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Since graduating, I have been working at Paradigm Mortgage Services based in Birmingham. This job role has allowed me to develop several different skills in numerous areas and I have gained a lot of confidence whilst doing so. My job roles include marketing activities, mortgage helpdesk – which entails providing support to our member firms by phone and email, events organising and management, as well as basic admin roles. I am also studying for an exam in Financial Services, Regulation and Ethics. All of these mean that each day is very different, enjoyable and allows me to develop further skills.

The University of Birmingham has a fantastic and very beautiful campus which has everything you could need as a student; there is always something going on or something to get involved in. There are so many societies for every imaginable hobby or sport which provides a brilliant opportunity to meet people who share the same interests during your time at University. You are guaranteed to have fun, make fantastic friends and also have something else to put on your CV.



“ Studying International Relations with Political Science gives a brilliant insight into how the world works; it shows you how politics, history, geography, economics, ethics and law are all interconnected at an international level, and the course allows you to look in close detail at all of these topics. I personally really enjoyed modules relating to economics and international development, and the great thing about this course is that you are encouraged to follow these interests.”

The lecturers are really passionate about what they are teaching and are happy to help where they can to ensure that you get the most out of your time at the University of Birmingham. Don't be afraid to go and speak to them to discuss ideas or any problems that you have.

Make the most out of your time at the University of Birmingham! This course has so much to offer, and the more you put in, the more you will get out of it. There is such a broad range of topics that you can choose to focus on, meaning that you will be able to pick ones which you feel passionate about.

More information about our [International Relations with Political Science BA \(/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/international-relations-political-science.aspx\)](#) degree.

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To give you an idea of what it's like to study in the Department of Political Science and International Studies **[we are running two live twitter chats for offer holders over the next two weeks \(/schools/government-society/alumni/askanalum.aspx\)](#)**. These chats will give you the opportunity to ask three of our most recent graduates, including Sean Finch, Nancy Gray and Riona Mulherin about their experiences in the department and university life in general. #AskAnAlum - What's it like to study at Birmingham?