

Undergraduate degrees

The Department of Political Science and International Studies (POLSIS) is a large and friendly department and is widely regarded as one of the fastest growing, most dynamic and forward-looking departments in the country.

Choose to study in the Department of Political Science and International Studies (POLSIS) and take the opportunity to examine some of the most important political issues, both at a national and international level, that we, as citizens, face in the 21st century. We currently run a very successful Single Honours BA in Sociology. In addition, we offer several Joint Honours programmes.

As well as focusing on your degree of choice, you will have the opportunity to take part in events and **activities that will enhance your all-round knowledge and learning experience** ([/schools/government-society/teaching/enhancing-student-experience/index.aspx](#)). For example, you can participate in round-table discussions, help organise visiting speakers, go on trips to Westminster and Whitehall and hear invited politicians and leading international academics speak.

At undergraduate level, the department offers degree programmes in:

- [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)

International Relations with a language:

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- [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 \(/undergraduate/courses/joinhonours/russian-studies-and-international-relations.aspx\)](#) (RL72)

Politics

- [Anthropology and Political Science BA \(/undergraduate/courses/joinhonours/anthropology-and-political-science.aspx\)](#) (LL62)
- [Economics and Political Science BSc \(/undergraduate/courses/econ/economics-and-political-science-bsc.aspx\)](#) (LL12)
- [History and Political Science BA \(/undergraduate/courses/joinhonours/history-and-political-science.aspx\)](#) (LV21)
- [Political Science and Sociology BA \(/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/political-science-sociology.aspx\)](#) (LL32)
- [Political Science and Social Policy BA \(/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/political-science-social-policy.aspx\)](#) (LL42)
- [Political Science and Philosophy BA \(/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/political-science-philosophy.aspx\)](#) (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 \(/undergraduate/courses/social-policy/social-policy-sociology.aspx\)](#) (LL43)
- [Philosophy and Sociology BA \(/undergraduate/courses/joinhonours/philosophy-and-sociology.aspx\)](#) (VL53)
- [Education and Sociology BA \(/undergraduate/courses/edu/education-sociology.aspx\)](#) (XL33)
- [Political Science and Sociology BA \(/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/political-science-sociology.aspx\)](#) (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 \(/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/international-relations-year-abroad.aspx\)](/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/international-relations-year-abroad.aspx) (L25A)
- [International Relations with Political Science with Year Abroad BA \(/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/international-relations-political-science-year-abroad.aspx\)](/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/international-relations-political-science-year-abroad.aspx) (L257)
- [International Relations with Economics with Year Abroad BA \(/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/international-relations-economics-year-abroad.aspx\)](/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/international-relations-economics-year-abroad.aspx) (LL2B)

Politics

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

Political Economy

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

Sociology

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

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

Undergraduate modules:

We offer a wide range of [undergraduate modules \(/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/index.aspx\)](/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 \(/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/classical-political-thought.aspx\)](/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/classical-political-thought.aspx)
- 10 credits - [End of Empire: Problems of International History \(/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/end-empire.aspx\)](/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/end-empire.aspx)
- 20 credits - [Introduction to the European Union \(/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/introduction-european-union-history-politics-institutions.aspx\)](/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/introduction-european-union-history-politics-institutions.aspx)
- 20 credits - [Introduction to International Relations Theory \(/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/introduction-international-relations-theory.aspx\)](/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/introduction-international-relations-theory.aspx)
- 20 credits - [Introduction to Political Economy \(/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/introduction-political-economy.aspx\)](/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/introduction-political-economy.aspx)
- 10 credits - [Introduction to Problems of World History in the Twentieth Century \(/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/introduction-problems-world-history-twentieth-century.aspx\)](/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/introduction-problems-world-history-twentieth-century.aspx)
- 20 credits - [Politics as a Vocation \(/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/politics-vocation.aspx\)](/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/politics-vocation.aspx)
- 20 credits - [Research Skills and literacy: Philosophy and Method in Social Sciences \(/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/research-skills-literacy-philosophy-method-social-sciences.aspx\)](/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/research-skills-literacy-philosophy-method-social-sciences.aspx)
- 20 credits - [Social Divisions \(/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/social-divisions.aspx\)](/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/social-divisions.aspx)
- 20 credits - [Social Worlds and the Sociological Imagination \(/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/social-worlds-sociological-imagination.aspx\)](/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/social-worlds-sociological-imagination.aspx)
- 20 credits - [Sociology of Self and Everyday Life \(/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/sociology-self-everyday-life.aspx\)](/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/sociology-self-everyday-life.aspx)
- 20 credits - [Twentieth Century Russian Politics \(/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/twentieth-century-russian-politics.aspx\)](/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/twentieth-century-russian-politics.aspx)
- 20 credits - [Understanding Politics \(/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/understanding-politics.aspx\)](/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/understanding-politics.aspx)

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

Other related degrees:

- [Politics, Religion and Philosophy BA \(/undergraduate/courses/thr/politics-religion-philosophy.aspx\)](/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 \(http://www.ucas.ac.uk/\)](http://www.ucas.ac.uk) for more information.

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