

BSocSc Politics and International Relations

What you will study

This document gives you a flavour of what you might study as part of the Politics and International Relations course at Manchester.

Each year of your degree you need to take units that add up to 120 credits.

Each unit is made up of 10 or 20 credits. This reflects the amount of work involved, so for every one credit you should do approximately 10 hours of work (eg lectures, tutorials, office hours and independent study).

Each of the course units below has **pre-requisites – other course units which you need to have taken the year before**. You can find information about these by clicking on the particular course unit information pages.

The actual units taught will depend on the availability of staff.

Politics and International Relations Options:

- [Year 1](#)
- [Year 2](#)
- [Year 3](#)

A full interactive version of this course structure can be found online at:

<http://bit.ly/polircs>

Year 1

In your first year you will take 120 units overall.

You will take 4 compulsory courses which make up two thirds of your first year (80 credits) and cover the three main areas of Politics that we teach at Manchester. They are as follows.

Course unit	Credits
Introduction to Political Theory	20
Introduction to Comparative Politics	20
Introduction to International Politics	20
Research and Study Skills	20

You will then take another 40 credits which can include the following Politics courses:

Course unit	Credits
Making Sense of Politics	20
Britain in the World: The British Political Tradition	20
Politics of the Global Economy	20

You can also choose units from outside politics, including economics, history, languages and other social sciences such as philosophy or sociology.

Year 2

The second year of your course you will again cover the three areas of international relations, comparative politics and political theory with 120 credits of courses overall.

You have to take two compulsory course units:

Course unit	Credits
Freedom and Equality: Contemporary Debates	20
Politics Research Project	20

You will then need to take at least one of the international relations course units below:

Course unit	Credits
The Politics of Globalisation	20
Questions About International Politics	20
The Politics of Development	20

You will need to take at least two of the comparative politics course units below:

Course unit	Credits
Chinese Politics Today	10
Comparative European Politics	10
France under the Fifth Republic	10
National Politics of Germany	10
Mediterranean Politics	10
Comparative Politics of East-Central Europe	10

You will then need to take another 40 credits. At least 20 of these would need to be from:

Course unit	Credits
The Politics of (in)Security	20
Questions About International Politics (if not already chosen)	20
From Blitz to the 'Big Society: Politics & Society in Britain Since 1940	
Arguing About Politics: Political Theory in the World	20
The Politics of Policy Making	20
Chinese Politics Today (if not already chosen)	10
The Politics of Globalisation (if not already chosen)	20
The Politics of Development (if not already chosen)	20
Comparative European Politics (if not already chosen)	10
France under the Fifth Republic (if not already chosen)	10
National Politics of Germany (if not already chosen)	10
Mediterranean Politics (if not already chosen)	10
Comparative Politics of East-Central Europe (if not already chosen)	10

As part of the 120 units in your second year you can choose to take up to 20 credits that are not part of your second year options.

This means that you can choose things such as a Language through the LEAP scheme (Language Experience for All Programmes). You can find information about the languages that you can choose to study through: www.ulc.manchester.ac.uk/languages/leap/

You can also take advantage of the Manchester Leadership Programme (MLP) which allows you to build your employability and leadership skills and boost your CV as part of your degree. You can find more the courses that you can choose from on: www.mlp.manchester.ac.uk

You can also choose units offer by the University College for Interdisciplinary Learning. This scheme is designed to let students on any programme study courses that cross disciplines and study subjects from departments across the University. You can find out more about the courses offered on: www.college.manchester.ac.uk

Year 3

In your final year you will need to take 120 credits overall. This would include a compulsory dissertation and a flexible choice of Politics course units.

Course unit	Credits
Dissertation A	40

You would then need to choose your remaining 80 credits. At least 60 must come from this list:

Course unit	Credits
The Politics of the European Union	20
Pluralism, Democracy and Citizenship	20
Russian Politics	20
Political Morality	20
Gender, Sexuality and Politics	20
Elections and Voters in Britain	20
Politics of Hate	20
News Media & International Crisis	20
Introduction to International Political Economy	20
Global Justice	20
Gender, War & Militarism	20
Africa & Global Politics	20
Terrorism and Political Violence in Europe	20
Global Capitalism, Crisis and Revolt	20
Ideologies of Global Capitalism	20
War Memories and Reconciliation in East Asia	20
Borders, Identities, Citizenship	20
Children, Family and Social Justice	20
Understanding Political Choice in Britain	20
Democracy in the European Union	20
Contemporary Parliamentary Studies and the British Political Tradition	20
Fear and Loathing in International Relations: The Problem of Identity and Difference	20
Sex, Bodies and Money: Gendering International Political Economy	20

You can also choose a maximum of 20 credits of free choice courses.