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# International Relations with Economics with Year Abroad BA

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This degree combines an interdisciplinary approach to the study of international affairs with a specialised knowledge of economics, particularly international economics. As well as economics, you study international and comparative politics, the theory and practice of international relations, and diplomatic history.

### Where can I go?

A lot of our European partner universities teach in the native language and so, if you wish to apply to one of them, it is usually a requirement that you have a good working knowledge of the respective language.

Outside of Europe, we have exchange partners in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Ecuador, Ghana, Israel, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Singapore, the USA, Uruguay, and the West Indies.

For more specific details on the names and locations of our partner universities, you should consult our **study abroad - outgoing students webpage (/undergraduate/studyabroad/outgoingstudents/index.aspx)** .

**Recent international universities include:**

- University of Minnesota Duluth - USA
- Loyola University, New Orleans - USA
- New Mexico State University - USA
- University of Melbourne - Australia
- University of Lund - Sweden
- University of Maine - USA
- University of Queensland - Australia
- Western University - Canada
- Pontificia Universidad Catolica Argentina - Argentina
- National University of Singapore - Singapore
- University van Amsterdam - Netherlands

For more information about the year abroad visit our **Year abroad and student exchange page (/schools/government-society/teaching/year-abroad.aspx)** .

**You may also be interested in:**

- **International Relations with Economics BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/international-relations-economics.aspx)**
- **International Relations BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/international-relations.aspx)**
- **Economics BSc (/undergraduate/courses/econ/economics-bsc.aspx)**
- **Political Economy BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/political-economy.aspx)**
- **Political Economy with Year Abroad BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/political-economy-year-abroad.aspx)**

## Why study this course

Students applying for this degree at Birmingham will join the Department of Political Science and International Studies (POLSIS), a department that scores high in the National Student Survey (NSS) and is consistently viewed as one of the best departments in the country.

The Department also has an excellent record in the Guardian League Table for Politics. We are consistently viewed as one of the best departments in the country since the Guardian started publishing their League Tables in 2000.

The Department has a balance of expertise that covers all areas of the discipline and has long-established strengths in the fields of political theory, European politics, international relations theory, security studies, diplomatic studies, political sociology, political economy, Pacific Asian politics, environmental politics and British politics.

As well as benefiting from our world-leading expertise, you'll also get the chance to take part in a range of in-house activities that vary by year and are designed to complement your curriculum and enrich your time at Birmingham. These have included:

- Annual Student Conference
- Research Assistance Scheme, where students are paired with a member of staff to help them in specific research tasks
- Simulation exercises using real case examples
- Simulation events and research visits to local and national places of interest

Learn more about our **Student Experience activities (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/teaching/enhancing-student-experience/index.aspx)** and the work of the Department.

## Modules

You'll normally go abroad in the 3rd year of the (4 year) degree programme. The year abroad option will contribute 120 credits to the final degree. Therefore, you will register for a total of 480 credits over the duration of the four year programme.

### Modules in the first year

You take introductory modules in international relations and economics, which are vital to an understanding of international issues.

**Compulsory core modules**

- 20 credits - **Foundations of Politics (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/foundations-politics.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Introduction to International Relations (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/introduction-international-relations.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 - **Introduction to Political Economy (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/introduction-political-economy.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Principles of Economics (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/first-year/principles-economics-ab.aspx)**

**Optional modules**

Choose courses totalling 20 credits from the following (the Advanced course; if you have A-level maths at Grade C or above)

- 20 credits - **Introductory Quantitative Methods (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/first-year/introductory-quantitative-methods.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Advanced Quantitative Economic Methods (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/first-year/advanced-quantitative-economic-methods.aspx)**

### Modules in the second year

In the second year you build upon this foundation, and have the opportunity to take advanced courses in areas of particular interest.

**Compulsory core modules**

- 20 credits - **Macroeconomics (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/second-year/macroeconomics.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Data Analysis and Research Design (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-two/data-analysis-research-design.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Microeconomics A (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/second-year/microeconomics-a.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Microeconomics B (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/second-year/microeconomics-b.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **International Political Economy (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-two/international-political-economy.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **International Relations Theory (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-two/international-relations-theory.aspx)**

**Optional modules**

Choose 20 credits from the LINKED modules listed below

OR: Choose 20 credits from Modules outside the main discipline. Any module not listed above but is available in the Department or as an MOMD will need approval from POLSIS.

- 20 credits - **Diplomatic History Post-1945 (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-two/diplomatic-history-post-1945.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Institutions, Politics and Policies of the European Union (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-two/institutions-politics-policies-european-union.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **British Politics (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-two/british-politics.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Modern Political Ideologies (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-two/modern-political-ideologies.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **The International Politics of East Asia (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-two/international-politics-east-asia.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Introduction to American Politics (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-two/introduction-american-politics.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **International Security (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-two/international-security.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Politics and Policy (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-two/politics-policy.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Public Choice Theory (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-two/introduction-public-choice-theory.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **International Politics and Security in Russia and Eurasia (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-two/international-politics-security-russia-eurasia.aspx)**

### Year Abroad

In your third year you will register for the equivalent of 120 credits at the host institution. You will have to undertake and pass the assessment for 60 credits of the modules for which you are registered at the host institution. A Pass is required for progression to the 4th year of the programme. These credits will not contribute to the overall degree classification.

- 60 credits - **POLSIS year abroad (/schools/government-society/teaching/year-abroad.aspx)**

## Modules in the Final year

In the third year students take four modules from over 20 options and also undertake a dissertation on a subject of their own choice.

### Compulsory core modules

- 40 credits - **Dissertation (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/dissertation-polsis.aspx)**

### Optional modules

Choose 40 credits from the following LINKED modules

Or choose 20 credits of Modules outside the main discipline. Any module not listed below but is available in the Department or as an 'Modules outside the main discipline' will need approval from POLSIS.

- 20 credits - **Contemporary US Foreign and Security Policy (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/contemporary-us-foreign-security-policy.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **International Ethics (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/international-ethics.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Contemporary International Political Economy (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/contemporary-international-political-economy.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Controversies in Contemporary Democracies: Comparative Perspectives (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/controversies-contemporary-democracies-comparative-perspectives.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **European Security (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/european-security.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Democracy and Democratisation in Contemporary Europe (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/democracy-democratisation-contemporary-europe.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Global Governance (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/global-governance.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **War Torn States and Post-Conflict Reconstruction in the South (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/war-torn-states-post-conflict-reconstruction-south.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Critical approaches to Security (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/critical-approaches-security.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Advanced Modern Asia (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/advanced-modern-asia.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Politics and the Media (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/politics-media.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Immigration and Citizenship in Western Europe (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/immigration-citizenship-western-europe.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Devolution and the Politics of Territory in the European Union (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/devolution-politics-territory-european-union.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Europe in a Globalised World (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/europe-globalised-world.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Left Parties and Protest Movements (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/left-parties-protest-movements.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Diplomatic History of Arab-Israeli Conflict (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/diplomatic-history-arab-israeli-conflict.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Europe's Largest Economy - Germany in Comparative Perspective (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/europes-largest-economy-germany-comparative-perspective.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Gender in World Politics (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/gender-world-politics.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Politics and Prisons (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/politics-prisons.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Issues in American Domestic Politics (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/issues-american-domestic-politics.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Advanced International Politics and Security in Russia and Eurasia (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/advanced-international-politics-security-russia-eurasia.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Advanced Cultural Politics of Russia and Eastern Europe (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/advanced-cultural-politics-russia-eastern-europe.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Political History of Central and Eastern Europe in the 20th Century (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/political-history-central-eastern-europe.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **'Returning to Europe': Nation, State and Europe in Post-Communist Central and Eastern Europe (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/returning-to-europe.aspx)**

Choose 40 credits from the following : If modules are linked, both elements must be chosen

- 10 credits - **Topics in Economic Theory and Practice A (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/topics-economic-theory-practice-a.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Topics in Economic Theory and Practice B (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/topics-economic-theory-practice-b.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **History of Economic Thought (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/history-economic-thought.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **The Theory of Industrial Organisation (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/theory-industrial-organisation.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Introduction to International Trade (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/introduction-international-trade.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **International Trade Theory and Policy for Europe (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/international-trade-theory-policy-europe.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **International and European Monetary Issues (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/international-european-monetary-issues.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Applied Economics of the European Community (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/applied-economics-european-community.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Economics of Banking (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/economics-banking.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Monetary Policy (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/monetary-policy.aspx)**

- 10 credits - **Open Economy Macroeconomics (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/open-economy-macroeconomics.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **The Economics of Uncertainty and Information (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/economics-uncertainty-information.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **General Equilibrium and Welfare (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/general-equilibrium-welfare.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Game Theory (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/game-theory.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Applied Econometrics (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/applied-econometrics.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Econometric Theory (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/econometric-theory.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Economics of Financial Markets (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/economics-financial-markets.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Political Economy and Economic Policy (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/political-economy-economic-policy.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **The Russian Economy: From Plan to Market (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-three/russian-economy-plan-market.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Labour Economics: Theory and Applications (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/labour-economics.aspx)**
- 10 credits - Health Economics
- 10 credits - Behavioural and Experimental Economics

## Fees and funding

**Standard fees (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/ug/courses/fees/standard)** apply.
Learn more about **fees and funding (/undergraduate/fees/loans.aspx)** .

**Scholarships**
Learn more about our **scholarships and awards (/undergraduate/fees/funding/index.aspx)** .

## Entry requirements

**Number of A levels required:** 3

**Typical offer:** ABB

**Required subjects and grades:** GCSE Mathematics grade A

**General Studies:** not accepted

**Additional information:**

Other qualifications are considered – learn more about **entry requirements (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/ug/requirements)**

**International students:**

International Baccalaureate Diploma: 34 points

Standard English language requirements apply
Learn more about **international entry requirements (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/ug/requirements/international)**

Depending on your chosen course of study, you may also be interested in the Birmingham Foundation Academy, a specially structured programme for international students whose qualifications are not accepted for direct entry to UK universities. Further details can be found on the **foundation academy web pages (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/foundation-academy/Pathways/index.aspx)** .

## How to apply

Apply through UCAS at **www.ucas.com (http://www.ucas.com/)** using code: **LL2B**.
Learn more about **applying (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/ug/courses/apply)** .

University of Birmingham's UCAS code number is **B32**.

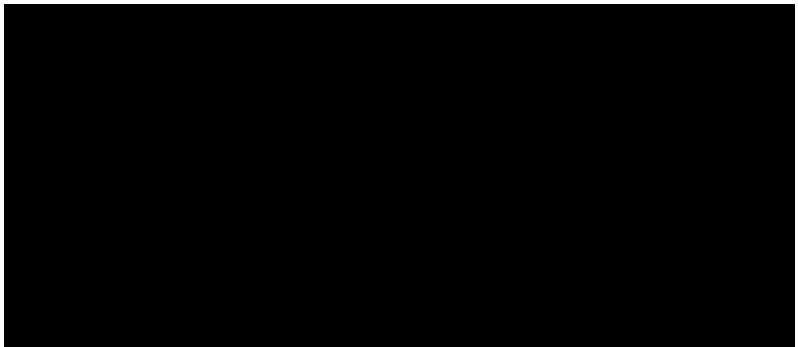
### UCAS

The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) is a UK organisation responsible for managing applications to university and college.

UK, EU and international students applying for most undergraduate degree courses in the UK will need to apply through UCAS.

You submit an application via the **UCAS website (http://www.ucas.co.uk/)** with a list of up to five courses. All choices are confidential during the application process so universities and colleges considering an application cannot see your other choices. Applications must be completed by mid-January of the year that you wish to start university.

You can monitor the progress of your application using the **UCAS Apply (http://www.ucas.com/students/apply)** system.



## Key Information Set (KIS)

Key Information Sets (KIS) are comparable sets of information about full- or part-time undergraduate courses and are designed to meet the information needs of prospective students.

All KIS information has been published on the Unistats website and can also be accessed via the small advert, or 'widget', below. On the **Unistats website (http://unistats.direct.gov.uk)** you are able to compare all the KIS data for each course with data for other courses.

The development of Key Information Sets (KIS) formed part of HEFCE's work to enhance the information that is available about higher education. They give you access to reliable and comparable information in order to help you make informed decisions about what and where to study.

The KIS contains information which prospective students have identified as useful, such as student satisfaction, graduate outcomes, learning and teaching activities, assessment methods, tuition fees and student finance, accommodation and professional accreditation.

### Related news and events

**Students vote Birmingham as a top UK University for Politics (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2013/11/which-university-guide.aspx)**

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