

POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

UNDERGRADUATE STUDY • 2012 ENTRY
EXETER AND CORNWALL CAMPUSES





Key Information

	UCAS CODE	TYPICAL OFFER
E BA Single Honours in Exeter		
International Relations/with Study Abroad	L250/L251	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34
Politics/with Study Abroad	L200/L240	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34
E BA Combined Honours in Exeter		
Economics and Politics/with European Study	LL12/LL1F	A*AA-AAB; IB: 38-34
History and International Relations/with Study Abroad	LVF1/VL1F	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34
History and Politics/with Study Abroad	LV21/VL1G	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34
International Relations and French	LRF1	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32
International Relations and German	LRF2	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32
International Relations and Italian	LR23	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32
International Relations and Russian	LRF7	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32
International Relations and Spanish	LRF4	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32
Leadership and Politics/with European Study	NL22/NL2F	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34
Philosophy and Political Economy/with Study Abroad	VL51/VL5C	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34
Philosophy and Politics/with Study Abroad	VL52/VL5F	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34
Politics and Arabic	LQ24	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32
Politics and Arabic Studies	LQF4	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32
Politics and French	LR21	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32
Politics and German	LR22	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32
Politics and Italian	LRF3	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32
Politics and Russian	LR27	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32
Politics and Sociology/with Study Abroad	LLH2/LL23	ABB-BBB; IB: 32-30
Politics and Spanish	LR24	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32
Flexible Combined Honours/with Study Abroad	Y004/Y006	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34
Flexible Combined Honours with UK Work Experience	Y007	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34
C BA Single Honours in Cornwall		
Politics and International Studies/with Study Abroad	L290/L291	AAB-BBB; IB: 34-30
C BA Joint Honours in Cornwall		
History and Politics/with Study Abroad	VLC2/VLD2	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32
Politics and Geography	LL27	AAB-BBB; IB: 34-30
Flexible Combined Honours	Y003	AAB-BBB; IB: 34-30

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

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C **Cornwall Campus, near Falmouth**
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Why study Politics at the University of Exeter?

In today's environment of rapid global, technological and cultural transformations, politics is one of the most relevant and exciting programmes of 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 such as the environment, security, elections, the nature of democracy or party politics, the discipline of politics has a high degree of relevance, and its study is applicable in a number of different kinds of careers.

Politics is an inclusive department with a diverse and lively student community and is 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 research led: notably all our third year options are specialist tutorial-based modules that reflect the research strengths of the academic course leader. Current research interests include international relations, Middle East politics, European politics, public policy and administration, climate change and sustainability, campaigns and elections, and political theory. Across these research activities, 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. Our research was ranked 6th in the UK in the latest Research Assessment Exercise (2008).[▲]

The department offers an exciting range of Single and Combined Honours degrees at the Streatham Campus in Exeter and at

our Cornwall Campus near Falmouth, that 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, produce impressive degree results and experience good post-graduation employment rates. We work closely with colleagues from other departments, particularly the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies: this brings a cosmopolitan and pluralist flavour to our teaching. We have a good international mix of staff and our high research standing means that we attract visiting lecturers from around the world.

One of the members of the politics department, Professor 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".

One of the UK's best Politics departments
6th in the UK for world-leading research[▲]
7th in the UK for overall satisfaction in the National Student Survey (2010)[◆]
9th for Politics in *The Times* and *The Guardian* good university guides 2011
Above UK average graduate level employment and postgraduate study rates[†]
International staff with a wide breadth of expertise with governmental and non-governmental organisations

“What appealed to me about Exeter was the range of modules on offer, as it was like nothing I had seen elsewhere. In the first year you have a good variety of topics to study and some of it overlaps with A level to get you started – so nothing to worry about if you've never studied Politics before. The second and third years have been brilliant. This all made me choose Exeter – the content of the course and the high league tables ranking definitely sold it to me!”

SIMON HORSWELL, BA POLITICS,
STREATHAM CAMPUS

[▲]RAE 2008 based on percentage of research categorised as 4*

[◆]based on the percentage of positive responses for full service universities

[†]proportion of UK domiciled, full-time, first degree graduates relative to all graduates with a known destination; HESA 2008/09

The Cornwall campus is a vibrant, diverse place and a great environment. The Politics Department is filled with passionate, active academics, who are genuinely enthusiastic about engaging with students. They take an interest in all students and make themselves available as much as possible to help nurture development.

JASEMIN AKCAY, BA POLITICS, CORNWALL CAMPUS

E 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 since the British Mandate, 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.

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. 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 are a large but friendly department with over thirty full-time staff engaged in teaching and research across our campuses in Exeter and Cornwall. We have particular

research strengths in Middle East politics, international relations, political theory, European governance, electoral politics and public policy. 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.

C Politics in Cornwall

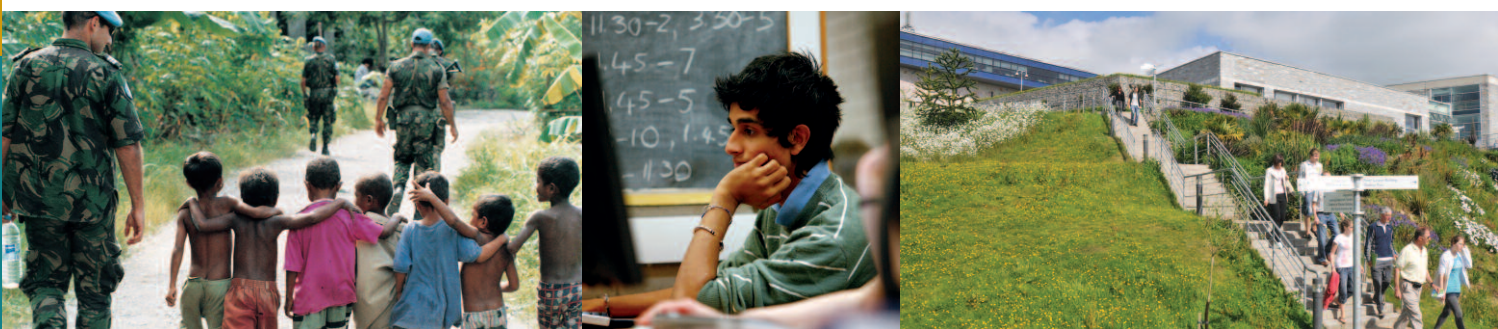
As in Exeter, the content of our undergraduate programmes in politics is influenced by our research interests that are nationally and internationally recognised and positioned at the forefront of academic debate. Our specialisms include security studies, counter-terrorism, political psychology, electoral systems and accountability, campaigns and media, decolonisation, gender and race, politics of health systems and military services, political theory and geopolitics. You'll benefit from this direct access to the latest thinking and will discuss the very latest ideas in seminars and tutorials.

As a student of politics in Cornwall you will also, if you wish, have the opportunity to develop your knowledge, understanding and interest in the environment and sustainability. Optional modules from a range of disciplines, particularly in your second and third years, will give you the chance to explore how politics engages with issues of sustainability.

Our Cornwall Campus, and the politics department in particular, offers a welcoming atmosphere where it's easy to make new friends and where staff and students know each other well. The stunning campus buildings have been equipped to deliver the very best in learning and teaching facilities, with lecture theatres and seminar rooms equipped with the latest technologies.

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.

The campus is shared with University College Falmouth which creates a vibrant mixture of students from science, engineering, humanities and arts backgrounds, both on campus and in the local area.



Degree programmes

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 worth 15 or 30 credits each. Full-time undergraduates need to take 120 credits in each year. Within politics, in addition to the core modules, you can choose from an extensive range of options in all three years, a few examples of which are shown at the back of this brochure.

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

Programmes in Exeter

E 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 Years 1 and 2 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 Year 2 and 75 per cent in Year 3. 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: for example, British politics, the history of political thought and international relations. 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: The core modules in the second year will develop your understanding of the theory and practice of public policy, comparative politics 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 15 options. These include subjects as diverse as the politics of climate change, the politics of the global agri-food system, the media in Europe and the dialectic and its critics. 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 International Relations

This degree will provide 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 historical evolution of the international system, as well as engaging with key dilemmas and contestations dominating 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 transnational crime or globalisation.



Teaching is at the heart of university life and is something that I throw myself into with relish. I teach public policy and administration focused modules across all undergraduate years and was delighted to be shortlisted for the Best Lecturer Award in the Students' Guild Teaching Awards 2010. My teaching is led both by my academic research and by my own experience of working in government. Real world policy dilemmas are used to explore how decision-makers experience and engage in politics bringing otherwise abstract theories to life. For example, the assessment in my second year course on policy analysis casts students in the role of policy advisers. By writing about a policy problem of their choice, and researching the various possible decisions that decision-makers in government could make, students change from being analysts who are one-step removed from the political process to policymakers who must win attention for their issue and design a policy response that is politically, economically and ethically credible. I use my experience from working in the civil service, and my own research on policy advice, to teach the analytical methods and research skills essential for 'speaking truth to power' (and knowing how to respond when power speaks back!).

DR CLAIRE DUNLOP, SENIOR LECTURER IN POLITICS



Year 1: Two core modules will introduce you to the historical development of the international political system, key theories of international politics and problems in contemporary international politics. You will select optional modules, two of which must be taken in politics, and two of which must be taken from other departments, such as sociology, history or philosophy. Optional modules available in the politics department cover the history of political thought and British politics.

Year 2: In this year 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 strategic studies, and theories of international relations which explore the relation between theory and practice. Optional modules currently include Ethics, War and Peace in the Middle East and American 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 15 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.

E Combined Honours

Politics and international relations may be studied in Exeter with a wide range of other subjects including *Arabic, Economics, History, Leadership, Philosophy, Sociology* or with a *Modern Language (French, German, Italian, Russian or Spanish)*. Your work is divided evenly between the two subjects, with the politics and international relations modules appropriate to the combined degree. The programmes are designed so that there are no differences in the workload in comparison to the Single Honours degrees.

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 combined History with the study of political theory and practice and enables you to explore recurring themes in history, such as class, gender, ethnicity, religion and war alongside the study of political behaviour, institutions and ideas.

BA Leadership and Politics

This programme promotes better understanding of leadership in politics. You will study and use the main concepts, approaches and theories of the disciplines to analyse, interpret and evaluate political and/or leadership events, ideas and institutions, giving particular attention to the interface between the two subject areas.

BA Philosophy and Political Economy

This degree will allow you to study and understand the contribution that philosophy can make to older and newer political and economical questions. You will be able to reflect on the role that philosophical notions such as 'rationality', 'values' and 'norms' play in other disciplines interested in the structure and functioning of human societies.

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 and challenges you to reflect upon the conditions of human social life and the significance of politics as a human activity.



BA Politics and Arabic/Arabic Studies

This programme allows you to combine the study of the language, history and culture of the Arabic world with the analysis of political ideas, institutions and practices more generally.

BA Politics/International Relations and a Modern Language

These programmes allow you to combine the study of politics or international relations with French, German, Italian, Russian or Spanish.

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:

Arabic: www.exeter.ac.uk/iaia

Business School:

www.exeter.ac.uk/business-school

History: www.exeter.ac.uk/history

Philosophy: www.exeter.ac.uk/philosophy

Modern Languages:

www.exeter.ac.uk/languages

Sociology: www.exeter.ac.uk/sociology

Programmes in Cornwall

C Single Honours

BA Politics and International Studies

This exciting and distinctive programme allows you to take a range of modules across the major areas of politics and international studies, including political theory and methods. Optional modules closely reflect the research interests and expertise of staff: international relations and security studies; environmental politics; comparative politics; media and political psychology; and political theory.

Year 1: The politics core modules will introduce you to the practice and tradition of political theorising in the West, through the study of selected texts by major thinkers from the Greeks to the Renaissance. They will also give you a knowledge of some of the main forms of political analysis and methodology and of key methodological debates within the study of politics. You will be introduced to international relations through modules on the globalisation of world politics. Additional modules focus on British government and politics and political theory.

Year 2: Second year modules build upon the above foundations offering you an opportunity to deepen your knowledge and understanding across the discipline. Current modules give you the opportunity to study US politics and government, modern political thought, gendering world politics and media and political campaigns.

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 staff from Politics. You will also choose from a number of optional modules

in politics and international studies, which currently include Order out of Chaos; Political Psychology of Elites and Masses; and Political Participation.

C Joint Honours

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

BA Politics and Geography

This programme blends analysis of politics at different territorial scales with the study of the way environments are organised and managed through cultural, economic and political processes. It allows you to explore various political systems across the globe, and also develops practical geographical techniques through fieldwork. You will be introduced to the historical and geographical aspects of human society and the physical environment and their complex inter-relationships.

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 all our Joint Honours programmes please check the following websites:

Geography: www.exeter.ac.uk/geography

History: www.exeter.ac.uk/history

E Flexible Combined **C** Honours

This innovative Combined Honours scheme enables you to combine modules from a number of different fields of study not otherwise available through an existing Combined or Joint Honours programme. You can combine up to three subjects of from an extensive list in both Exeter and Cornwall. 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/undergraduate/degrees/flexible



Exeter offers a very good International Relations course – I'm particularly interested in the Middle East so the fact that one of the department's main interests is the politics of the Middle East greatly influenced my choice.



The Politics department incorporates both Politics and International Relations, and there is significant overlap between the two subjects. That's not to say I'm limited to that, though. In the first year I was able to take a module at the Institute of Arabic and Islamic studies, and this module was an excellent grounding for the IR Middle East modules that I took in the second year.

JESSICA D'CRUZ, BA INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, STREATHAM CAMPUS





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 1-3 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 and 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 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 usual format consists of you, the student, presenting a report followed by class discussion.

We're actively engaged in introducing new methods of learning and teaching, including increasing 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. You can access detailed information about modules and learning outcomes and interact through activities such as the discussion forums.

We are committed to creating a supportive learning environment in which you'll be able to achieve your potential, providing you are willing to take responsibility for your own learning and take advantage of the academic and personal development opportunities the programme provides. You'll have the

chance to make your mark on the programmes through regular student evaluations and participation in the Student-Staff Liaison Committee and student societies.

Research-led teaching

Research-led teaching ensures lectures are up-to-date and relevant and you will benefit from access to the latest thinking, equipment and resources. All staff teach third 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

Study abroad

Studying for your degree at Exeter offers you the exciting possibility of spending up to one year abroad. In 2010/11 Exeter's highly successful programme helped about 400 students study at one of our 180 partner universities. 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/languages. If you take Politics with Arabic, you will normally spend your second year abroad. More information is available at www.exeter.ac.uk/iaais

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 full details please check the International Office website at 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 examinations. You may also choose to complete a dissertation and/or project work. The ratio of coursework to exam varies according to which modules you take, but on average is about 40:60.

You must pass your first year assessment in order to progress to the second year, but the results do not count towards your degree classification. For three-year programmes, the assessments in the second and third years contribute to your final degree classification. For four-year programmes



the assessments in the second, third and fourth years all contribute to your final degree classification.

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

Money matters

At the time of printing, major Government reforms to student finance are underway – these will allow universities to charge tuition fees of up to £9,000 a year from 2012/13. Universities that want to charge more than the new basic fee of £6,000 will have to meet additional conditions to promote access for disadvantaged students. We have not yet confirmed our tuition fees and support levels for the coming year, but, once we have done so, we will update our website as soon as possible. We therefore recommend you consult our website for this information before you submit your UCAS application for entry to university in autumn 2012. For further information, please see www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/money

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.

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.

The following are examples of initial jobs secured by politics and international relations graduates who recently finished undergraduate programmes:

- Researcher to Member of Parliament, UK Parliament, London
- Tax Associate, Grant Thornton UK LLP, Bristol
- Civil Servant, Houses of Parliament, London
- Officer, British Army, Germany
- Pricing Analyst, AXA, Tunbridge Wells
- Campaign Executive, Conservative Party, Exeter and Devon
- Translator, PricewaterhouseCoopers Marseille, France
- Administrator, Ministry of Defence, London
- Parliamentary Caseworker and Researcher, Westminster

Examples of further study followed by our graduates in politics and international relations are:

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

For further information about what the Employability Service offers at Exeter visit www.exeter.ac.uk/employability

Entry requirements and applying

You can find a summary of our typical entry requirements on the inside front cover of this brochure.

The full and most up-to-date information about politics is on the undergraduate website at www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/politics and 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.

For some politics programmes where we receive a large number of applications from well-qualified applicants, we may not be able to make an offer to all those who are predicted to achieve (or who have already achieved) our typical offer. We will therefore consider additional academic achievements alongside the personal statement in deciding whether we are able to make an offer. You can find further information about these additional criteria at www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/politics

We make every effort to ensure that the entry requirements are as up-to-date as possible in our printed literature. However, since this is printed well in advance of the start of the admissions cycle, in some cases our entry requirements and offers will change.

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/undergraduate/international

For information on the application, decision, offer and confirmation process, please visit www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/applications



Module details

Key: C = Core
O = Optional

You can choose from an extensive 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/politics

Year 1 module examples:

Module Name	Exeter	Cornwall
British Government and Politics	C	C
Globalisation of World Politics	C	C
Facing the Challenges of World Politics in the 21st Century	C	O
History of Political Thought 1	C	C
History of Political Thought 2	C	C
Introduction to Environmental Politics		C
Politics in Europe	C	O
Power and Democracy	C	C
State, Society and Culture		C
The State of Britain: Trends, Actors and Agenda-Setting in UK Public Policy	C	C

Year 2 module examples:

Module Name	Exeter	Cornwall
American Politics	O	O
Chinese Politics		O
Comparative Politics: Approaches and Concepts	C	
Contemporary Theories of World Politics	C	
Ethics	O	
Foreign Policy: Leadership, Power and Responsibility	O	
Gendering World Politics		O
Introduction to Middle Eastern Politics	O	
Media, Public Opinion and Campaigns	O	O
Member States of the European Union	O	
National and Community Identity		O
Political Philosophy	O	
Political Thought of Modernity	C	O
Public Policy and Administration	C	
Rethinking Third World Politics	O	
Security Studies	O	
The Economics of Politics	O	
The Political Economy of Globalisation	C	
War and Peace in the Middle East	O	

Year 3 module examples:

Module Name	Exeter	Cornwall
Business and Politics	O	
Conflict and Order in the Middle East	O	
Dissertation	C	C
Electoral Politics	O	
EU Institutions and Policies: Challenges and Successes	O	
Globalisation and Democratic Politics: The End of the Nation State?	O	
Globalisation and the Politics of Resistance	O	
International Organisations: Purpose, Culture and Reform	O	
Policy Analysis for the Real World	O	
Marx and Post-Structuralism	O	
Political Participation	O	O
Political Psychology of Elites and Masses		O
Political Theory in Practice	O	
Order out of Chaos: Narratives of Identity, Understanding and Planned Communities		O
Regional and Subregional Governance: A Practice Approach	O	
The Media in Europe	O	
The Political Economy of Globalisation	O	
The Politics of Climate Change	O	
The Politics of Empire in the Middle East	O	
The Prime Minister and the President	O	
The Refugee Crisis in the Modern World	O	
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Politics modules

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Year 1 module examples

British Government and Politics

E C

Introduces British politics and provides a bridge for those who have A level Politics and a rapid introduction for those who do not. It introduces the major contemporary institutions and processes of government. A second theme is to stress the 'new politics' of permanent campaigning and direct action in a context where power is shifting upwards (to Europe) and downwards (to the devolved territories).

Globalisation of World Politics

E C

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

Facing the Challenges of World Politics in the 21st Century

E C

Introduces an important sub-field within the discipline of politics, that is, international relations. This module will expose you to a range of pressing issues in world politics and provide you with the conceptual and analytical tools to critically assess their origins, nature and potential impact.

History of Political Thought 1 and 2

E C

Introduces the practice and tradition of political theorising in the West: firstly from the Greeks to the early Christian period, and secondly from the Medieval period to the High Renaissance through the study of selected texts by major thinkers. You will also be introduced to a tradition of textual interpretation and commentary connected with this tradition and some of the major interpretations offered.

Politics in Europe

E C

Addresses the comparative analysis of political systems of European Union (EU) Member States. The theoretical foundations of the module lie in the combination of comparative politics and comparative political economy and Europeanization theory. The module examines the role of political parties, interest groups, legislatures, executives, judiciaries, the media and political participation.

Power and Democracy

E C

Provides an understanding of 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.

State, Society and Culture

C

Drawing on traditional and more modern theories of the state and focusing on significant contemporary political issues, 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 modern political analysis.

The State of Britain: Trends, Actors and Agenda-Setting in UK Public Policy

E C

Provides a detailed examination of trends, actors and agenda-setting in UK public policy. The module engages in current political debates on how the policy agenda is set and the manner in which public policy has changed in recent decades, analyses the influences on these trends past and present and discusses the implications of these trends for politics and policymaking.

Year 2 module examples

American Politics

E C

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.

Comparative Politics: Approaches and Concepts

E

Introduces basic approaches and concepts in the field of comparative politics. You will look at strategies of comparison, the role of core actors in the electoral process and the study of non-elected institutions.

Contemporary Theories of World Politics

E

Critically examines the state-of-the-art in 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.



Ethics

E

Introduces ethical theories in contemporary and historical moral philosophy and how they help us understand the question 'How are we to live?' You will consider the ethical theories from both historical and conceptual, perspectives.

Gendering World Politics

C

Explores the significance of gender to global political events and institutions. Drawing on key texts and resources from across the social sciences the module considers how what men and women do shapes our ideas about contemporary issues and events.

Media, Public Opinion and Campaigns

E

C

Examines the interaction between the media, public opinion and campaigns. It looks at the structure of the media and at media ownership. The main area of concern is how the media cover politics and the influence its coverage has on the public, politicians and political campaigns.

National and Community Identity

C

Explores the question of the extent to which policy needs to consider the politics of identity, through the concepts of belonging and difference. It introduces the idea of communities as imagined narratives which have a function within society, which is extended to national identity where we consider questions relating to the extent to which identity is learned or an accident of birth.

Political Thought of Modernity

E

C

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.

Public Policy and Administration

E

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

E

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 which will provide a basis for more detailed studies at Level 3 and in undergraduate and postgraduate research.

The Political Economy of Globalisation

E

Examines the political economy of globalisation and related global governance issues. These forces and issues are examined in their historical, conceptual, political-economic and theoretical contexts, the aim being to provide you with a knowledge of globalisation and global governance by examining the central concepts and institutional forms of globalisation.

War and Peace in the Middle East

E

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.

Year 3 module examples

Conflict and Order in the Middle East

E

Examines key features of the international politics of the modern Middle East. This module will familiarise you with key theoretical tools and historical developments in the politics of conflict and subsequent patterns of order in the Middle East from the late 19th century to present.

Dissertation

E

C

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.





Politics modules continued

Electoral Politics

E

Addresses the many facets of electoral politics enabling you to understand and critically evaluate the merits of elections, political parties and voting across the world's developed and developing democracies. You'll investigate the causes of why individuals vote and for whom they do, with a consideration of demographic, psychological and institutional causes.

EU Institutions and Policies: Challenges and Successes

E

Analyses the institutions and policies of the European Union through the study of such institutions in the context of the broader study of democratic institutions. You'll be asked to form and defend your own perspectives on how to reform the EU in light of the need to ensure efficient and democratic governance.

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

E

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.

International Organisations: Purpose, Culture and Reform

E

Provides an advanced introduction to the purpose of international organisations by utilising rationalist and constructivist theory and placing organizations such as the United Nations Security Council and UNESCO, the World Bank and the IMF in their historical context.

Marx and Post-Structuralism

E

Presents and critically appraises Marx's analysis of capitalism within its philosophical context. You'll consider the continuing viability of that analysis in the light of subsequent developments in capitalism and bourgeois economic theory, the collapse of 'really existing communism' in 1989, the resurgence of nationalism, globalisation and the financial crisis of 2008/09.

Order out of Chaos: Narratives of Identity, Understanding and Planned Communities

C

Questions how planned communities can be developed to achieve particular goals, through theory and practice. It considers how complex systems are structured, change and develop, and explores why teleological planning may be problematic in relation to how social and ecological change actually happens.

Policy Analysis for the Real World

E

Explores what policy is actually for in an era of internationalisation and austerity. Questions are addressed using various conceptual lenses that have common currency amongst policy elites in western democracies as well as in public administration scholarship.

Political Participation

E C

Focuses on seeking explanations for current problems of representative democracy, this module provides an introduction to the international literature on political participation, including case studies from various countries.

Political Psychology of Elites and Masses

C

Examines the interdisciplinary field of political psychology. We use theories and findings from the study of elites and masses in political science and psychology to better understand politics, in particular political decision-making and the roles of personality, group processes, affect and cognition.

Political Theory in Practice

E

Explores the extent to which theories in political philosophy can help us to understand the moral issues underlying a range of conflicts, struggles and social experiments around the world. Prior study of some area of political philosophy would be an advantage but is not required.

The Media in Europe

E

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.

The Politics of Climate Change

E

Introduces the political and governance challenges presented by climate change and demonstrates that producing effective climate policy is a complex activity because of the politicisation of climate science; issues surrounding intra- and intergenerational equity; the interconnectedness of climate change and sustainable development; and the interaction between different governance scales.

The Prime Minister and the President

E

You'll view the American and British political systems from the perspective of their chief executives. In doing so, presidents and prime ministers will be examined in various leadership roles and detailed attention will be given to the handling of demanding situations or crises by post-war incumbents.

The Refugee Crisis in the Modern World

E

Familiarises you with the key issues and main developments in the international refugee regime and the impact upon the states and people involved. You will also examine literature on forced migration to demonstrate how different and contradictory policies are proposed and implemented.

Understanding Democracy and Human Rights in the Middle East

E

Democracy and human rights have become major political concerns in a globalising world. The Middle East is no exception in spite of misgovernment being the common conditions of most Middle Eastern states since independence from colonial rule.



The University of Exeter

Experience for life

Studying at the University of Exeter is about more than getting a degree – there's a wealth of opportunities open to you to develop personally as well as professionally. We offer an exceptionally wide range of opportunities for you to gain the skills employers want – from management training to business placements, volunteering programmes and pre-teacher training, to a worldwide network of study abroad opportunities and careers advice from our own successful graduates.

Great reputation

Exeter is ranked 12th in the UK in *The Times Good University Guide 2011*, making it the highest ranked South West university. Exeter has one of the highest National Student Survey rankings in the country, being in the top 10 since the survey began, and in 2010 we scored in the top 10 for teaching, academic support, personal development, and overall satisfaction.* We are also in *The Times* top 10 research-intensive universities: nearly 90 per cent of our research was rated as internationally recognised in the latest (2008) Research Assessment Exercise.

Investing in your future

We are in the midst of a £275 million investment programme on the Streatham Campus. Projects include a new centrepiece called the Forum, expansion of the Business School and facilities for Biosciences. These will be complemented with modern accommodation. The first phase of the accommodation project was completed in September 2010, with most other schemes being completed between the end of 2010

and summer 2012. We have also invested £9 million in library facilities and £11 million in sports facilities, making them amongst the best in the country.

Since opening in 2004, our £100 million Cornwall Campus has gone from strength to strength. We've built state-of-the-art facilities, developed innovative degree programmes and attracted leading academic staff. Our latest development, a £30 million Environment and Sustainability Institute will help put the University at the forefront of environmental and climate change research on a campus which already offers 21st century academic, research and residential facilities.

Exceptional location and great atmosphere

A safe, student-friendly city, Exeter is rated one of the best places to live in the UK for the quality of its facilities, low crime rate and fantastic countryside. The University has one of the UK's most active students' unions, sees some of the top bands in the country perform on campus and is one of the UK's top sporting universities.

For students studying in Cornwall, the campus there offers a fantastic student lifestyle in a safe, friendly and energising environment, with plenty of opportunities for sports, including surfing, sailing and other outdoor activities.

Explore the possibilities

Open Days

Come and visit our beautiful campuses. We hold Open Days in Exeter twice a year in June and September and at our Cornwall Campus in June and October.

Campus Tours

We run Campus Tours at the Streatham Campus every weekday at 2pm during term-time, and at the Cornwall Campus on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. You'll be shown round by a current student, who'll give you a first-hand account of what it's like to live and study here.

For full details and to book your place at an open day or campus tour, visit www.exeter.ac.uk/opendays

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Post-Offer Open Days

Once you receive confirmation of an offer we'll contact you with an invitation to visit us on a Post-Offer Open Day, which will give you the chance to find out more about your programme and department and decide whether to accept our offer. While this opportunity to visit includes a campus tour and formal introduction to the department, much emphasis is placed on a more informal period for questions and answers. A number of our current students also take part on these days, leading tours and giving you the opportunity to ask them what studying here is really like! Post-Offer Open Days take place during the period January to April.

*based on average of positive responses for full service universities (ie, excluding specialist colleges)



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