Undergraduate degrees

Choose to study with a leading centre for politics, international relations, sociology and European studies and take the opportunity to examine the most important political issues that we face today. Offering much more than a degree, our courses provide a **unique student experience (/schools/government-society/teaching/enhancing-student-experience/index.aspx)** that will enable you to not just learn what to think... but how to think differently too.

Study in the School of Government and Society and you will have the opportunity to choose from a wide range of exciting and forward thinking undergraduate programmes with the opportunity to examine some of the most important political issues of the 21st century.

Our programmes also offer the chance to comine your studies with a **year abroad (/schools/government-society/teaching/year-abroad.aspx)**, studying in a different country in the third year or your degree, returning to Birmingham to complete your studies in the fourth year.

Degrees and courses throughout the School:

- **European Politics, Society and Economics BSc (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/european-politics-society-economics.aspx)** (LL2C)
- **International Relations BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/international-relations.aspx)** (L250)
- **Political Economy BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/political-economy.aspx)** (L150)
- **Political Science BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/political-science.aspx)** (L200)
- **Sociology BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/sociology.aspx)** (L300)

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International Relations with a language:

- **International Relations with French BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/international-relations-french.aspx)** (L2R1)
- **International Relations with German BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/international-relations-german.aspx)** (L2R2)
- **International Relations with Spanish BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/international-relations-spanish.aspx)** (L2R4)

Major-minor degrees:

- **International Relations with Economics BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/international-relations-economics.aspx)** (LL21)
- **International Relations with Political Science BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/international-relations-political-science.aspx)** (L256)

Year abroad options:

- **International Relations with Economics with Year Abroad BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/international-relations-economics-year-abroad.aspx)** (LL2B)
- **International Relations with Political Science with Year Abroad BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/international-relations-political-science-year-abroad.aspx)** (L257)

Joint Honours degrees:

International Relations

- **Russian Studies and International Relations BA (/undergraduate/courses/jointhonours/russian-studies-and-international-relations.aspx)** (RL72)

Politics

- **Anthropology and Political Science BA (/undergraduate/courses/jointhonours/anthropology-and-political-science.aspx)** (LL62)
- **Economics and Political Science BSc (/undergraduate/courses/econ/economics-and-political-science-bsc.aspx)** (LL12)
- **History and Political Science BA (/undergraduate/courses/jointhonours/history-and-political-science.aspx)** (LV21)
- **Political Science and Sociology BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/sociology-and-political-science.aspx)** (LL32)
- **Political Science and Social Policy BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/social-policy-political-science.aspx)** (LL42)
- **Political Science and Philosophy BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/political-science-and-philosophy.aspx)** (VL52)

Year abroad options:

- **Political Science and Philosophy with Year Abroad BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/political-science-philosophy-year-abroad.aspx)** (LV25)
- **Political Science and Social Policy with Year Abroad BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/political-science-social-policy-year-abroad.aspx)** (LL24)
- **Political Science and Sociology with Year Abroad BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/political-science-sociology-year-abroad.aspx)** (LL23)

Sociology

- **Social Policy and Sociology BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/sociology-social-policy.aspx)** (LL43)
- **Philosophy and Sociology BA (/undergraduate/courses/jointhonours/philosophy-and-sociology.aspx)** (VL53)
- **Education and Sociology BA (/undergraduate/courses/edu/education-sociology.aspx)** (XL33)
- **Political Science and Sociology BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/sociology-and-political-science.aspx)** (LL32)

Year abroad options:

- **Political Science and Sociology with Year Abroad BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/political-science-sociology-year-abroad.aspx)** (LL23)

Degrees with year abroad:

Each year from within POLSIS up to a quarter of our students have the opportunity to complete a **year abroad (/schools/government-society/teaching/year-abroad.aspx)** as part of their degree program and benefit tremendously from increased confidence and different academic perspective of having studied a politics based degree in a foreign country.

International Relations

- **International Relations with Year Abroad BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/international-relations-year-abroad.aspx)** (L25A)
- **International Relations with Political Science with Year Abroad BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/international-relations-political-science-year-abroad.aspx)** (L257)
- **International Relations with Economics with Year Abroad BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/international-relations-economics-year-abroad.aspx)** (LL2B)

Politics

- **Political Science with Year Abroad BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/political-science-year-abroad.aspx)** (L20A)
- **Political Science and Philosophy with Year Abroad BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/political-science-philosophy-year-abroad.aspx)** (LV25)
- **Political Science and Social Policy with Year Abroad BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/political-science-social-policy-year-abroad.aspx)** (LL24)
- **Political Science and Sociology with Year Abroad BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/political-science-sociology-year-abroad.aspx)** (LL23)

Political Economy

- **Political Economy with Year Abroad BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/political-economy-year-abroad.aspx)** (L15A)

Sociology

- **Political Science and Sociology with Year Abroad BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/political-science-sociology-year-abroad.aspx)** (LL23)

Find out more about studying on a year abroad degree (/schools/government-society/teaching/year-abroad.aspx) .

Undergraduate modules:

We offer a wide range of **undergraduate modules (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/index.aspx)** in the School of Government and Society.

Modules studied in the first year include:

- 20 credits - **Classical Political Thought (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/classical-political-thought.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Foundations of Politics (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/foundations-politics.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Introduction to the European Union (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/introduction-european-union-history-politics-institutions.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Introduction to International Relations (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/introduction-international-relations.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Introduction to Political Economy (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/introduction-political-economy.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Outlines of Russian History to 1900 (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/outlines-russian-history.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Research Skills and literacy: Philosophy and Methods in Social Sciences (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/research-skills-literacy-philosophy-methods-social-sciences.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Social Divisions (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/social-divisions.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Social Worlds and the Sociological Imagination (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/social-worlds-sociological-imagination.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Sociology of Self and Everyday Life (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/sociology-self-everyday-life.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Twentieth Century Russian Politics (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/twentieth-century-russian-politics.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Understanding European Identities (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/understanding-european-identities.aspx)**

See a **full list of modules (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/index.aspx)** offered in the School of Government and Society.

Other related degrees:

- **Politics, Religion and Philosophy BA (/undergraduate/courses/thr/politics-religion-philosophy.aspx)** (8L37)

All candidates must apply through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Services (UCAS). Visit **www.ucas.ac.uk (http://www.ucas.ac.uk/)** for more information.

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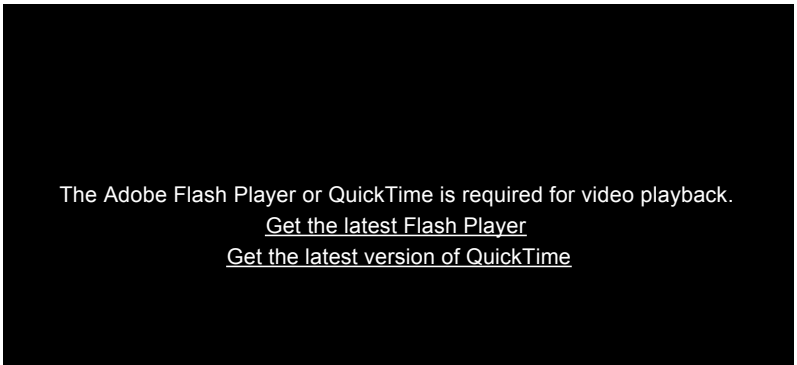

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