POLITICS & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Undergraduate Studies
2021
How to apply
For full-time study you must apply through the Universities & Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). See ucas.com.
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

International relations is the study of how states and national societies interact across borders, especially in the areas of political, military, economic and cultural relations.

MA (SocSci) (Hons) (L250): Four years
Joint Honours available, see glasgow.ac.uk/ug/internationalrelations.

Due to high demand, if you wish to be considered for International Relations you must apply using a UCAS code for International Relations.

Like all disciplines in the social sciences, international relations is a subject that is open to interpretation and debate. Our methods of teaching are based largely on classroom discussion. You will attend lectures that identify important themes in international relations and then explore these themes in depth during seminars.

You will think about ethical questions such as the role and limits of state power, the nature of ‘just war’, conflict and political violence, and the obligations that one state has to another. You will also consider empirical questions such as what are the causes of war, under what conditions do states cooperate to address common problems such as global warming, human rights violations and development, and how influential are non-state actors.

Year 1
Introduction to politics examines the British and Scottish political systems in a comparative perspective to introduce key concepts in the study of politics and foreign policy making.
Introduction to international relations introduces students to key approaches to explaining and understanding key aspects of international order.
You will also study other subjects in years 1 and 2.

Year 2
History of political thought examines political thought from the ancients, primarily Aristotle, through Machiavelli, Hobbes and Locke to Rousseau and Karl Marx.
Comparative politics in a globalising world explores and compares different countries to introduce students to the variety of political regimes that exist in the contemporary international system.

Why choose Glasgow?
Glasgow has a growing reputation for its research and teaching in the field of international relations, particularly in global security and conflict. You will be taught by leading academics who are experts in this field.

Entry requirements
Our programme webpages advertise the most up-to-date detail on our entry requirements for 2021-22 entry at glasgow.ac.uk/undergraduate. Due to the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on grades certified in 2020, we are currently assessing the flexibility that we can offer in the consideration of academic entry requirements. We will publish any changes on our webpages.

POLITICS

Politics is the study of the way power and influence are distributed within society and how this affects decision making within and among countries and states.

MA (SocSci) (Hons) (L202): Four years
Joint Honours available, see glasgow.ac.uk/ug/politics.

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Year 1
Introduction to politics examines the British and Scottish political systems in a comparative perspective to introduce key concepts in the study of politics and foreign policy making.
Introduction to international relations uses the ideas of important writers to explain key aspects of the international order.
You will also study other subjects in years 1 and 2.

Year 2
History of political thought examines political thought from the ancients, primarily Aristotle, through Machiavelli, Hobbes and Locke to Rousseau and Karl Marx.
Comparative politics in a globalising world explores and compares different countries to introduce students to the variety of political regimes that exist in the contemporary international system.

Years 3 and 4
At Honours level (years 3 and 4) you can select from over 30 courses in Politics and International Relations, including Citizenship & democracy, International political communication, Protest politics in a post-political age and Narratives of conflict.

Career prospects
This exciting programme will prepare you for a wide variety of careers. You will develop your research and analytical skills, writing abilities, and capacity to communicate effectively. Popular career destinations for our graduates include the civil and foreign service, local government, the charity sector, international organisations, teaching, business and the armed forces.

Why choose Glasgow?
You will study a wide variety of topics within the discipline of politics including courses in international relations, political theory and British politics. You will have the opportunity to take part in our growing study abroad programme.

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