a *Proficiency in Applied Data Analysis*. Students successfully passing a minimum of 60 credits of data analysis modules (45 compulsory and 15 optional) may have the words 'with Proficiency in Applied Data Analysis' added to their degree title, for example: BA Politics with Proficiency in Applied Data Analysis.

For further information, please visit our website: www.exeter.ac.uk/socialsciences/q-step



CAREERS

Politics and International Relations graduates from the University of Exeter are highly successful in obtaining graduate employment or moving on to further study.

Whilst studying for your degree, you will develop a number of skills that are useful in professional and managerial careers. The ability to research and critically analyse information from a variety of sources, together with the written and verbal skills needed to present and discuss your opinions and conclusions, are attributes that many employers look for in graduates. Your understanding of complex political and cultural issues, often in continually changing environments, can also be relevant to both business and public sector appointments.

Many students from the department take part in the Exeter Award and the Exeter Leaders Award. These schemes encourage you to participate in employability-related workshops, skills events, volunteering and employment which will contribute to your career decision-making skills and success in the employment market. Work

experience module options are available to enable you to discover more about different careers and explore learning through work-based activities.

Exeter has an excellent reputation with graduate recruiters and our students and graduates compete very successfully in the employment market. Many employers target the University when recruiting new graduates.

For further information about what the careers service at Exeter offers, please visit www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/careers

Examples of the destinations of our recent graduates:

Occupations

Management Consultant // Parliamentary Caseworker and Researcher // Civil Servant // Film Production Coordinator // Officer Cadet // Analyst // Trainee Insurance Broker // Investment Assistant // Communications Officer

Employers

Accenture // National Health Service // Barclays Bank PLC // Ogilvy and Mather // Treehouse PR Ltd // Easton Aerospace // Orchards of London // Cornells // Arcadia Group

Examples of further study followed by our graduates:

- MA Crisis Management, King's College London
- MSc Public Policy, University of Bristol
- MA European Politics, University of Exeter
- MA Globalisation and Communications, University of Leicester
- MA Politics and International Relations of the Middle East, University of Exeter
- Masters in Public Administration (MPA), University of Exeter



I love how students are on first name terms with our lecturers and seminar leaders. I've experienced a variety of teaching styles from academics who love to prove theories through interactive roleplays, discussions and debates over topics, or using more traditional PowerPoints.

Sharing accommodation and study spaces with Falmouth University gives you the opportunity to meet people from a diverse background and point of view on life compared to your own. You might experience the odd flash dance mob in the Stannary, or attend free art events or theatre productions when you want to take a break from your studies.

Aaron Chahal, Politics and International Relations (Penryn Campus)

MODULES IN CORNWALL

KEY C = Core
● = Optional

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Year 1 Modules

Module Name	BA Politics and International Relations	BA International Relations	BA History and Politics	BA History and International Relations
British Government and Politics	C	●	●	●
Classical Political Ideas: And Why They're Still Useful	●	●	●	●
Foundations in Political Thinking: From Early Christianity to the Renaissance	●	●	●	●
Global Environmental Politics	●	●	●	●
Green Politics in Theory and Practice	●	●	●	●
Power, Inequality and Global Justice	●	C	●	●
Violence in World Politics	●	C	●	●
The Public Policy Process	●	●	●	●
Key Concepts in Politics and International Relations	C	C	●	C
History Foundation Course			C	C

Year 2 Modules

Module Name	BA Politics and International Relations	BA International Relations	BA History and Politics	BA History and International Relations
The Research Toolkit	C	●	●	●
Research Methods in International Relations	●	C	●	C*
Security Studies	●	C	●	C*
The Political Psychology of Elites	●	●	●	●
The Political Psychology of Masses	●	●	●	●
The Ethics and Politics of Humanitarian Intervention	●	●	●	●
Foreign Policy	●	●	●	●
Foreign Policy in the Middle East	●	●	●	●
Understanding Israel Palestine	●	●	●	●
NGOS: Responding to Global Challenges	●	●	●	●
Modern Political Thought: Rights, The Nation and The State	●	●	●	●
EU Integration	●	●	●	●
The EU Policy Process	●	●	●	●
Perspectives on Sources: Independent Study Project in the Humanities			C	C*

Year 3 Modules

Module Name	BA Politics and International Relations	BA International Relations	BA History and Politics	BA History and International Relations
Dissertation	C	C	C	C
The Politics of Protest	●	●	●	●
American Democracy and the Challenges of the 21st Century	●	●	●	●
Secrets, Lies and Spies	●	●	●	●
Violence, Conflict and Religion in the Middle East	●	●	●	●
Comparative Government, Politics and Society in the Contemporary Middle East	●	●	●	●
Revolts and Revolutions in the MENA Region	●	●	●	●
Imagining the Good Life	●	●	●	●
The Politics of Climate Change	●	●	●	●
Global Governance and International Relations	●	●	●	●
Order Out of Chaos: Radical Democracy	●	●	●	●
The Political Economy of Economic Development	●	●	●	●
The Politics of War	●	●	●	●
Work Placement Module	●	●	●	●
Political Sociology	●	●	●	●
United States Field Course	●	●	●	●

Year 1

British Government and Politics

Examines the British political system against the backdrop of dramatic changes to the Civil Service, the committee system and House of Lords; the introduction of the mayoral system; and devolution and an expanding crisis in Europe. All of these changes are overlaid by a new politics of the permanent campaign, direct action and, most recently, by the worst economic crisis in generations.

Classical Political Ideas: And Why They're Still Useful

Introduces the practice and tradition of political theorising in the West from the Greeks to the early Christian period. You'll study selected texts by major thinkers such as Plato, Aristotle, Socrates and Cicero and reflect on why their ideas still have meaning today.

Foundations in Political Thinking: From Early Christianity to the Renaissance

Covers the key works of the most important thinkers in the early-modern period: Thomas More, Niccolò Machiavelli, Thomas Hobbes and Baruch Spinoza. You'll study the major political theories of the period and the context in which they arose, whilst learning how to summarise and interpret abstract arguments in politics.

Global Environmental Politics

Provides an introduction to the nature, causes and potential solutions to environmental problems. This module explores environmental politics by drawing on a wide range of contentious environmental issues including biofuels, fisheries depletion, genetically modified food and climate change.

Green Politics in Theory and Practice

Examines environmental policy making in Britain and the EU and the changing role of green parties, grassroots organisations, academic experts and regulatory agencies in environmental policy formulation. Case studies will explore issues relating to biodiversity, climate change, water pollution, energy and forestry.

Power, Inequality and Global Justice

This module will help you to ask critical questions about the assumptions behind practices of power in the contemporary international system. You will understand what it means to ask critical questions by exposing and deconstructing a range of empirical practices in world politics. Through this critical questioning, we will explore the issues and possibilities for global justice in the contemporary international system. In this module we will examine a series of questions: how can we think critically? How do we find out what is going on in the world? Why do we obey? Why is the world divided territorially? Do colonialism and slavery belong in the past? Why are some people better off than others? What makes the world dangerous? What can we do to change the world? Who do we think we are? How can we end poverty? You will be exposed to a variety of approaches or 'framings' of world politics and encouraged to develop your own perspectives and reasoned arguments about them.

The Public Policy Process

Introduces public policy making by defining key concepts, outlining major theoretical arguments and discussing the entire policy cycle, from agenda-setting to final implementation and policy succession. Illustrative examples of policy processes will be drawn from the UK and elsewhere.

Violence in World Politics

This module will help you to understand the different conceptual approaches that enable a critique of violence in the contemporary international system. Violence is an ever-present feature of international politics. Violence can be a direct and physical act, such as war and terrorism. Violence can also be a non-physical and anonymous act of neglect or abuse, deprivation and abandonment. Violence can also be performed through culture and institutions. In this module we will examine a series of questions: what is violence? Where and how does it happen in world politics? What causes it? When is it justifiable? Is violence inevitable, or can violence be reduced, and even eliminated? By studying violence, we will examine some of the greatest challenges and issues in international politics today: war and terrorism; economic inequality; religious and secular justifications for violence; environmental, cultural and urban destruction; borders; sexual violence; and new technologies. Through the lens of international relations scholarship, you will research, engage with, and critique different ways of conceptualising both the root causes of violence and the possibilities for change.

Year 2

The Research Toolkit

Involves theoretical and practical training in research methods (secondary data analysis, questionnaires/surveys, document analysis, participant observation, experiments and case studies) and the execution of a research project. The module demonstrates the importance of political science research skills for employability and the workplace, and provides essential training for final year dissertations.

Security Studies

Popular and official discourse in contemporary liberal democracies is littered with references to a need to protect and improve 'security'. But what does that mean? Does seeking more security make us less insecure? And is there a tension between securities and liberties? In this module, we will examine different theoretical and conceptual understandings of security. You will have the opportunity to examine a range of issues, including: nuclear deterrence; the strategy of warfare; the ethics of torture and human rights; security and race; security and gender; and the pre-emptive security practices of the War on Terror.

Research Methods in International Relations

This module will train you to design, justify, and plan independent research in international relations. Conducting research in the field of International Relations poses unique challenges: how do we understand and access 'the international'? What counts as data? What kind of causal claims can be made? What are the philosophical assumptions that underpin particular research processes, and how do they shape the questions that can be asked and answered? The module will begin by introducing the historical context in which methodological and research processes have been debated in international relations scholarship. You will be introduced to the so-called 'great debates' of international relations, key principles of the philosophy of social science, and the possibilities for pluralist understandings of causality. After this, several staff – experts in their fields – will provide an introduction to their research approach/methods and the philosophical assumptions contained therein. Each staff member will also guide you through an in-depth application of their approach/method in the context of their cutting-edge research.

MODULES IN CORNWALL CONTINUED

The Political Psychology of Elites

We often think about political leaders' decisions in terms of state power relations. Or we look at them as rational actors determined to maximise benefits and minimise costs. We ignore what is often referred to as the "black box", or the psychological processes and dynamics that lie behind decisions. In this module, you will examine psychological explanations of elite policy decision making, focusing mostly on foreign policy cases such as the Vietnam War and the war in Iraq.

The Political Psychology of Masses

Equips students with the tools to describe and evaluate political psychological theories of decision-making at the mass level and thus with the skills to develop your own ideas about what drives mass political attitudes and behaviours. The module begins by focusing on socialization and other explanations for where political attitudes come from before surveying a number of major topics within the field, including explanations for various kinds of violence and racism.

The Ethics and Politics of Humanitarian Intervention

Examines the key principles and international norms underlying humanitarian intervention. The module also explores the wider economic and post-colonial context, the change in the nature of conflict, the idea of 'new wars' and 'Complex Political Emergencies', the role of NGOs, aid and development, and the representation of humanitarian emergencies in the media and other cultural artefacts. Case studies include Somalia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Libya.

Foreign Policy

Examine the actors that 'do' foreign policy and studies how their decisions and actions are shaped by range of constraints, including: non-state actors, the media and public opinion; international organisations, ideology, personality and psychology. Case studies include the Cuban Missile Crisis, Vietnam, Iraq, Syria and Iran. The module concludes with a simulation exercise that will place you 'in the shoes' of a foreign policy actor.

Foreign Policy in the Middle East

By understanding the MENA region's place in the international system, through historical and case study specific analysis of MENA states' foreign policy through the 20th and 21st centuries, the module analyses factors that impact and shape their foreign policy decisions, including their economies and domestic politics, and the process of foreign policy making and the people involved/excluded in the FP making process. Case studies include Turkey, Israel, Iran, Egypt, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, and the Gulf States.

Understanding Israel Palestine

The Israel-Palestine conflict has now raged for over a hundred years, constituting one of the most vicious and protracted conflicts of modern time. Its continuation has been one of the central threats to the security of the Middle East, and indeed, to the security of the larger global community. This module examines some fundamental questions about the origins, causes and dynamics of the conflict; the Israel-Palestine Peace Process and the reasons that contributed to its failure; and the role of third parties such as the US, the EU, the UN and the Arab League in the efforts to resolve the conflict.

NGOS: Responding to Global Challenges

What are non-governmental organisations? Why do they emerge and how do they operate? You'll seek to answer these questions using case studies in policy areas such human rights, international development and the environment. You'll assess how NGOs have become powerful political actors in response to key global challenges including war, famine and climate change.

Modern Political Thought: Rights, The Nation and The State

Rights, the nation, and the state are political concepts which underpin our answers to question about what and who government is for. We explore the idea of a global governance and discuss whether the sovereign nation is the space that protects rights and freedoms or whether on a conceptual level at least, more global forms of governance are required. We evaluate the thought of Locke, Rousseau, Paine, and Kant, before considering how the ideas of these theorists are developed by contemporary thinkers such as John Rawls and David Held.

EU Integration

Provides an overview of key theoretical debates on European integration from early philosophical arguments on a "united Europe" to contemporary academic analyses. The module then applies these arguments to examine the historical development of the EU since the early 20th Century to the present. Finally, the module discusses the potential future trajectory of European integration and what this may mean for both Europe and the wider world.

The EU Policy Process

Since its inception in the early 1950s, the European Union has gradually evolved to become an important economic and political influence on its constituent Member States. This evolution has involved the creation of a sophisticated supranational political process that generates policy measures in a variety of sub-sectors from the single market to energy policy. The module will therefore aim to provide an introduction to both the EU policy process and several of the key policy areas that the EU is involved in.

Year 3

The Politics of Protest

This module combines the theory of political protest with the practice of writing up a quantitative research project. You'll analyse data collected from 80 demonstrations on a variety of issues across Europe, and report your findings on their causes, effects and the people involved. Learning includes workshops based in computer labs and an introduction to the software tools and techniques used by professional researchers.

American Democracy and the Challenges of the 21st Century

While the United States is very familiar to us it has a political system that is fundamentally unlike that of Britain or most countries in Europe. The way it elects its president, for example, is unique. This module provides an introduction to American democracy, from its foundations in the Constitution and federalism, to its political culture, institutions and processes, and the policies that emerge from it all. It examines the design and rationale for the American political system and the implications it has for governing and the policy making process. We will also examine how reforms to governmental institutions and processes might influence the way citizens interact with government.

Secrets, Lies and Spies	Should prime ministers and presidents deceive the public? Should they deceive each other? What kind of constraints should the intelligence services be subject to? This module encourages you to examine the ethics and politics of secrecy, deception and espionage, with particular reference to issues of security, foreign policy and international relations. Topics include: propaganda, the democratic oversight of the intelligence services, the use of transparency as a foreign policy tool, and the ethical and political implications of 'leaking'.	Global Governance and International Relations	Drawing on case studies relating to trade, security and the environment and involving the World Trade Organisation, NATO and the United Nations, you'll learn the key concepts, institutions and processes relating to global governance.
Violence, Conflict and Religion in the Middle East	In recent years, we have witnessed serious political and social turmoil in the Middle East; the civil war in Syria, the rise of so-called Islamic State, the escalation of the Israel-Palestine conflict, or violent sectarianism between Sunni and Shi'a communities. In this module, we will examine the major political, social, ideological and religious factors that have led, and contributed, to the region's current upheavals. Topics examined in this module, amongst others, are: nationalism, ethnic and religious divisions, the rise of contemporary political Islamism in its militant form, the legacy of colonialism and foreign involvements, and economic challenges.	Order Out of Chaos: Radical Democracy	This is a unique opportunity to explore exciting new developments in political theory. Through an exploration of Complexity Theory, the module explores how power operates within the social political and ecological system. You will consider if or how radical political theory is applicable to real-world problems, and the types of analyses that we can draw from this approach.
Comparative Government, Politics and Society in the Contemporary Middle East	The Middle East has often been portrayed in literature and media, as a homogeneous socio-political and economic entity, and currently associated with conflict, religious extremism, and non-democratic governments. In fact, however, the region provides a rich contrast in political, social, cultural and economic spheres. The module seeks to explore the heterogeneous nature of the region through a comparative analytical perspective.	The Political Economy of Economic Development	Uneven development is an ongoing policy problem within the Western world, causing inequalities of life experiences and inefficiencies for the national economy. You'll learn about the theory, practice and policy context for development and put this into practice in a consultancy role, conducting primary field work with the community and presenting a report on your findings.
Revolts and Revolutions in the MENA Region	How is a revolution different from a revolt, rebellion, civil war, or uprising? The Middle East state system is a European imposed arrangement that has led to the creation of authoritarian states political entities that are prone to instability. As Middle East leaders struggled to remain in power and achieve legitimacy in the last century, they have often resorted to coercion and limiting political participation to ensure their power is unchallenged. This module examines the social and protest movements across the region in the early 21st Century culminating in the watershed events of the Arab Uprisings.	The Politics of War	Encourages a broad understanding of the causes, consequences and legacies of war using case studies including: the contemporary wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, Remembrance Day in Britain, the Holocaust, and the protests against the Vietnam War. You'll also examine cultural representations of war in art, literature and film with a particular focus on race, gender and class.
Imagining the Good Life	What is a Good Life and how can society be organised to achieve it? What are the roles of virtue, pleasure, happiness, freedom, and justice? These questions have tasked theorists for two millennia or more. In this module you will engage with these questions and assess pressing contemporary issues such as welfare reform, financial instability and climate change. Through a range of case studies from Africa, North and South America, Asia, Australasia and Europe we will look at how various nation states and international organisations have attempted to conceptualise and govern The Good Life.	Work Placement Module	This accredited module provides the opportunity to gain the type of valuable work experience which will enhance your CV. You'll receive support in setting up the placement, which may be with an employer related to your academic discipline or career interests, and will be assessed through methods such as work-related projects and a reflective journal.
The Politics of Climate Change	Introduces the political and governance challenges presented by climate change and demonstrates that producing effective climate policy is a complex activity for a variety of reasons including the politicisation of climate science.	United States Field Course	Exclusive to students studying Politics and International Relations at the Penryn Campus, this module provides a unique chance to get a first-hand view of the American political system during a residential field trip. You'll see some of the key institutions involved in federal and state government and meet those involved in aspects of policy making, particularly in relation to some of the key issues facing the US and other Western democracies.

MODULES IN EXETER **E**



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Year 1 Modules

Module Name	
The State of Britain	C
Facing the Challenges of World Politics in the 21st Century	C
Globalisation of World Politics	C
Classical and Early Modern Political Thought	C
Politics in Europe	C
Power and Democracy	C
Data Analysis in Social Science	C
Rational Choice and Environmental Problems	●
Politics and Economy of the Middle East	●

Year 2 Modules

Module Name	
American Politics	●
The Economics of Politics	C
Contemporary Theories of World Politics	C
Foreign Policy: Leadership, Power and Responsibility	●
War and Peace in the Middle East	●
Race, Ethnicity and Politics	●
Environmental Politics	●
Rising Powers, Peace and Conflict	●
Political Thought of Modernity	C
Politics of the World Economy	C
Public Policy and Administration	C
Security Studies	C
Integration and Disintegration in the European Union	●
Data Analysis in Social Science II	C

Year 3 Modules

Module Name	
Dissertation	C
Central Asian Politics	●
Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics	●
The Idea of Human Rights	●
Political Psychology	●
Globalisation and Democratic Politics: The End of the Nation State?	●
Globalisation and the Politics of Resistance	●
Marxism and Post-structuralism	●
International Security and US Foreign Policy	●
Money and Policymaking in the United States	●
Latin American Parties, Politics and Elections	●
Markets, Regulation, Europeanisation	●
War and Public Opinion	●
Gender, Militarisation and Resistance	●
Strategy in the 21st Century: From Idea to Practice	●
The Media in Europe	●
The Refugee Crisis in the Modern World	●
Explaining War and Peace	●
Global Environmental Politics and Policy	●
War, Violence and Revolution in the Middle East	●
Anarchism and World Ordering	●
Sub-National and Local Governance: A Practical Approach	●
Politics of Semi-Democratic and Authoritarian Countries	●
EU Democracy Promotion in the Middle East and North Africa	●
Human Rights and the Political	●
War and its Aftermath: Interventions and Contemporary Conflict	●

Year 1

The State of Britain

Through both lectures and seminars, this module provides a detailed examination of trends, actors and agenda-setting in UK public policy. The module will engage you in current political debates on how the policy agenda is set and the manner in which public policy has changed in recent decades; it analyses the influences on these trends, past and present, and discusses the implications for politics and policymaking.

Facing the Challenges of World Politics in the 21st Century

This module will expose you to a range of pressing issues in world politics and will provide you with the conceptual and analytical tools to critically assess their origins, nature and potential impact.

Globalisation of World Politics

Introduces the important sub-field of international politics and the key moments in the historical development of the international political system. The module will also familiarise you with the core concepts used within the field and give you some of the analytical tools necessary to evaluate them.

Classical and Early Modern Political Thought

Introduces the practice and tradition of political theorising in the West: from the Greeks to the early Christian period, the Medieval period to the High Renaissance, through the study of selected texts by major thinkers.

Politics in Europe

Addresses the comparative analysis of political systems of European Union Member States. The module examines the role of political parties, interest groups, legislatures, executives, judiciaries, the media and political participation.

Power and Democracy

Explores the importance of analytical perspectives in understanding how power is exercised in contemporary democracies. It introduces the nature, limitations and possible applications of different analytical perspectives, research designs and methods in politics.

Year 2

American Politics

Examines key aspects of American politics and government. The module looks at the origins and structure of American government, federalism, and at the American political culture. A key area of study is the American public and the means by which it learns about politics, as well as the forums through which the public expresses itself to those in power.

Race, Ethnicity and Politics

Throughout history and across many contexts, racial and ethnic conflicts have often led to costly and bloody ends. Why? This course explores the origins and power of ethnic conflicts from a variety of perspectives: psychology, politics, economics, neuroscience, sociology, law and genetics.

Contemporary Theories of World Politics

Critically examines international relations theory and explores the strengths and weaknesses of the various schools of thought in the field. You'll learn to apply these perspectives to a number of issues in international politics and explore the relationship between theory and practice in the field of IR.

Foreign Policy: Leadership, Power and Responsibility

Most people tend to think of foreign policy as a territory inhabited by diplomats, foreign ministers, and journalists. It is perceived as the rarefied world of those who represent their state's interests abroad, attend summits, and send cables back to their capitals. In this module, you will learn that foreign policy is more than summits in exotic locations and the output of foreign ministries.

War and Peace in the Middle East

Familiarises you with the key issues and main developments in the politics of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the impact upon the states and people involved. The module will introduce you to the literature on the conflict and demonstrate how different and contradictory interpretations can be made of the same event.

The Economics of Politics

This module aims to provide you with the skills to critically evaluate and apply rational choice approaches as an analytical tool for the examination of political phenomena.

Rising Powers, Peace and Conflict

In a changing global order, existing international approaches to security and conflict are often challenged by non-Western states, including so-called 'Rising Powers', such as India, Brazil, Russia and China. In this module you will examine the dynamics of contestation and cooperation among different international actors in responding to outbreaks of armed conflict around the world and in promoting international security, with particular reference to the approaches and policies of increasingly influential non-Western states.

Political Thought of Modernity

Introduces the major idioms of political theorising and ideological discourses (eg, Republicanism, Liberalism, Romanticism, Idealism, Historicism – idealist and materialist, Utilitarianism) from 18th and 19th century Europe through the study of selected texts by the major thinkers in the period.

Politics of the World Economy

The political examination of the world economy is important for how it sheds light on the complexity of capitalism, including its structures, processes, and outcomes. The module considers prominent debates in three areas: conceptual frameworks; the post-war history of governing capitalism; and contemporary crises afflicting the capitalist order.

Public Policy and Administration

Develops your understanding of the theory and practice of public policy and administration in the UK and other OECD countries. Through lectures and seminars you will examine key themes in policy making and implementation using case studies to illustrate issues and challenges.

Security Studies

Introduces the study of war and the use of force in world politics and examines the theories and concepts deployed to understand contemporary conflict. The module provides a broad survey of strategy, security and peace.

Year 3

Central Asian Politics

Central Asia has received greater international attention since the emergence of the newly independent states after the end of the Soviet Union and the increased interest in the Afghanistan conflict after 2001. This module introduces you to Central Asian politics through an interdisciplinary study of its politics and international relations.

Global Environmental Politics and Policy

You will examine environmental politics from "the ground up," devoting considerable time to understanding both the domestic and international determinants of environmental protection. By the end of this module, you will have a framework for understanding and critically evaluating policies aimed at protecting the global environment.

MODULES IN EXETER CONTINUED

Anarchism and World Ordering

Since the end of the Cold War and the collapse of the Marxist-Leninist left, many claim that the neo-liberal world order constitutes the 'end of history'. And yet, in the aftermath of the so-called 'Battle for Seattle' in 1999, Occupy Wall Street and the G8 protests, this liberal triumphalist vision of world order is contested. This research-led module will provide you with a unique understanding of this resurgence of anarchist thought by locating today's anarchist currents in their historical context and by interrogating anarchism's key political, economic and moral claims in relation to the historical and contemporary contours of international relations.

Dissertation

The dissertation module will equip you with a detailed knowledge of one particular topic within the discipline. You'll gain an ability to design and carry out independent research and will benefit from the support and supervision of a member of academic staff.

Globalisation and Democratic Politics: The End of the Nation State?

Studies the transformation of democratic politics from the nation-state to the global context, and the effect that this has on our ideas of 'internal politics' and the 'international system'. It also discusses the role of democratic institutions and values as part of the globalisation process.

Human Rights and the Political

This module will introduce you to a set of philosophical and practical problems that present themselves when we inquire into the place of human rights in constituting 'the political'. In what sense are human rights violations political? How can those excluded from politics claim their human rights through politics?

International Security and US Foreign Policy

It is almost impossible to understand the contemporary global security order without also analysing the US and its foreign relations. Themes covered by this module include: the historical legacy of the 'Pax Americana'; US grand strategy; the durability of US unipolarity; and the rise of China and other powers.

EU Democracy Promotion in the Middle East and North Africa

Provides you with an understanding of the subject of EU and US democracy promotion in the Middle East and North Africa in the wake of the Arab Spring. You will gain the skills to discuss the topic of EU democracy promotion both in a country specific and a theoretical setting. You will also gain a level of knowledge that allows you to discuss the topic of EU and US democracy promotion and the state of democracy across the Middle East and North Africa.

Sub-National and Local Government: A Practice Approach

You will explore the operational practice of regional and local governance, particularly in the South West of England, with a special emphasis on the institutions responsible for economic regeneration, sustainability, energy and environmental planning, education and the health services. The module is built around a work shadowing placement within a local government or a related organisation. Lectures in the first term provide the essential academic context for choosing a placement. You will be guided by the module staff in the choice of placement and initial arrangements will be made for them.

War, Violence and Revolution in the Middle East

From Napoleon's invasion of Egypt and the Wahhabi destruction of shrines in Iraq, through the effects of colonial and world wars, genocidal conflicts and the Arab-Israeli wars to the Iranian Revolution and the Arab Spring, violence in various forms has been instrumental in bringing about change in the Middle East. You will explore ways in which dramatic and traumatic experiences of war, revolution and violence have shaped states, institutions and attitudes in the modern Middle East, and the ways in which historians, social scientists and other theoreticians have tried to analyse and understand these phenomena.

Strategy in the 21st Century: From Idea to Practice

The study of international politics in the early 21st Century requires an understanding of complex and urgent security challenges. It is difficult for analysts and policy-makers to set priorities among a wide range of natural hazards and man-made threats and to discriminate between short and long-term challenges. In these circumstances, a thorough knowledge of the concerns, limitations and possibilities of national strategy is of growing importance.

The Media in Europe

Looks at the relationship between politics and the media which involves examination of both media policy and political communication. You'll explore the relationship between politics and the media by means of comparative investigation of media systems in European countries.

Politics of Semi-Democratic and Authoritarian Countries

Although 67 per cent of the world's population currently live in a country deemed either as 'partly free' or 'not free' by Freedom House, much of the scholarly literature in Comparative Politics has focused on democratic politics. This module will introduce you to, and familiarise you with, this neglected field: the politics of semi-democratic or authoritarian countries, beginning with an overview of the different types of authoritarian regimes. We also study contemporary popular resistance movements such as the Arab Spring, the supposed incompatibility between Islam and democracy, and attempts by leaders in countries such as China and Russia to 'upgrade' their regimes in order to remain in power.

The Refugee Crisis in the Modern World

This module examines the various phases of the refugee crisis, the international frameworks and the solutions being pursued. Some seminars will take the form of simulated refugee crises and will provide an opportunity to engage with different case studies.

War and its Aftermath: Interventions and Contemporary Conflict

Explores how countries respond to violent conflict in places like Chechnya, Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya. How has the international community tried to rebuild war-torn societies and to what effect?



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