

POLSIS Enhancing your Student Experience

In POLSIS we offer much more than a degree. As a student here, whether undergraduate or postgraduate, you have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of events, with some or all of the costs paid for by the department. Some of these are targeted to help you build skills and experience for your CV, others are more open events designed to expose you to high-level speakers on current debates relevant to all POLSIS students.

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Learn more about our events and opportunities to enhance your student experience with us:

[Brussels Study Trip \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/courses/brussels-study-trip.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/courses/brussels-study-trip.aspx)

Every year POLSIS MA students have the opportunity to take part in a week-long study trip to Brussels. This gives students the opportunity to visit some of the international organisations based in Brussels - both those that are part of the European Union and of NATO - to learn about and see at first hand how they operate.

[Extra-curricular study events \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/teaching/enhancing-student-experience/extra-curricular-study-events.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/teaching/enhancing-student-experience/extra-curricular-study-events.aspx)

Alongside opportunities to undertake formal study as part of students' postgraduate MA degrees, POLSIS also provides a series of extra-curricular study events. This includes an annual Graduate lecture, with past speakers including Gisela Stuart MP, and former US Congressmen George Nethercutt and David Skaggs.

[Model United Nations on Campus \(/schools/government-society/teaching/enhancing-student-experience/model-united-nations-campus.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/teaching/enhancing-student-experience/model-united-nations-campus.aspx)

This on-campus event is open to undergraduates, providing students with the opportunity to identify a potential threat to international peace and security, and to role play UN Security Council members as their chosen crisis unfolds.

[Model NATO, Washington D.C. \(/schools/government-society/teaching/enhancing-student-experience/international-model-nato.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/teaching/enhancing-student-experience/international-model-nato.aspx)

POLSIS as part of an initiative of the School of Government and Society, also sends a student delegation each February to participate in a role play exercise of decision making in NATO. This is held in Washington D.C.. Students in previous years have represented France, Turkey and the United States.

[Harvard National Model United Nations Trip \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/teaching/enhancing-student-experience/harvard-national-model-united-nations-trip.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/teaching/enhancing-student-experience/harvard-national-model-united-nations-trip.aspx)

Each year, the School of Government and Society sends a delegation of eight MA and final-year undergraduate students to the Harvard National Model United Nations.

[High-profile speaker visits to POLSIS \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/teaching/enhancing-student-experience/high-profile-speaker-visits-polsis.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/teaching/enhancing-student-experience/high-profile-speaker-visits-polsis.aspx)

Study with POLSIS and you'll have the opportunity to hear from high profile speakers on current affairs and issues

[Postgraduate Study trip to Delhi \(/schools/government-society/teaching/enhancing-student-experience/postgraduate-study-trip-delhi.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/teaching/enhancing-student-experience/postgraduate-study-trip-delhi.aspx)

Study for a MA with POLSIS and you will have the opportunity to participate in an intensive international module in Delhi, India.

[Social Events \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/teaching/enhancing-student-experience/social-events.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/teaching/enhancing-student-experience/social-events.aspx)

Postgraduate MA study at POLSIS includes plenty of opportunity for socialising, to make sure that the politics and international relations students who come to the department from around the world have the chance to meet and share experiences with each other

[Undergraduate Conference \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/teaching/enhancing-student-experience/undergraduate-conference.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/teaching/enhancing-student-experience/undergraduate-conference.aspx)

This conference is designed for, and organised and run by Undergraduate students from Government and Society. From choosing the speakers and organising the panels to designing the marketing and promotion strategy, this is a conference by students and for students, supported and guided by G&S staff.

Societies:

[The Politics Society \(POLSOC\) \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/teaching/enhancing-student-experience/politics-society.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/teaching/enhancing-student-experience/politics-society.aspx)

The University of Birmingham Guild of Students Politics Society (POLSOC) is the student-run society for all those interested in politics at the University of Birmingham.

News and events

[Student Review - Introduction to Law for Non-Law Students Event](/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2012/11/introduction-to-law-for-non-law-students-event.aspx)

[\(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2012/11/introduction-to-law-for-non-law-students-event.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2012/11/introduction-to-law-for-non-law-students-event.aspx) Organised by the Politics Society and the Radcliffe Club, the Introduction to Law for Non-Law Students Event (12 November 2012) was an ideal opportunity for those considering a

