

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY

POLITICAL RESEARCH

Master of Science in Political Research
Postgraduate Diploma in Political Research
Postgraduate Certificate in Political Research

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 programmes are available by full-time and part-time study.

Place of Study

5. The programmes are available on campus only.

Curriculum

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

Compulsory Modules

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L5981	Perspectives on Social Research	5	20
L2905	Quantitative Methods: Survey Methods	5	20
L2908	Quantitative Methods: Statistics and Analysis	5	20
L2909	Qualitative Methods	5	20

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

Optional Modules

No fewer than 40 credits chosen from:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2912	International Institutions and Regimes	5	20
L2992	Comparative Political Economy	5	20
L2914	European Governance	5	20
L2916	Comparative Public Policy	5	20
L2917	Policy Analysis	5	20
L2929	Political Behaviours	5	20
L2962	Contemporary International Relations	5	20
L2963	Contemporary Security Challenges	5	20
L2964	Debating International Relations Theory	5	20
L2965	Feminism and International Relations	5	20
L29XX	Human Rights	5	20
L29XX	Advanced Topics in Civil Conflict	5	20
L29XX	Global Nuclear Politics	5	20
L2994	Politics of Non-Democratic Regimes	5	20
L2945	Theories and Practices of Regulation and Governance	5	20
L2948	Policy Analysis: Problem Structuring Methods	5	20
L2946	Levelling Up: A Guide to the New Regional and Industrial Policies	5	20
L2947	Networked Institutions, Infrastructure and Technology	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 the Programme Leader and the Department(s) offering the module(s).

Not all optional modules on this list will be available in each academic year.

Students for the degree of MSc only:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L2933	Dissertation	5	60
Or			

L2974	Placement Dissertation	5	60
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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 Political Research, a candidate must have performed to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners and must have accumulated no fewer than 180 credits, of which 60 credits must have been awarded in respect of the dissertation L2933 or Placement Dissertation L2974.
11. **Postgraduate Diploma:** In order to qualify for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Political Research, 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 Political Research, a candidate must have accumulated no fewer than 60 credits from the programme curriculum.