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 I am enjoying studying at the Penryn Campus because of the support I receive from academics and the student academic support team. As an international student I was not familiar with British political issues, let alone the academic requirements for coursework at a university. Fortunately, the lecturers are really helpful; they have been inspiring and teaching me to think carefully and efficiently. Also, the ASK service has been supporting me by proofreading my essays. I feel motivated because of their support and my coursework continues to get stronger. 

Ted, studying Politics and International Relations (Penryn Campus, Cornwall)



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 in Cornwall, 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".

www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/politics

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 such as 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.

PENRYN CAMPUS



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 also acquire research skills valued by employers. 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; contemporary political theory; political behaviour and its influences such as the media, economy and advertising; postcolonialism, feminist and gender politics, 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 up with 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 final 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 final 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/cornwall

SINGLE HONOURS

BA International Relations (CORNWALL)

L252 3 yrs
with Study Abroad L253 4 yrs
AAB-BBB | IB: 34-30 | BTEC: DDD-DDM

- Combines a solid grounding in international relations
- Opportunity to specialise in an issue or region
- Characterised by its focus on some of today's biggest political challenges: terrorism; the global financial crisis; conflict in the Middle East; the changing balance in world power
- Participate in a department-subsidised US field trip where you will gain a first-hand perspective on topics from the perspective of a global superpower

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.

Final Year 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 also select more specialised, research-led modules.

BA Politics and International Relations (CORNWALL)

4519 3 yrs
with Study Abroad 7925 4 yrs
AAB-BBB | IB: 34-30 | BTEC: DDD-DDM

- One of the few programmes in the UK to combine politics and international relations
- Gain a well-rounded perspective on some of the most important issues shaping our world, such as inequality, climate change, conflict and the global financial crisis
- Strong focus on career-related experience and skills ensures that learning is both inspired by research and relevant to your future career aspirations
- Participate in a department-subsidised US field trip where you will gain a first-hand perspective on topics from the perspective of a global superpower

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 including contemporary and classic political thought, public policy, foreign policy, the politics of humanitarian intervention, EU politics and political psychology.

Final Year 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 also choose a number of optional modules covering issues such as the politics of war, the politics of sexuality and gender, and American politics.

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 and a number of options in a choice of pathways. Full programme structures can be found on our website at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/politics/cornwall

BA History and International Relations (CORNWALL)

VLF2 3 yrs
with Study Abroad VLF3 4 yrs
with Employment Experience VLF4 4 yrs
with Employment Experience Abroad VLF5 4 yrs
AAB-ABB | IB: 34-32 | BTEC: DDD-DDM
See www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/history/cornwall

- Understand how the present is conditioned by our past, and how our future is determined by our knowledge of the present
- An interdisciplinary degree which provides integrated training in the historical evolution and contemporary character of world politics
- Receive specialised research training that deals with the particular challenges of history and international relations research and will have the chance to specialise in an issue or region
- Participate in a department-subsidised US field trip where you will gain a first-hand perspective on topics from the perspective of a global superpower

BA History and Politics (CORNWALL)

VLC2 3 yrs
with Study Abroad VLD2 4 yrs
with Employment Experience VLC3 4 yrs
with Employment Experience Abroad VLC4 4 yrs
AAB-ABB | IB: 34-32 | BTEC: DDD-DDM
See www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/history/cornwall

- The globalising world in which we live presents us with a multitude of opportunities and challenges. 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 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
- Participate in a department-subsidised US field trip where you will gain a first-hand perspective on topics from the perspective of a global superpower

US FIELD TRIP

If you choose to study one of our Single or Joint Honours degree programmes at our Penryn Campus you can choose to attend our department-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.

In 2017, for example, we took a group of students to New York, where they visited Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty and the World Trade Center; took part in a seminar with students from NYU; visited the Museum of New York; and watched a recording of ABC's Good Morning America.

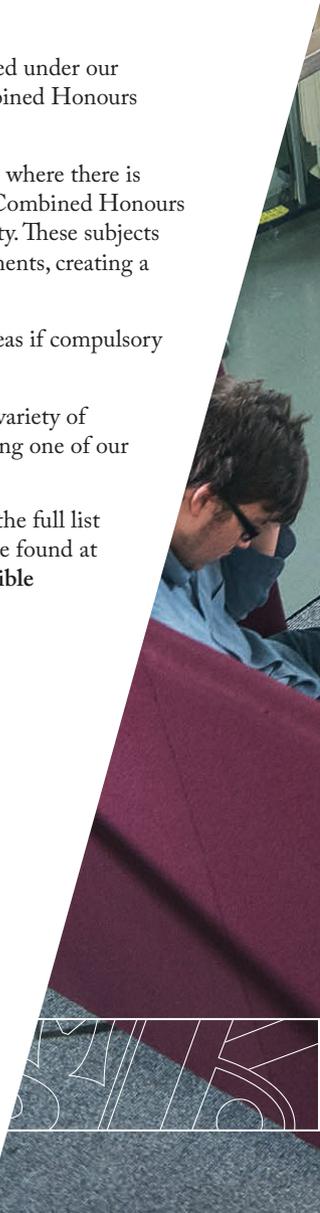
This is a unique opportunity which is only available to students studying in our Politics and International Relations department at our Penryn Campus, Cornwall.

FLEXIBLE COMBINED HONOURS

Politics may also be studied under our innovative Flexible Combined Honours scheme.

- Combine two subjects where there is currently no existing Combined Honours degree at the University. These subjects can fall across departments, creating a cross-college degree
- Study three subject areas if compulsory modules allow
- Take modules from a variety of departments by studying one of our thematic pathways

Further information and the full list of available subjects can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/flexible





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MODULES IN CORNWALL

KEY C = Core
● = Optional

You can choose from a range of politics and international relations module options in all three years, some examples of which are shown here.

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

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	●	C	●
Classical Political Ideas: And Why They're Still Useful	●	●	●	●
Foundations in Political Thinking: From Early Christianity to the Renaissance	●	●	●	●
State, Society and Culture	●	●	●	●
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	C
Foundations in European History			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 in Politics and International Relations	C	●	C [▲]	●
Research Methods in International Relations	●	C	●	C [▲]
Security Studies	●	C	●	C [▲]
The Political Psychology of Elites	●	●	●	●
The Ethics and Politics of Humanitarian Intervention	●	●	●	●
Foreign Policy in the Middle East	●	●	●	●
Understanding Israel and Palestine: One Land, Two People	●	●	●	●
EU Integration	●	●	●	●
The EU Policy Process	●	●	●	●
Perspectives on Sources: Independent Study Project in the Humanities			C [▲]	C [▲]
Imagining the Good Life: From Agora to the American Dream	●	●	●	●
Governing the Good Life: Contemporary International Studies	●	●	●	●
Violence, Conflict, and Religion in the Middle East	●	●	●	●
Understanding Israel and Palestine: Seeking Peace	●	●	●	●
Politics and the Urban in Transition	●	●	●	●
Sparking Social Change	●	●	●	●
South Asian Conflict Studies	●	●	●	●
Comparative Politics	●	●	●	●
Religion and Global Conflict	●	●	●	●
Introduction to Post-Colonial Politics	●	●	●	●
Secrets, Lies and Spies	●	●	●	●

[♦] Depending on chosen pathway.

[▲] Choose from a selection of compulsory modules

Final Year 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
American Politics and the Challenges of the 21st Century	●	●	●	●
Secrets, Lies and Spies	●	●	●	●
Violence, Conflict and Religion in the Middle East	●	●	●	●
Revolts and Revolutions in the MENA Region	●	●	●	●
The Politics of War	●	●	●	●
United States Field Course	●	●	●	●
Global Policy Challenges	●	●	●	●
Understanding Israel and Palestine: One Land, Two People	●	●	●	●
Violence, Conflict and Religion in the Middle East	●	●	●	●
Understanding Israel and Palestine: Seeking Peace	●	●	●	●
Politics and Gender, Sex and Sexuality	●	●	●	●
Politics of Fashion	●	●	●	●
Contemporary Political Theory	●	●	●	●
Political Psychology of the Masses	●	●	●	●
The Resource Paradox: Blessing or Curse?	●	●	●	●
South Asian Conflict Studies	●	●	●	●
Biopolitics of Security	●	●	●	●



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MODULES IN CORNWALL CONTINUED

Please note that availability of all modules is subject to timetabling constraints and that not all modules are available every year. For up-to-date details of all our programmes and modules, please check the undergraduate section of our website at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/politics

YEAR I

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, Niccoló 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.

State, Society and Culture

The state is ubiquitous in the study of politics and international studies but what are states, how did they emerge and how relevant are they to contemporary political analysis? Drawing on traditional and more modern theories of the state, and by focusing on significant contemporary political issues such as migration, consumption, human rights, global social movements, inequality, and terrorism, students of this module will explore how the intensification of economic, political and cultural globalisation has called into question the nature of the state and why social structures and cultural issues are important to students of modern political analysis.

Power, Inequality and Global Justice

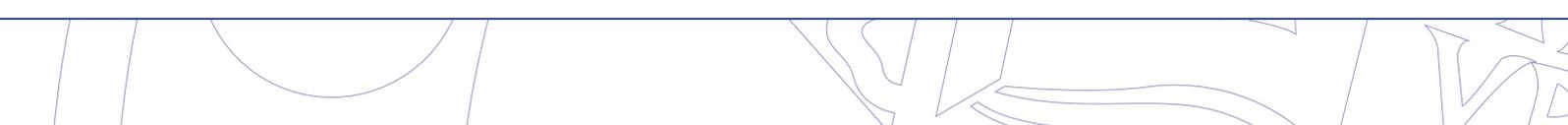
This module will help you to ask critical questions about the assumptions behind practices of power in the contemporary international system. You will understand what it means to ask critical questions by exposing and deconstructing a range of empirical practices in world politics. Through this critical 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.

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 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

Examines the actors that 'do' foreign policy and studies how their decisions and actions are shaped by a 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.

Understanding Israel and Palestine: One Land, Two People

The conflict between Israel and Palestine 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.

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.

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.

Politics and the Urban in Transition

In this module, you will recall the relationship between politics and the city, emphasising the dominant account of the modern political system (citizens, states, and the international) and the presumed political position of cities within this system. You will also engage with key theoretical debates on the nature of the urban transition and its implications for definitions of contemporary world politics. You will also apply these approaches to case studies of places in transition and analyse the spaces, practices and experiences of politics that emerge.

Sparking Social Change

This module will provide you with an analytic framework for understanding the dynamics of social change and the practical tools for starting change initiatives. Through an interdisciplinary approach, you will connect theoretical accounts of social transformation with the applied skills of strategic analysis, project planning and effective communication. The focus of this course is on the role individuals can play in social change through community organising, social movements and NGOs. It is intended for students seeking to develop practical strategies to create meaningful change in your community.

South Asian Conflict Studies

This module introduces you to the basic precepts of conflict mapping in order to support students to conduct in-depth research about a contemporary South Asian conflict. The military and political dynamics of the conflict are taken as the backdrop for studying the 'everyday' of conflict; how ordinary men, women and children survive, negotiate and experience endemic conflict and the resources that they use to help them.

FINAL YEAR

American Politics 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'.

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 conflict between Israel and Palestine and 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.

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.

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.

Politics and Gender, Sex and Sexuality

The module will allow you to investigate issues such as cultural relativity and universalism – how should we think about these things in terms of cultural rights and human rights? Is it OK for some cultures to promote gendered practices or should there be a universal code which overrides this? Is it OK for Ireland to have a referendum on gay marriage, or should certain rights not be subject to a popular vote? How far should we as a society prescribe people’s sexual expression and activity?

The Politics of Fashion

This module will focus on key approaches to the politics of fashion, through which we will encounter and analyse different conceptual and empirical accounts of both ‘fashion’ and ‘politics.’ By engaging claims about the aesthetic, sovereign, economic, embodied, gendered, colonial, and spatial/geographic dimensions of fashion, you will gain a deeper understanding of debates over contemporary definitions and practices of politics.

The Resource Paradox: Blessing or Curse?

In this interdisciplinary module you will look at some of the social, economic and political ramifications of varied processes of resource extraction around the world. This module seeks to situate these forms of extraction within a broader nexus of security and development to go beyond dichotomous discussion about if these industries promote or impede ‘development’ and instead question how varied practices around the world challenge and complicate our understanding of what development is, how it happens and what it means in the first place.

Biopolitics of Security

In this module you will explore the state’s regulatory practices like enumerating population through census and biometric projects, racialised categorisations, and increasing camp and slum based existence. In so doing, you study its effect on identities and people falling in grey areas (refugees/stateless/asylum seekers), prisons and other areas of confinement. This understanding will be facilitated through the conceptual formulation of biopolitics by Michel Foucault, and its reformulation by Giorgio Agamben, Achille Mbembe and Judith Butler, among others. Topics include borders and mobility, racism and indefinite detention, policing and criminalisation, biometrics, airport security and video-surveillance, encounter killings and secret prisons, and contemporary states of exception backed by laws and policies.

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 firsthand 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.



POLITICS IN EXETER

Politics and international relations are diverse, exciting and interdisciplinary subject areas. You'll have the opportunity to choose from a wide range of options throughout your degree.

These range across time and space from, for example, 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 a wide scope 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.



THE FORUM, STREATTHAM CAMPUS

HOW YOUR DEGREE IS STRUCTURED

Our 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 the Final Year. 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, 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 (EXETER)

L200 3 yrs
with Study Abroad L240 4 yrs
AAA-AAB | IB: 36-34 | BTEC: DDD

- Broad foundation of modules in Years 1 and 2 including: international politics, comparative politics and public administration
- Free choice of modules in your final year
- Produce a dissertation on a topic of personal interest

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.

Final Year 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 final 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 (EXETER)

L250 3 yrs
with Study Abroad L251 4 yrs
AAA-AAB | IB: 36-34 | BTEC: DDD

- Understand international issues
- Specialise in a particular region or subject – for example, transnational crime or globalisation
- Analyse, interpret and evaluate world political events using a range of concepts, approaches and theories

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 comparative politics.

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.

Final Year 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 final 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 (EXETER)

L0V0 3 yrs
with Study Abroad L0V1 4 yrs
AAA-AAB | IB: 36-34 | BTEC: DDD
Required subjects: GCSE Maths grade A or 7.

- Explore some of the major questions facing human society: war and peace; democracy; resource scarcity and distribution; the natural environment; faith and reason
- Modules which 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
- Learn how government is constituted, being and truth are deliberated and goods, services and peoples are economically organised

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.

Final Year 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 (EXETER)

L292 3 yrs
with Study Abroad L293 4 yrs
AAA-AAB | IB: 36-34 | BTEC: DDD

- Offered as part of the prestigious Q-Step programme, providing social sciences students with the types of applied research and data analysis skills sought by employers
- Opportunity to undertake work experience with a bursary of up to £2,000
- Build CV-enhancing experience in research techniques, quantitative data analysis and software relevant to a variety of careers

Year 1 Gain a foundation in data analysis in political science and international relations.

Year 2 Opportunity to study modules on topics such as global governance, forms of democracy, party politics, electoral politics, political parties, security, development and conflict.

Final Year The centre-point of the final year is the dissertation. This provides you with the opportunity to explore an area of interest and to demonstrate what you have learned over the previous years of your degree.

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; 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; enhancing employability through work placements and practical experience; and preparing 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



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BA COMBINED HONOURS

Politics and International Relations may be studied in 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

(EXETER)

LL12 3 yrs

with European Study LL1F 4 yrs

with Industrial Experience LL1G 4 yrs

with international Study LLCF 4 yrs

A*AA-AAB | IB: 38-34 |

BTEC: D*DD-DDD

Required subjects: GCSE Maths grade A or 7 or GCE AL/AS Maths; GCSE English Language grade B or 5.

Please see www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/economics

- Gain a thorough grounding in both economics and politics
- Interdisciplinary modules explore the interaction between economic ideas, economic behaviour and the workings of political processes and government policy
- Gain a greater understanding of the practical aspects of the two subjects, and you can select optional modules from both specialisms



BA History and International Relations (EXETER)

VL1F 3 yrs
with Study Abroad VL1F 4 yrs
with Employment Experience VL2F 4 yrs
with Employment Experience Abroad VL3F 4 yrs
AAA-AAB | IB: 36-34 | BTEC: DDD
Please see www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/history

- Investigate the connections between these complementary subjects and to study the historical evolution and contemporary character of world politics from different perspectives
- Gain an appreciation of the historical evolution of the international system, as well as engaging with key issues dominating international politics today
- Gain a solid grounding in understanding international issues together with the opportunity to specialise in a particular region or subject, such as transnational crime or globalisation

BA Philosophy and Politics (EXETER)

VL52 3 yrs
with Study Abroad VL5F 4 yrs
AAA-AAB | IB: 36-34 | BTEC: DDD
Please see www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/philosophy

- Allows you to apply analytical philosophical skills to the study of political events and theories
- Both disciplines have their own methodologies and styles but overlap considerably when it comes to discussing concepts of 'state', 'democracy' and 'public good'
- Enables 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) (EXETER)

International Relations and Modern Languages LR01 4 yrs
Politics and Modern Languages LR02 4 yrs
AAA-ABB | IB: 36-32 | BTEC: DDD-DDM
Required subjects: dependent on your chosen language; see www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/languages
Please see Selecting your chosen language table on page 25.

- Explore domestic and global affairs while acquiring a thorough understanding of the language, culture and literature from a diverse range of societies
- Study political thought, international relations, comparative government and public policy
- Gain a wider understanding of the world by focusing on both the theoretical and practical problems of politics
- Gain strong spoken and writing skills in a modern language whilst optional modules give you a deeper understanding of other cultures
- Your third year will normally be spent studying abroad in a country where you can develop your chosen language

BA Politics and Sociology (EXETER)

LLH2 3 yrs
with Study Abroad LL23 4 yrs
AAA-ABB | IB: 36-32 | BTEC: DDD-DDM
Please see www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/sociology

- Enables you to study the social organisation, economy and cosmology of a range of societies together with their political ideas, institutions and practices
- Take the core modules in politics and sociology in order to gain the foundations of these two disciplines
- In the final year, you will take a dissertation in either sociology or politics, depending on your own area of interest

FLEXIBLE COMBINED HONOURS

Politics and International Relations may also be studied under our innovative Flexible Combined Honours scheme.

- Combine two subjects where there is currently no existing Combined Honours degree at the University. These subjects can fall across departments, creating a cross-college degree
- Study three subject areas if compulsory modules allow
- Take modules from a variety of departments by studying one of our thematic pathways

Further information and the full list of available subjects can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/flexible

MODULES IN EXETER

KEY C = Core
● = Optional

You can choose from a range of politics and international relations module options in all three years, a few examples of which are shown here.

Please note that the availability of all modules is subject to timetabling constraints and that not all modules are available every year. In any one year, however, we would expect to have the range and depth of modules indicated below.

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

Year 1 Modules

Module Name	
Introduction to Public Policy	C
Facing the Challenges of World Politics in the 21st Century	C
Understanding the Medieval and Early Modern World♦	C
Understanding the Modern World♦	C
Making History♦	C
Globalisation of World Politics	C
Classical Political Thought	C
Politics in Europe	C
Power and Democracy	C
Data Analysis in Social Science	C
Politics and Economy of the Contemporary Middle East	●
Introduction to Strategy and Security Studies	●

Year 2 Modules

Module Name	
American Politics	●
The Economics of Politics	C
Contemporary Theories of World Politics	C
Doing History: Perspectives and Sources♦	C
Uses of the Past♦	C
Foreign Policy: Leadership, Power and Responsibility	●
War and Peace in the Middle East	●
Thinking about Race: Perspectives from the Biological and Social Sciences	●
Public Environmental Politics	●
Political Philosophy	C
Politics of the World Economy	C
Security Studies	C
Integration and Disintegration in the European Union	●
Data Analysis in Social Science II	C
Contemporary Public Debate in the Age of 'Anti-Politics'	●
Strategy and Psychology in Foreign Policy	●

♦ Combined Honours History and Politics only.

Final Year Modules

Module Name	
Dissertation	C
Central Asian Politics	●
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	●
Latin American Parties, Politics and Elections	●
The Media in Europe	●
Forced Migration, Refugees and International Relations	●
Global Environmental Politics and Policy	●
War and its Aftermath: Interventions and Contemporary Conflict	●
Disrupting Western Hegemony: Insurgency and Counterinsurgency Post-WWII	●
The Politics of Climate Change	●
Women in the Criminal Justice System: Law, Policy and Institutions	●
Rethinking the Politics of Communities	●
Revolution and Modern Political Thought	●
China in World Affairs	●
Comparative Public Opinion	●
Political and Civic Engagement in an Age of Political Disaffection	●
The Political Economy of the State	●
Maritime Security in Global Politics	●
Developments in British Politics: From Baldwin to Brexit	●
Feminist Political Theory	●
Media and Politics	●
Politics Through the Life Course	●
Deadly Words: The Language of Political Violence	●
The Politics of Food, Farming and Nature	●

YEAR 1

Introduction to Public Policy

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 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.

Introduction to Strategy and Security Studies

Provides an introduction to Strategic Studies, which lies at the crossroads of inquiry within the subject areas of history, politics, economics, geography, and law. It focuses on the use of force and how force is employed to achieve political objectives, and highlights the continuing importance of the study of strategic thinking and practice in this age of strategic complexity.

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.

Thinking about Race: Perspectives from the Biological and Social Sciences

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.

Foreign Policy: Leadership, Power and Responsibility

One of the most fascinating subfields in international relations (IR), foreign policy utilises multi-disciplinary approaches that draw on IR theories, diplomatic history, sociology, and psychology to address big picture questions that have persisted for a long time. These include: How do leaders think about security crises? Are policy makers attuned to citizens' attitudes? Should states intervene militarily beyond their borders to end human suffering? Are international institutions more than the sum of the interests of their most powerful members? Lectures and tutorials are grounded on IR theories and concepts and draw on case studies from a variety of geopolitical contexts.

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.

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.

MODULES IN EXETER CONTINUED

Political Philosophy

This module will introduce you to a range of positions in contemporary political theory and philosophy, familiarising you with key texts, authors and debates, such as those concerning liberty, justice, community, equality, identity, rights, morality, recognition, citizenship, power and the critique of power. You will be introduced to a range of theoretical and methodological approaches associated with these literatures and will explore some of their implications in the assessment of modern societies, their values, their institutional arrangements and the key question of how individuals with radically different beliefs about the good life can agree on rules to regulate political society.

Politics of the World Economy

The political examination of the world economy is important for shedding 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.

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.

Contemporary Public Debate in an Age of 'Anti-Politics'

This module focuses on the ways in which knowledge about politics is constructed, articulated, reproduced and justified in the public sphere. Who are the key knowledge producers of today (the media? politicians? economists? scientific experts? we the public?)? How are claims to truth and/or 'facts' constructed and presented? Why do certain claims gain traction while others don't? To help answer such questions you will explore theories of contemporary politics and democracy, including different approaches to thinking about knowledge and the public sphere, and engage with case studies of recent public debates on key issues.

Strategy and Psychology in Foreign Policy

This module will introduce you to two different approaches to understanding foreign policy. First you will learn the role psychological factors such as emotions, morality, and deciding under pressure play in foreign policy and international relations. You will also be exposed to key decision-making models. It will then introduce you to rational choice theory and how it can be applied to understand international problems and conflicts.

FINAL YEAR

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.

Women in the Criminal Justice System: Law, Policy and Institutions

This module will introduce you to the position of women in the criminal justice system, both as victim and offender, and will explore the regulation of a range of issues from abortion and prostitution, to rape and female serial killers. The core theoretical element throughout will be the analysis of the respective influence of political and cultural organisations – such as the police, government, penal reform system, media and civil society – through various conceptual lenses including new-institutionalism.

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.

Rethinking the Politics of Communities

Throughout much of the history of political thought, 'community' has been a peripheral concept. In more recent times, however, it has come to occupy a central role in both political theory and public policy. In the first half of this module you will trace the development of the concept of community through the history of political theory, focusing in particular on how and why the concept of community takes centre stage in current communitarian thinking. In the second half, you will look at how the concept of community has been radicalised in recent European thought, before considering a series of case studies in the contemporary politics of communities.



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.	Forced Migration, Refugees and International Relations	In this module you will examine the various phases of the refugee crisis, the international frameworks and the solutions that are being pursued. The emphasis will be to ensure that you have an understanding of the differing perspectives – that of the refugee, that of the key international actors and that of the donor community and humanitarian agencies.
Revolution and Modern Political Thought	This module aims to familiarise you with a range of foundational texts vital to understanding modern revolution and the conceptual difficulties it gives rise to. You will learn not only to exegetically reconstruct the arguments of these texts but also to use them as a starting point for critical reflection on the nature of modern revolution.	War and its Aftermath: Interventions and Contemporary Conflict	This module explores effects of political violence in the contemporary setting. Questions that it considers include: Why does large-scale violence persist? Is the character of warfare changing? How do states respond to violent conflict in places like Rwanda, Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, and Syria? How has the international community tried to rebuild war-torn societies and to what effect? What measures have been taken to address mass atrocities? Seminars will be interactive and grounded on IR concepts and theories.
China in World Affairs	This module provides you with the analytical tools to critically examine China's evolving role in world politics. You will develop a keen awareness of the theoretical and conceptual debates surrounding China's rise and gain an appreciation of the ways in which China's historical legacy have shaped its worldview and foreign policy.	Disrupting Western Hegemony: Insurgency and Counter-insurgency Post-WWII	This module will provide you with a strong foundation in the conceptual, historical, strategic, operational, organisational and ethical issues associated with "irregular warfare". Whilst looking at in-depth historical case studies of irregular warfare, the module will enable you to examine how varieties of irregular warfare have risen to prominence during the 20th century. This module will help familiarise you with the sub-types of irregular warfare: mainly guerrilla warfare, insurgency, terrorism and counter-insurgency/counter-terrorism.
Maritime Security in Global Politics	This module will develop your understanding of contemporary global security issues including globalisation, migration and law in a maritime security context. It will help you identify the key security debates related to maritime security and the exercise of seapower, and develop your understanding of how contemporary debates about seapower and maritime security have been informed by an appreciation of relevant history.	Developments in British Politics: From Baldwin to Brexit	This module will equip you with an understanding of a century's worth of British political history and enable you to make sense of the key issues and challenges in British politics today. You will look back at some of the most significant developments in British politics over the past century, taking in the formation of the modern British party system and the rise of organised labour, the postwar consensus, Thatcherism, New Labour and the Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition government. You explore the future of British politics and you will engage with a range of issues including Brexit, the effect of the global financial crisis on British politics, electoral reform, the changing party system and the role of the mass media.
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.		

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 final year, there are fewer formal lectures and much of your learning is through seminars, in which the student presents 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 platforms 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

an internship 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 that is 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, 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 final-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, and if you study a four-year programme then the final three years all contribute.

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



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RECENT GRADUATES ARE NOW WORKING FOR[▲]:

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- Barclays Bank PLC
- Ogilvy and Mather
- Treehouse PR Ltd
- Easton Aerospace
- Orchards of London
- Cornells
- Arcadia Group

CAREERS SERVICES

We have a dedicated, award-winning Careers Service, with offices at our Exeter and Penryn campuses, ensuring you have access to careers advisors, mentors and the tools you need to succeed in finding employment in your chosen field on graduation. We offer the Exeter Award and the Exeter Leaders Award which include employability-related workshops, skills events, volunteering and employment which will contribute to your career decision-making skills and success in the employment market. Our graduates compete very successfully in the employment market, with many employers targeting the University when recruiting new graduates. For further information about our Careers Service please visit: www.exeter.ac.uk/careers

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

Our politics and international relations graduates are highly successful in obtaining graduate employment or moving on to further study, because we enable our students to develop a number of skills that are useful in professional and managerial careers. Your understanding of complex political and cultural issues, often in continually changing environments, can also be relevant to both business and public sector appointments.

RECENT GRADUATES ARE NOW WORKING AS[▲]:

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

[▲] This information has been taken from the Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) Surveys 2014/15. Please note that, due to data protection, the job titles and organisations are listed independently and do not necessarily correspond.





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 a different 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, studying Politics and International Relations (Penryn Campus)



KEY INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

PENRYN CAMPUS, CORNWALL	UCAS CODE	TYPICAL OFFER
BA Single Honours		
Politics and International Relations/ with Study Abroad	4519/ 7925	AAB-BBB; IB: 34-30; BTEC: DDD-DDM
International Relations/ with Study Abroad	L252/ L253	AAB-BBB; IB: 34-30; BTEC: DDD-DDM
BA Joint Honours		
History and Politics/ with Study Abroad/ with Employment Experience/ with Employment Experience Abroad	VLC2/ VLD2/ VLC3/ VLC4	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32; BTEC: DDD-DDM
History and International Relations/ with Study Abroad/ with Employment Experience/ with Employment Experience Abroad	VL2/ VL3/ VL4/ VL5	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32; BTEC: DDD-DDM
BA/BSc Flexible Combined Honours		
with Study Abroad/ with UK Work Experience/ with Work Abroad/ with Study and Work Abroad	Y012/ Y009/ Y011/ Y013	A*AA-ABB; IB: 38-32; BTEC: D*DD-DDM

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We make every effort to ensure that entry requirements are up-to-date in our printed literature. However, because brochures are produced well in advance, our entry requirements and offers may be subject to change.

For up to date details regarding entry requirements and programme specifics, 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 full and up-to-date information on applying and entry requirements, including requirements for other types of qualification, please see www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/applications

STREATHAM CAMPUS, EXETER	UCAS CODE	TYPICAL OFFER
BA Single Honours International Relations/ with Study Abroad	L250/ L251	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34; BTEC: DDD
Politics/with Study Abroad	L200/ L240	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34; BTEC: DDD
Politics, Philosophy and Economics/ with Study Abroad	L0V0/ L0V1	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34; BTEC: DDD; GCSE Maths grade A or 7
BSc Single Honours Politics and International Relations/ with Study Abroad	L292/ L293	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34; BTEC: DDD
BA Combined Honours History and International Relations/ with Study Abroad/ with Employment Experience/ with Employment Experience Abroad	LVF1/ VL1F/ VL2F/ VL3F	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34; BTEC: DDD
International Relations and Modern Languages (Chinese, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish)	LR01	AAA-ABB; IB: 36-32; BTEC: DDD-DDM
Philosophy and Politics/ with Study Abroad	VL52/ VL5F	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34; BTEC: DDD
Politics and Modern Languages (Chinese, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish)	LR02	AAA-ABB; IB: 36-32; BTEC: DDD-DDM
Politics and Sociology/ with Study Abroad	LLH2/ LL23	AAA-ABB; IB: 36-32; BTEC: DDD-DDM
BA/BSc Flexible Combined Honours with Study Abroad/ with UK Work Experience/ with Work Abroad/ with Study and Work Abroad	Y004/ Y006/ Y007/ Y008/ Y014	A*AA-AAB; IB: 38-34; BTEC: D*DD-DDD
BSc Combined Honours Economics and Politics/ with European Study/ with International Study/ with Industrial Experience	LL12/ LL1F/ LLCF/ LL1G	A*AA-AAB; IB: 38-34; BTEC: D*DD-DDD

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SELECTING YOUR CHOSEN LANGUAGE		
CODE	SUBJECT	REQUIRED SUBJECT
<i>Fren</i>	French	For the Beginners' route: GCSE in a modern foreign language grade B or 5. For the Advanced route: GCE AL in a modern foreign language (French, German, Italian, Russian or Spanish) grade B; IB modern foreign language (French, German, Italian, Russian or Spanish) HL5.
<i>Chin</i>	Chinese (Mandarin)	
<i>Germ</i>	German	
<i>Ital</i>	Italian	
<i>Port</i>	Portuguese	
<i>Russ</i>	Russian	
<i>Span</i>	Spanish	

Language requirements for Combined Honours with Modern Languages

- Grade B or 5 at GCSE in any modern foreign language is all that is required to study any of our seven languages on the Beginners' route as part of a Combined Honours degree
- Grade B at A level is required in any language you intend to study from A level
- You may only choose one language
- Students pursuing language study on the basis of a GCSE are normally classed as Beginners
- French, German, Italian, Russian, and Spanish can be studied from A level or Beginners level, with both cohorts reaching degree level in the final year
- Chinese and Portuguese can normally only be studied from Beginners level with students reaching degree level in the final year

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

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However, it may be necessary for the University to make some changes to the information presented in the prospectus following publication – for example, where it is necessary to reflect changes in practice or theory in an academic subject as a result of emerging research; or if an accrediting body requires certain course content to be added or removed. More information about our terms and conditions can be found at: www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/applications/terms

¹ 98% of our research was rated as 2*,3* or 4* in the Research Assessment Exercise 2014.

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