

# FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

## DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY

### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

**Master of Science in International Relations**  
**Postgraduate Diploma International Relations**  
**Postgraduate Certificate International Relations**

*These regulations are to be read in conjunction with [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).*

#### **Admission**

1. Notwithstanding the [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#), applicants shall possess:
  - i. a first or second class Honours degree in Social Science from a United Kingdom university; or
  - ii. a qualification deemed by the Head of Department acting on behalf of the Senate to be equivalent to (i) above
2. In all cases, applicants whose first language is not English, shall be required to demonstrate an appropriate level of English.

#### **Duration of Study**

3. See [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).

#### **Mode of Study**

4. The programme is available by full-time and part-time study.

#### **Place of Study**

5. The programmes are available on campus only.

#### **Curriculum**

6. All full-time students shall undertake an approved curriculum as follows:

#### **Compulsory Modules**

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2941	Principles of Research Design	5	20

An equivalent module may be substituted with agreement of the programme leader.

#### **Optional Modules**

No fewer than 40 credits (and up to 100 credits) to be chosen from modules in List A.

#### **List A**

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2912	International Institutions and Regimes	5	20

L2962	Contemporary International Relations	5	20
L2963	Contemporary Security Challenges and Responses	5	20
L2964	Debating International Relations Theory	5	20
L2965	Feminism and International Relations	5	20
L2991	International Political Economy	5	20
L2994	Politics of Non-Democratic Regimes	5	20
L29XX	Human Rights	5	20
L29XX	Advanced Topics in Civil Conflict	5	20
L29XX	Global Nuclear Politics	5	20

Equivalent modules may be substituted with the agreement of the programme leader.

The remaining credits to be selected from List B:

#### List B

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2905	Quantitative Methods 1	5	20
L2908	Quantitative Methods 2	5	20
L2909	Qualitative Methods	5	20
L2992	Comparative Political Economy	5	20
L2993	Comparative Political Institutions	5	20
L2914	European Governance	5	20
L2916	Comparative Public Policy	5	20
L2917	Policy Analysis	5	20
M9920	Law of the World Trade Organisations	5	20
M9921	International Environmental Law	5	20
M9864	Global Health, Rights and Development	5	20
V1993	Diplomacy: Evolution, Theory and Practice	5	20
V1994	Embassies in Crisis	5	20

Any level 5 module offered by the Department of Government and Public Policy may also be chosen. Up to a maximum of 40 credits at level 5 from other programmes offered by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences may be approved by the Programme Leader and Department(s) offering the module(s).

Not all optional modules on these lists will be available in each academic year.

**For students on MSc:**

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2933	Dissertation	5	60
Or			
L2974	Placement Dissertation	5	60

**Progress**

7. See [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level.](#)
8. Progress may be dependent on satisfactory performance against prescribed criteria outlined in the Programme Handbook.
9. The final award will be based on performance in the examinations, the coursework and the dissertation.

**Award**

10. **Degree of MSc:** In order to qualify for the award of the degree of MSc in International Relations, a candidate must have accumulated no fewer than 180 credits, of which 60 credits must have been awarded in respect of either the dissertation L2933 or placement dissertation L2974.
11. **Postgraduate Diploma:** In order to qualify for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations, a candidate must have accumulated no fewer than 120 credits from the taught modules of the programme curriculum.
12. **Postgraduate Certificate:** In order to qualify for the award of the Postgraduate Certificate in International Relations, a candidate must have accumulated no fewer than 60 credits from the taught modules of the programme curriculum.