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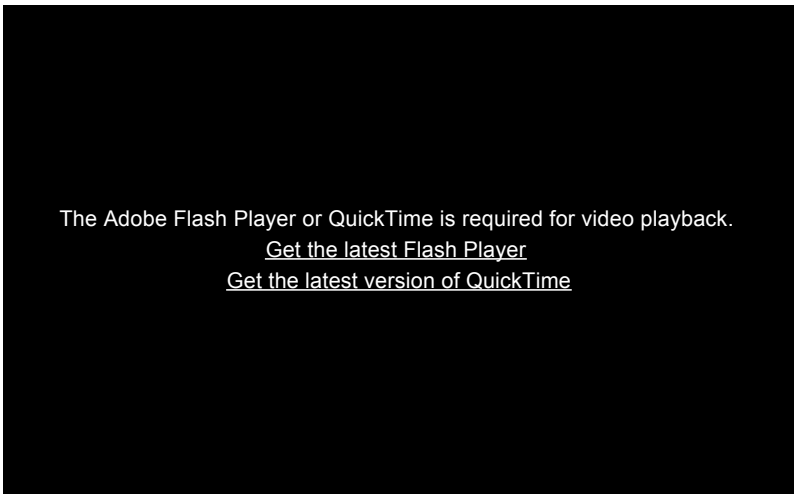
POLSIS Student profiles

With over 4,000 international students from more than 150 countries, the University of Birmingham has one of the largest international student communities in the UK, so whether you are a UK student or travelling to Birmingham from overseas, you will work alongside fellow students with differing perspectives.



Latest student profiles

Patrick Pitts, Internship at the US Congress, Washington, D.C. (Summer 2014) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/patrick-pitts-internship.aspx)

My internship was by far the hardest experience I've ever underwent; when you're working for someone whose schedule frequently includes "meeting with POTUS" (President of the United States), you know that a lot is expected of you.

Michaela Butorova, Research of Co-working Spaces in Birmingham and London (2014) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/michaela-butorova-se-report.aspx)

Thanks to the Student Enhancement Fund I had an opportunity to conduct a research of co-working spaces in Birmingham and London. I visited 3 amazing co-working spaces, all of them operating on a different business model, and having different experiences with running such places.

Jennifer Brown, Trust, Diplomacy and Conflict Transformation 5 day conference with ICCS (2014) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/jennifer-brown-se-report.aspx)

I attended the ICCS Easter school training course in 'Trust, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution'. This course was intensive and extremely interesting.

Melissa Dumont, The European International Model United Nations, TEIMUN (2014) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/melissa-dumont-se-report.aspx)

TEIMUN takes place at The Hague every year. I had the great opportunity to represent Sweden in the European Council. It has been a long week in which we managed to successfully pass two resolutions and a crisis decision.

Esther Naylor, Trust, Diplomacy and Conflict Transformation 5 day conference with ICCS (2014) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/esther-naylor-se-report.aspx)

During Easter 2014 the ICCS (Institute for Conflict, Cooperation and Conflict Transformation) organised a 5 day conference at the University of Birmingham to help educate and train students and professionals about the different types of transforming international, national and community levels of conflict.

Brian Lee, 5th Model Arab League Crisis Conference (2014) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/brian-lee-se-report.aspx)

The 5th Model Arab League Crisis Conference organized by the University of Birmingham United Nation Society was held between the 31st January and 2nd February at the University of Birmingham.

Pattarapol Kamosilp, Olympia Summer Academy (2014) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-

profiles/postgraduate/polsis/2013-14/pattarapol-kamosilp-se-report.aspx)

From 12th July to 23rd July 2014, I had one of the most memorable trips. I went to attend the summer program at Olympia Summer Academy. The institution was located in Olympia, Greece.

Megan Kohut, SRHE Conference 'Interrogating the Higher Education Research/ Policy Interface' (2014) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/postgraduate/polsis/2013-14/megan-kohut-se-report.aspx)

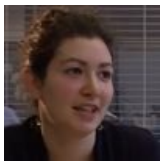
I travelled to London Metropolitan University to attend a conference put on by the SRHE Higher Education Policy Network entitled 'Interrogating the Higher Education Research/ Policy Interface.'

Tomislav Korman, SIPRI International Development Conference, Stockholm (March 2014) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/postgraduate/idd/2013-14/tomislav-korman-se-report.aspx)

Tomislav Korman, a Masters student in Public Administration in the International Development Department of the School of Government and Society, attended the 2014 Stockholm Forum on Security and Development, organized by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and the Swedish Minister for International Development Cooperation.

Ash Green, Professional Development Module - Case Study Birmingham Children's Hospital (2014) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/ash-green-professional-development-module.aspx)

Course: History and Political Science BA.



Evgeniya Chalakova, Professional Development Module - Case Study Chamber of Commerce (2014) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/evgeniya-chalakova-professional-development-module.aspx)

Course: BA International Relations with German.

Frederick Gulliford, Professional Development Module - Case Study House of Lords (2014) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/frederick-gulliford-professional-development-module.aspx)

Course: BA Political Economy.

Milo Reisz-Gervis, 4th Year, BA Spanish and Politics (Year Abroad) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/milo-reisz-gervis-ya.aspx)

With regards to career skills, going on a year abroad proves that you can dive headfirst into a situation outside of your comfort zone and adapt to your surroundings.

Anna Goodman, The Civitatis International Global Thinking Summer School (2013) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2012-13/anna-goodman-report.aspx)

This summer I was accepted on to a five day programme with the global policy think tank- Civitatis. The Global Thinking Summer School was aimed at future leaders, and was design to help prepare and equip us for a career in policy and politics. There were no more than 10 students per summer school and it was based in the centre of the City of London with one day on the 37th floor of One Canada Square in Canary Wharf (incredible views).

Charlie Winch, Internship at the Westminster based think-tank the Institute of Economic Affairs (2013) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2012-13/charile-winch-report.aspx)

The IEA is the UK's original free-market thinktank and its mission statement is "to improve understanding of the fundamental institutions of a free society by analysing and expounding the role of markets in solving economic and social problems". Andrew Marr credited the institute with being"...undoubtedly the most influential think tank in modern British history".

Paula Stoleru, Internship at Birmingham City Council (2013) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2012-13/paula-stoleru-report.aspx)

The project I was assigned during this internship focused on mapping the Third Sector organisations that are active in four different wards of Birmingham. This involved liaising with the managers of organisations, and other people involved in voluntary activities as well as local authorities such as councilors, police officers and policy advisors in order to gain as much information as possible regarding the level of cooperation between the 'public' and the 'third sector'.

Sajidah Ali, Level 1 Ibn Jabal Arabic course (2013) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2012-13/sajidah-ali-report.aspx)

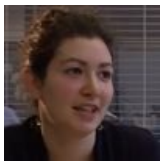
Over the summer, I undertook a three week Level 1 Ibn Jabal Arabic course, with the financial help of POLSIS. In a nutshell, the course redefined for me the meaning of the word intense.

Geraldine Tovey, Graduate Internship - Health Exchange (2014) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/geraldine-tovey-internship.aspx)

Geraldine studied International Relations and graduated in 2012. During her degree she focused on the political side of the course and completed internships within MP's offices in Birmingham, as well as part time jobs in retail.

Lauren Boon, International Relations with French (Year Abroad) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/lauren-boon-ya.aspx)

I spent the third year of my degree studying abroad, at France Sciences Po, in Lyon, France.



Evgeniya Chalakova, International Relations with German (Year Abroad) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/evgeniya-chalakova-ya.aspx)

As part of the study abroad scheme I spent the third year of my degree studying in Berlin, Germany at the Free University of Berlin.

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