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What's it like studying at Birmingham?

To give you an idea of what it's like to study in the [Department of Political Science and International Studies \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/index.aspx\)](#) we are running two live twitter chats for offer holders over the next two weeks. These chats will give you the opportunity to ask three of our most recent graduates about their experiences in the department and university life in general.

You can take part in the chats by following [@birminghamalum \(http://www.twitter.com/birminghamalum\)](#) on Twitter, or by using #AskAnAlum. If you would like to ask a question to a specific graduate, please just add their initials at the start of your tweet (i.e. to direct a question to 'Nancy Gray', your tweet would be: '@birminghamalum NG What was your favourite module?').

The chats will take place at the following times:

- TBC

If you're unable to take part then you can still email a question beforehand to Teresa Hunt (t.j.hunt@bham.ac.uk (<mailto:t.j.hunt@bham.ac.uk>)) and we'll make sure that one of our graduates answers it.

Please see below for information about our graduates:

Nancy Gray

Nancy graduated in 2012 with a [BA \(Hons\) in Political Science \(/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/political-science.aspx\)](#) and now works as a Fundraising Project Manager Intern at [Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity \(http://www.bch.org.uk/\)](#). The internship opportunity was only open to Birmingham students (provided by our excellent [Careers Network team \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/generic/internships/index.aspx\)](#)). During her time at University Nancy was Secretary for the Amnesty International society and a Regional Fundraising Volunteer for 'Freedom from Torture'. You can read more about [Nancy's experiences at Birmingham \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/alumni/profiles/gray-nancy.aspx\)](#).



Sean Finch

Sean completed his [BA \(Hons\) International Relations with Political Science degree \(/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/international-relations-political-science.aspx\)](#) in 2012 and has gained a place on the [Teach First \(http://www.teachfirst.org.uk/TFHome/\)](#) Leadership Development Programme, which begins in June 2013. Sean was a member of the Politics Society ([POLSOC \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/teaching/enhancing-student-experience/politics-society.aspx\)](#)) and took part in other extra-curricular activities during his time here. Read more about [Sean's experiences \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/alumni/profiles/finch-sean.aspx\)](#).



Riona Mulherin

Like Sean, Riona also graduated in 2012 with a degree in [International Relations with Political Science \(/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/international-relations-political-science.aspx\)](#). Since graduation, Riona has been working at Paradigm Mortgage Services, as a Mortgage and Protection Support Advisor. During her time here Riona was a member of '[Redbrick \(http://www.redbrick.me/\)](#)' staff (our student newspaper) as well as being an active member of the [Model United Nations Society \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/teaching/enhancing-student-experience/model-united-nations.aspx\)](#) and the Oxfam Outreach Society. You can read more about [Riona's time at Birmingham \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/alumni/profiles/mulherin-rona.aspx\)](#).



We look forward to chatting with you. For further information about please see the [Department of Political Science and International Studies \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/index.aspx\)](#) and our courses.