

UNIVERSITY OF  
**EXETER**

# POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

UNDERGRADUATE SUBJECT BROCHURE 2016  
CORNWALL AND EXETER CAMPUSES



# KEY INFORMATION AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

PENRYN CAMPUS, CORNWALL	UCAS CODE	TYPICAL OFFER	
<b>BA Single Honours</b> Politics and International Relations/ with Study Abroad	4519/7925	AAA-BBB; IB: 36-30	<b>C</b>
<b>BA Joint Honours</b> History and Politics/ with Study Abroad	VLC2/ VLD2	A*AA-ABB; IB: 38-32	<b>C</b>
Flexible Combined Honours	Y003	A*AA-BBB; IB: 38-30	<b>C</b>

**C** **PENRYN CAMPUS, CORNWALL**  
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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 below. Please note you may choose only one language. For further information on completing your UCAS form, please visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

MODERN LANGUAGES ENTRY DATA		
CODE	SUBJECT	REQUIRED SUBJECTS
<i>Fren</i>	French	GCE AL French grade B; IB French HL5
<i>Chin</i>	Chinese	GCE AL in a modern foreign language (French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish) grade B; IB modern foreign language (French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish) HL5
<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 at A level is required in any language you intend to study from A level
- You may only choose one language
- Students wishing to pursue language study on the basis of a GCSE are normally classed as beginners
- German, Italian, Russian, and Spanish can be studied either from A level or beginner's level, with both cohorts reaching degree level in the final year. Chinese and Portuguese can normally only be studied from beginner's level with students attaining degree level in the final year. French can only be studied from A level, not beginner's level, to degree level, though it is possible to study French from beginner's level to a lesser level of proficiency than degree level in the Foreign Language Centre, subject to demand.

STREATHAM CAMPUS, EXETER	UCAS CODE	TYPICAL OFFER	
<b>BA Single Honours</b> International Relations/ with Study Abroad	L250/L251	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34	<b>E</b>
Politics/ with Study Abroad	L200/L240	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34	<b>E</b>
Politics, Philosophy and Economics/ with Study Abroad	L0V0/L0V1	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34	<b>E</b>
<b>BSc Single Honours</b> Politics and International Relations/ with Study Abroad	L292/L293	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34	<b>E</b>
<b>MPol Undergraduate Masters</b> Politics and International Relations/ with Study Abroad	L294/L295	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34	<b>E</b>
<b>BA Combined Honours</b> Economics and Politics/ European Study/ with International Study/ with Industrial Experience	LL12/LL1F/ LLCF/ LL1G	A*AA-AAB; IB: 38-34	<b>E</b>
History and International Relations/ with Study Abroad	LVF1/LL1F	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34	<b>E</b>
History and Politics/ with Study Abroad	LV21/ VL1G	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34	<b>E</b>
International Relations and Modern Languages (Chinese, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, or Spanish)	LR01	AAA-ABB; IB: 36-32	<b>E</b>
Philosophy and Politics/ with Study Abroad	VL52/ VLSF	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34	<b>E</b>
Politics and Modern Languages (Chinese, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, or Spanish)	LR02	AAA-ABB; IB: 36-32	<b>E</b>
Politics and Sociology/ with Study Abroad	LLH2/ LL23	AAA-ABB; IB: 36-32	<b>E</b>
Flexible Combined Honours/ with Study or Work Abroad	Y004/Y006	A*AA-AAB; IB: 38-34	<b>E</b>
Flexible Combined Honours with UK Work Experience	Y007	A*AA-AAB; IB: 38-34	<b>E</b>

**E** **STREATHAM CAMPUS, EXETER**  
 Website: [www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/politics](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/politics)  
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For further details on all our entry requirements, please see our Politics pages at [www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/politics](http://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](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/international)

# POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

5th for Politics in *The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2015*

5th in the UK for world-leading and internationally excellent research<sup>1</sup>

94% satisfied with teaching quality in the National Student Survey 2014<sup>2</sup>

Work placements with MPs in Westminster

7th in the UK for progression of Politics graduates into professional occupations or graduate level study

Work experience bursaries of up to £2,000 available for BSc students taking applied research skills<sup>3</sup>

Option to complete a fourth year of study and graduate with an undergraduate Masters degree

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 2014.<sup>1</sup>

We offer an exciting range of Single and Combined Honours degrees at the Streatham Campus in Exeter and at our Penryn Campus near Falmouth, 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".

<sup>1</sup> Research Excellence Framework 2014 based on the percentage of research categorised as 4\* and 3\*

<sup>2</sup> percentage of Politics students who agreed they were satisfied

<sup>3</sup> 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 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 by studying politics in action.

We'll also take you out of the classroom to get a bigger perspective. Whether you're

observing a session of the United Nations in New York, working as an intern in Westminster, or providing consultancy for a political organisation in Cornwall, you'll have opportunities to experience how politics operates in practice.

We believe our field work 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. Field work 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.

As our teaching is inspired by our research, you'll benefit from direct access to the latest thinking. Teaching comprises interactive lectures, small group seminars, visiting practitioners, field trips, simulations, and engagement with local issues and communities. You'll also 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; Chinese politics; American politics; war and conflict; political theory; political behaviour and its influences 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. No other university in the country beats our Penryn Campus for student satisfaction.

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 third years, so you'll 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](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/politics)

## Single Honours

### 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** At the end of your second year, you'll have the chance to travel to the United States to get a better understanding of this global superpower, and will take a module on the role of NGOs in responding to key global challenges. In addition to developing applied research skills, you may also choose from modules on Chinese politics, the politics of protest and radical political theory. You may also opt for an internship in Westminster or work experience with an organisation closely aligned to your career interests.

**Year 3** In your final year you'll 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, political psychology, activist politics, the ethics of humanitarian intervention, EU politics, and global governance.

## Joint Honours

Our Joint Honours History and Politics degree gives 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](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/politics)

### BA History and Politics

This programme brings together History modules that include an engagement with the politics of past societies, with political analysis that includes the study of the historical development of political thought. The programme enables you to explore the history of various societies across the globe and the connections and comparisons between them but is also firmly based in practical techniques. You will be introduced to a wide range of political and historical problems and the main analytical and critical approaches of the two disciplines.

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

## 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](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/flexible)



1. pretext to divert resources to military
2. Serves interests of internal institutions
3. Defining symbol of Nks unique anti-American nationalism

- Strategy - Calculations & insecurities  
- Geopolitical location  
- US, SL, China, Japan

Pride  
- History  
- 900+ invasions  
- 5 major occupations

- Dictatorship  
- Demands success  
- Money spent  
- National identity  
- Defined by - Retaining & increasing sovereignty

- Gain Greater Independence.  
- w/o compromising existing regime & its characteristics.

- Domestic pressures  
- Distractions from domestic issues

- protection from 'threat' of US nuclear umbrella

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## POLITICS IN EXETER E

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.

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YES HELPS MAINTAIN STATUS  
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## 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. You may also be able to extend your studies by a year in order to convert your degree into a Masters qualification (depending on academic attainment).

For up-to-date details of all our programmes and modules, please check [www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/politics](http://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 to comprise 50 per cent of your studies in your second year and 75 per cent in your final year. The programme combines an academic grounding in the study of political science with access to current issues and practical experience. Internships with Devon County Council are available.

**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 range of around 25 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 one, 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 range of around 25 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 degree 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.

**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.

### MPol Politics and International Relations

The four-year MPol will enable you to stand out from the crowd by graduating with an undergraduate Masters qualification. Unlike other stand-alone Masters programmes, you will be eligible for a student loan to cover the cost of your student fees for your final year of study. To progress to the third year of this degree you must achieve at least a 2:1 in your second year. You may enter this programme directly via UCAS or you may apply to transfer into the programme from any Combined or Single Honours degree in Politics or International Relations toward the end of your second year of study.

**Year 1** You'll gain foundation knowledge in core areas of politics and international relations while offering a high degree of flexibility in developing your own learning

pathway. The first year will introduce you to key conceptual and theoretical debates in the study of politics and international relations and provide foundational knowledge.

**Year 2** Building on the first year, you will examine the various forms of politics through history and in thought. You will examine questions of the political including the various forms of government, the nature of public policy and administration, of war and peace, and of resource scarcity and distribution. The core modules in stage 2 will develop your understanding of the theory and practice of political analysis and international relations.

**Year 3** You will be assigned a dissertation supervisor and engage in the early stages of research design, which includes establishing a research proposal and undertaking a literature review in preparation for the dissertation in stage four. In addition, students take options in research-led specialist modules taught by faculty.

**Year 4** You'll undertake a dissertation on a topic of personal interest supervised by a member of academic staff along with three Masters-level optional modules taken from a diverse range of topics such as global security, the politics of climate change, the politics of the global agri-food system, the media in Europe and the dialectic and its critics. Successful completion of this stage of the programme will convert your studies into a Masters of Politics and International Relations degree.

## 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 applied research and data analysis skills sought by employers. If you choose this degree you have the opportunity to undertake work experience with one of our industry partners and receive a work experience bursary of up to £2,000. You'll build CV-enhancing experience in research techniques, quantitative data analysis and software relevant to a variety of careers including business, social research, marketing, policy analysis and politics.

**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 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.

### BA Economics and Politics

This programme provides an excellent education across the range 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

This programme allows you to combine these related yet also very different subjects and to study the historical evolution and contemporary character of world politics from different perspectives.

### BA History and Politics

This programme allows you to combine History with the study of political thought and practice and enables you to explore recurring themes in history, such as class, gender, ethnicity, religion and war alongside the study of political events, institutions and ideas.

## 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. This programme 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

These four-year programmes allow you to combine the study of Politics or International Relations with Chinese, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish. Your third year will normally be spent studying abroad, developing your language skills.

## 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](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/economics)

History: [www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/history](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/history)

Philosophy: [www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/philosophy](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/philosophy)

Modern Languages: [www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/languages](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/languages)

Sociology: [www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/sociology](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/sociology)

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# 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 (15-20 students), 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 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 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 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](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate)

## 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](http://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](http://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/study/erasmus](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/international/study/erasmus)

## 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, 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](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/politics)

# 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 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.

We are building a network of placement providers through our Exeter Politics Internship Programme, which provides you with the opportunity to gain valuable work experience during the summer vacation of the second year (mostly based in Westminster working with an MP, although they can also be in an MP's constituency office).

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](http://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 // Estate Agent // 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

 The most positive experience has been the module on politics of protest. This involved a lot of statistics-crunching, which sounds quite boring at first, but due to the small class size on the Penryn Campus (five people on this module), our lecturer was able to make the course much more interesting as she could go into detail about every single question any of us had. Especially with our assignment, which was a statistical analysis of protest participants, our lecturer was extremely helpful, as she could take the time to have one-on-one sessions with every one of us. That definitely improved our learning and satisfaction, as well as our marks. 

Michel Scholer, Politics and International Relations student, Penryn Campus



# MODULES IN CORNWALL

**KEY** C = Core  
● = Optional

## Year 1 Modules

Module Name	
British Government and Politics	C
Classical Political Ideas: And Why They're Still Useful	C
Foundations in Political Thinking: From Early Christianity to the Renaissance	C
Global Environmental Politics	C
Green Politics in Theory and Practice	C
Power, Conflict, Inequality: Issues in Global Politics	C
Resistance and Transformation: Struggles in Global Politics	C
The Public Policy Process	C

## Year 2 Modules

Module Name	
Doing Politics Research	C
NGOs: Responding to Global Challenges	C
Research Inquiry in Practice	C

## Year 3 Modules

Module Name	
Dissertation	C
United States Field Course	C

## Optional Module Examples (Year 2 and Year 3)

Module Name	
American Democracy and the Challenges of the 21st Century	●
China in World Politics	●
EU Politics and Integration	●
Global Governance and International Relations	●
Order out of Chaos: Radical Democracy in Practice	●
Order out of Chaos: Radical Democracy in Theory	●
Political Sociology	●
The EU Policy Process	●
The Political Psychology of Elites	●
The Politics of Climate Change	●
The Politics of Protest	●
The Politics of War	●
Work Placement Module	●

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## 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, Conflict, Inequality: Issues in Global Politics

In the context of globalisation, world politics becomes an increasingly important area for analysis. Why is global inequality growing? Is the global power of the USA waning in the 21st century? What does it mean to fight a 'War on Terror'? How can we understand contemporary events in world politics? This module introduces a range of issues in contemporary world politics and provides you with the analytical tools to interpret them.

### Resistance and Transformation: Struggles in Global Politics

Processes of globalisation, imperialism and industrialisation have created a range of serious political problems including climate change, global inequality and poverty, democratic deficit and terrorism. You will be encouraged to formulate your own opinions about the causes, impact and most effective ways to respond to these problems.

### 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.

# MODULES IN CORNWALL CONTINUED

## Years 2 and 3

### Doing Politics Research

Introduces research methods such as literature review, quantitative data analysis, SPSS, grounded theory and policy analysis. Working in small groups, you'll learn how to plan and implement effective research and undertake a project relating to a specific research interest. This module provides excellent preparation for your dissertation.

### 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 as 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.

### Research Inquiry in Practice

Provides training in some of the methods used by political researchers (secondary data analysis, questionnaires/surveys, document analysis, participant observation, experiments and case studies). You'll listen to recorded interviews with politicians, NGO staff and journalists explaining why political science research is important in the workplace. Assessment includes responding to a research brief and producing a video to evaluate the experience.

## Optional modules (Year 2 and 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.

### 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 supra national 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Order out of Chaos: Radical Democracy in Theory

This is a unique opportunity to explore exciting new developments in political theory. Through an exploration of Complexity Theory, the module raises questions about how far the body politic extends, and where the limits to political agency can be found. For example, can non-humans also be political actors? And if they can, what does this mean for political ideas and research? We address how power operates within the social political and ecological system, explore ontological questions such as how we know what we know, and consider if this improves our understanding of the world around us.

### Order out of Chaos: Radical Democracy in Practice

Through a consultancy work placement, you can apply exciting new developments in political theory to empirical research problems and find policy solutions. In groups of between two to four students you will follow a consultancy brief and draw up a research proposal, and conduct field work before presenting your report to relevant stakeholders, inviting feedback from the community, local officials and policy-makers. 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.

### 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.

### 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.

## Year 3 only

### United States Field Course

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**



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](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/politics)

## 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	●
Quantitative Methods in Political Science	●

## 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 Practice 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	●

# MODULES IN EXETER CONTINUED

## 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.

**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 enquire 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 Governance: 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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