

POLISIS Masters degree module outlines

Here are outlines and information for masters degree modules in the Department of Political Science and International Studies. One of the real strengths of our masters programmes is the wide range of modules available, giving students the ability to tailor their course of study to their own academic interests. Find out more about our [Masters degrees \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/courses/masters.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/courses/masters.aspx).

Political Science and International Studies

- [Advanced Political Analysis \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/developments-contemporary-political-analysis.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/developments-contemporary-political-analysis.aspx)
- [Asia Pacific Security \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/asia-pacific-security.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/asia-pacific-security.aspx)
- [Civil War, Conflict and International Intervention \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/civil-war-conflict-international-intervention.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/civil-war-conflict-international-intervention.aspx)
- [Contemporary Issues in Global Ethics \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/contemporary-issues-global-ethics.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/contemporary-issues-global-ethics.aspx)
- [Contemporary Themes and Issues in British Politics \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/contemporary-themes-issues-british-politics.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/contemporary-themes-issues-british-politics.aspx)
- [Democracy, Power and Citizenship \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/democracy-power-citizenship.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/democracy-power-citizenship.aspx)
- [Diplomacy and Statecraft \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/diplomacy-statecraft.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/diplomacy-statecraft.aspx)
- [Diplomatic History of the Twentieth Century \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/diplomatic-history-twentieth-century.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/diplomatic-history-twentieth-century.aspx)
- [Dissertation \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/dissertation-polsis.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/dissertation-polsis.aspx)
- [Economic Diplomacy and Negotiations \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/economic-diplomacy-negotiations.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/economic-diplomacy-negotiations.aspx)
- [European Security \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/european-security.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/european-security.aspx)
- [Ethical Dimensions of Terrorism, Political Violence and War \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/ethical-dimensions-terrorism-political-violence-war.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/ethical-dimensions-terrorism-political-violence-war.aspx)
- [Gender and Global Governance \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/gender-global-governance.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/gender-global-governance.aspx)
- [Germany's Foreign Policy since the end of the Cold War \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/germanys-foreign-policy.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/germanys-foreign-policy.aspx)
- [Global Climate Change \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/global-climate-change.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/global-climate-change.aspx)
- [Global Environmental Governance \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/global-environmental-governance.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/global-environmental-governance.aspx)
- [Global Ethics: Theories And Approaches \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/global-ethics-theories-approaches.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/global-ethics-theories-approaches.aspx)
- [Globalisation and Governance \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/globalisation-governance.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/globalisation-governance.aspx)
- [Governing Britain Since 1918 \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/governing-britain-since-1918.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/governing-britain-since-1918.aspx)
- [International Political Economy \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/international-political-economy.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/international-political-economy.aspx)
- [International Relations Theory \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/international-relations-theory.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/international-relations-theory.aspx)
- [Multiculturalism and Religious Conflict \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/multiculturalsim-religious-conflict.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/multiculturalsim-religious-conflict.aspx)
- [The Politics of the Arab-Israeli Conflict \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/politics-arab-israeli-conflict.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/politics-arab-israeli-conflict.aspx)
- [Politics and the State \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/politics-state.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/politics-state.aspx)
- [Post-Conflict Peacebuilding and International Order \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/post-conflict-peacebuilding-international-order.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/post-conflict-peacebuilding-international-order.aspx)
- [Revolution And Enlightenment \(Political Ideas A\) \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/revolution-enlightenment.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/revolution-enlightenment.aspx)
- [Rising Powers and Global Order \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/rising-powers-global-order.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/rising-powers-global-order.aspx)
- [Security Studies \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/security-studies.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/security-studies.aspx)
- [Sex, Death, Gender and \(In\) Security \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/sex-death-gender-security.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/sex-death-gender-security.aspx)
- [Social Theory and Critique: Contested Knowledge \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/social-theory-critique-contested-knowledge.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/social-theory-critique-contested-knowledge.aspx)
- [Social Theory: From Marxism To Post Marxism \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/social-theory-marxism-post-marxism.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/social-theory-marxism-post-marxism.aspx)
- [Terrorism and Contemporary Conflict \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/terrorism-contemporary-conflict.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/terrorism-contemporary-conflict.aspx)
- [Terrorism and Political Violence \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/terrorism-political-violence.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/terrorism-political-violence.aspx)
- [The Theory and Ethics of Political Violence \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/theory-ethics-terrorism-political-violence.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/theory-ethics-terrorism-political-violence.aspx)
- [Totalitarianism And The State \(Political Ideas B\) \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/totalitarianism-state.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/totalitarianism-state.aspx)
- [US Foreign and Defence Policy \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/us-foreign-defence-policy.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/us-foreign-defence-policy.aspx)

Russian, European and Eurasian Studies

Modules in social science and history

- [The Caucasus: History, Culture and Contemporary Politics \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/caucasus-history-culture-contemporary-politics.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/caucasus-history-culture-contemporary-politics.aspx)
- [Democracy, Nationalism and Integration in Central and South East Europe \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/democracy-nationalism-integration-central-south-east-europe.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/democracy-nationalism-integration-central-south-east-europe.aspx)
- [Dissertation \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/dissertation-crees.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/dissertation-crees.aspx)
- [Ethnic and Ethno-Religious Conflict in Eurasia \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/ethnic-ethno-religious-conflict-eurasia.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/ethnic-ethno-religious-conflict-eurasia.aspx)
- [European Emerging Markets: Economic Transformation and Development of Ex-Communist Countries \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/european-emerging-markets.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/european-emerging-markets.aspx)
- [Readings in Russian and East European Studies \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/readings-russian-east-european-studies.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/readings-russian-east-european-studies.aspx)
- [Researching Russia and Eastern Europe \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/researching-russia-eastern-europe.aspx\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/researching-russia-eastern-europe.aspx)

- [The Rise, Fall and Legacies of Communism in Russia and Eastern Europe \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/rise-fall-legacies-communism-russia-eastern-europe.aspx\)](#)

- [Russian and Ukrainian Politics and International Relations \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/russian-ukrainian-politics-international-relations.aspx\)](#)

Russian, East European and other language modules

- [Graduate Ab Initio Russian I \(Beginners\) \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/graduate-ab-initio-russian-beginners.aspx\)](#)
- [Graduate Ab Initio Russian II \(Intermediate\) \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/graduate-ab-initio-russian-intermediate.aspx\)](#)
- [Graduate Russian Language III - Advanced Oral \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/graduate-russian-language-advanced-oral.aspx\)](#)
- [Graduate Polish for Social Scientists \(Beginners\) \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/graduate-polish-social-scientists-beginners.aspx\)](#)
- [Polish for Social Scientists \(Intermediate\) \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/polish-social-scientists-intermediate.aspx\)](#)
- [Polish for Social Scientists \(Advanced\) \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/polish-social-scientists-advanced.aspx\)](#)
- [Ukrainian for Research in Social Science \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/ukrainian-research-social-science.aspx\)](#)
- Kazakh language (Beginners)
- Georgian language (Beginners) (subject to confirmation)

History research training modules

- Historical Methods
- Research Methods in History

Social Science research modules

- [Introduction to Social Science Research \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/socsci/modules/introduction-social-science-research.aspx\)](#)
- [Research Design \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/socsci/modules/research-design.aspx\)](#)
- [Social Research Methods I \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/socsci/modules/social-research-methods-1.aspx\)](#)
- [Social Research Methods II \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/socsci/modules/social-research-methods-2.aspx\)](#)
- A number of Short Intensive training modules are also available

Additional module choices

Other modules throughout the School of Government and Society include:

- [International Development \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/index-idd.aspx\)](#)
- [Local Government Studies \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/index-inlogov.aspx\)](#)

POLSIS students can consider other modules outside the main discipline throughout the University in consultation with their programme director.

See the individual [Masters degrees \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/courses/masters.aspx\)](#) pages for a detailed list of modules taken with the degree.

