I am delighted that you are interested in studying for a degree in politics and international relations at The University of Nottingham. As well as being one of the UK’s research intensive Russell Group universities, producing research that is at the forefront of both national and global political issues, we also put teaching at the heart of what we do.

I am immensely proud that we have won a string of teaching awards in recent years, from both the University and from national bodies such as the Political Studies Association, in recognition of the achievements of both our staff and students. We have also recently launched a Centre for Teaching Development that will look to build on these achievements and further develop teaching and learning in the school.

We are a tri-campus school, with sister schools at the University’s campuses in China and Malaysia. It’s therefore very easy for you to spend time studying in either of those countries without having to change institutions. In addition, through the Universitas 21 programme you can opt to spend a semester studying at one of our partner institutions in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Singapore and the United States of America, as well as across Europe.

According to recent studies by High Fliers Research, The University of Nottingham is consistently named as one of the most targeted universities by Britain’s leading graduate employers. Politics graduates from Nottingham are highly sought-after in the global job market, while many go on to postgraduate study. Whatever your long-term plans, we aim to provide you with a stimulating and supportive environment during your time with us.

I hope this brochure tells you all you need to know about politics and international relations at Nottingham. You will find information about the courses we offer, along with details of how our courses can be tailored to your individual needs and aspirations throughout. If you would like to know more, or wish to attend one of our University or school open days, please contact us using the details on page 58.

Professor Mathew Humphrey
Head of School
Politics and International Relations
Why study politics and international relations at Nottingham?

There has never been a more exciting time to study politics. Rapid changes in domestic, regional and global politics have a daily impact on our lives, from traditional party politics to new forms of direct action in global settings.

The University of Nottingham offers one of the most distinctive and dynamic environments for the study of politics and international relations in Europe. Nottingham staff are experts in their respective fields and bring to their classes the latest findings in comparative and global politics, as well as political theory. A quest to understand and explain the burning issues of today’s world permeates everything we do and brings a hard-edged realism to the academic study of politics and international relations.

Enthusiastic and innovative teaching
Our staff are enthusiastic and successful teachers; they are regular winners of the University’s coveted Lord Dearing Award for Teaching Excellence and have regularly won national awards for outstanding teaching in politics. The school was awarded full marks (24/24) for excellence in teaching in the most recent Quality Assurance Agency assessment, and is pioneering innovative teaching techniques so that all our students benefit from Nottingham’s position as a market-leading global educational institution.

We attract some of the world’s brightest young people and aim to challenge and inspire them, while equipping them with the intellectual, analytical and technical skills to succeed in their chosen career.

Award-winning social media
As befits a school that follows current trends, we make full use of social media. In 2010, the blog we set up to cover the British General Election reached 46 million viewers, won several awards and has now been archived by the British Library. Our current blog, ‘Ballots and Bullets’, is actively engaged in disseminating research with a contemporary and slightly off-centre focus, and is the second most-read politics and international relations blog in the UK. The blog posts are written by staff, PhD candidates and undergraduate students, focusing on providing an intellectually refreshing and novel take on a vast range of topics. It hosts a number of thematically organised blog posts – such as the one on Clausewitz – as well as collaborations, including one with the London School of Economics on Euroscepticism. Ballots and Bullets also hosts an audio archive including podcasts of guest lectures hosted by the school. The blog is hugely popular and receives 10,000 views each month.

We have run posts on everything from the politics of Harry Potter to the Arab Spring, as well as special blog series covering important national elections in Taiwan and India. Our Twitter feed has attracted over 5,000 followers and we also have a popular Facebook page so we can keep you updated on all our activities.

Ballots and Bullets: nottspolitics.org

NottsPolitics
@NottsPolitics

Expert advisers
Staff in the school are recognised by the national and international media as being experts on their subjects. The Times, The Independent, the Los Angeles Times and Le Monde are among the newspapers who ask our staff to comment and The Guardian recently made Philip Cowley, Professor of Parliamentary Government, the subject of an ‘In praise of...’ article.

Other lecturers have written, presented and been interviewed for radio and television documentaries. Steven Fielding, Professor of Political History, has recently presented his latest Radio 4 documentary, ‘Very British Dystopias’: www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b02x5c9z

Members of staff have been elected to posts in political societies and associations: Anja Neundorf has been elected as a member of the Council of European Political Science Association; Rory Cormac has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and Matthew Goodwin has been elected to the executive body of the Political Studies Association. Others are asked to give advice to think-tanks and policy-makers, such as the Committee on Standards in Public Life, and to Select Committees in the House of Commons. In this way, they help to shape the national policy debate.
You will have a personal tutor who will help you in your transition to life at university. This is someone who will advise you on your academic progress and with whom you can discuss any personal concerns you may have. You will see them weekly for a tutorial on one of your core modules in the first semester and in many cases for the second semester. You will also be able to contact them by email, telephone and in person at other times.

Politics Society
The Politics Society is an award-winning, student-run society and one of the most successful within the Students’ Union. It provides students with a great way to get to know the people around them, through trips, socials and sports teams. They also organise visits from distinguished political figures and notify students of political events happening on campus.

Over the last few years the Politics Society has put on lots of events, including:

- trips to America, Europe and Westminster
- boat cruises and pub quizzes
- annual end of year ball
- football, netball, basketball and rugby teams
- debates, roundtables and question time events
- joint socials with other societies
- projects helping to teach about politics in local schools
- guest talks from MPs and other political figures

Give your studies a global dimension
As well as offering the opportunity to study abroad as part of your degree programme, you will find that the School of Politics and International Relations has a lively, engaged and multinational community of staff and students. This international element can enhance your studies in politics and international relations giving you the chance to engage in discussions with people who have personal experience of the subject matter that you are focusing on in your classes. Our students find this aspect invaluable both personally and academically, and it can give you the edge when networking with employers and applying for jobs once you graduate.

Prizes
We encourage our students to take part in competitions, and have supported them in taking part in the Model United Nations conference:

www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/societies/society/modelunitednations

In 2014 one of our MSci students, Barclay Bram-Shoemaker, won an international essay writing competition. His prize-winning essay will be published in International Affairs Forum, a Routledge journal. His essay was entitled If terrorism and insurgency are “weapons of the weak” why do they sometimes win? and explores the dynamics leading to victory by violent sub-state actors, over state militaries.

Each year the school awards the Keith and Angela Hamill prize for the best overall first-year performance, and the Keith and Angela Hamill prize for best overall second-year performance. We also offer a prize for the best final-year student and best dissertation prize.

Across our campuses in the UK, China and Malaysia, The University of Nottingham offers a range of courses in politics and international affairs to meet everyone's tastes and interests.

At our UK campus, we have both single honours courses and uniquely tailored joint honours degree courses. All will introduce you to contemporary political theory, comparative politics and international relations, but will also leave you room to design a degree to suit your own interests by choosing from an excellent range of specialist modules.

The strength of the UK school is particularly marked in the fields of international relations, security, social and global justice, European comparative politics and British politics. All our courses pay special attention to the study of other countries’ political systems, but provide a solid grounding in British practice and thinking. Throughout our degrees, the analysis of political ideas is related to contemporary political practice.
Degree courses – UK campus

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* 12 places allocated across RL22 and RL12.

### Course structure

The academic year runs from September to June and comprises of two semesters, which run from September to the end of January, and February until the middle of June. The semesters both last 14 weeks – 11 weeks are for teaching, one for revision and two weeks for the exam period.

### Modular degrees

All our degree programmes are modular, which means that you undertake modules (or units) of study based around a particular topic with assessment at the end of each semester.

Under the modular system, you will normally be required to take modules totalling 60 credits in each semester.

Certain modules are compulsory while others can be chosen from a wide range of options, allowing you to tailor the degree to fit your own interests.

In the first year, in addition to core modules from within the school, you may take modules from the hundreds on offer in other schools and departments, such as business, economics, English, geography, history, law, modern languages, philosophy, psychology, sociology and theology.

Depending on your degree programme, foreign language learning is actively encouraged throughout your studies and some choice of external modules may be permitted in later years.

To graduate with a degree from The University of Nottingham you must take 360 credits of modules – 120 in each year of study. Each module is usually worth 10 or 20 credits – the higher the number of credits, the greater the amount of work for the assessment on the module. The first year is a qualifying year; your degree classification will be determined by the work completed in your second and final years.

The degrees offered at our campuses in China and Malaysia (see page 27) follow the same pattern. They offer a mixture of compulsory and optional modules, with foundation-level classes in the first year, leading on to more specialised research-led modules in the final year of study.

### Single honours

In your three or four years at Nottingham you will take a combination of compulsory and optional modules, mainly from those offered by the School of Politics and International Relations but also with a choice of optional modules from outside the school, particularly in your first and second years. A full list of optional modules will be available at registration each year.

### Joint honours degrees

A joint honours degree is split evenly between the two subjects, so the politics and international relations half of your degree is normally made up of 60 credits each year. You will have options that either range broadly across various aspects of politics, or you will be able to specialise in an area of interest to you.

If you are considering applying for a joint honours course, you should also look for information from the other school or department involved on our online prospectus: [www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy)
Single honours

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BA Politics and International Relations
UCAS code: L290

Course description
This three-year degree explores the world of politics – from politicians and governments, fat cats and oligarchs, casino capitalism to workers’ revolution. It is about anyone and everyone who influences political life and political culture, from presidents to protesters. In year one you will take modules which are designed to introduce you to key concepts and theories, plus a choice of modules from outside the school. In year two you will go deeper – taking two ‘how to’ modules and a selection of modules in the three streams of international relations, comparative politics and political theory. Year three will allow you to build on your own interests – giving you a completely free choice of the extensive list of modules offered by the school. The course offers the opportunity to apply to study abroad if you wish although this is not compulsory.

A wide selection of optional modules allows you to specialise in a variety of different areas, such as British politics, the European Union, globalisation, the government and politics of the USA and terrorism and security.

Year one
In year one, you will take modules in political theory, comparative politics and international relations. You will learn to compare political institutions and behaviour in western liberal democracies and elsewhere, and gain a thorough understanding of the history of political ideas. You will also take some subsidiary modules from outside the school in a subject of your choosing.

Year two
In year two, you will take compulsory modules in Approaches to Politics and International Relations and Designing Political Research, along with a range of options which you select from the three core areas: political theory, comparative politics and international relations. You may also choose to continue with some subsidiary modules in this year or you can study exclusively politics and international relations modules.

Year three
In year three, you have the option to write a dissertation based on a topic of your choosing under the supervision of a member of staff, and/or choose from a very wide range of modules which are related to staff members’ research areas. You have free choice in this year and can tailor the direction of your programme to your own interests.

Typical core modules:
- British Political History Since 1945
- Foundations for Politics and International Relations
- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- Modern Political Theory
- Political Theory from Ancient to Modern
- Problems in Global Politics
- Understanding Global Politics

Plus some subsidiary modules from outside the school to be chosen on arrival.

Typical comparative modules:
- British Political History Since 1945
- Foundations for Politics and International Relations
- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- Modern Political Theory
- Political Theory from Ancient to Modern
- Problems in Global Politics
- Understanding Global Politics

Typical international relations modules:
- Civilisation and Barbarism
- Global Security
- International Political Economy and Global Development

For more detailed module information, please visit the individual course listings at www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy
MSci International Relations and Global Issues
UCAS code: L25A

Course description
This innovative four-year degree leads to a masters-level qualification. Years one, three and four will be spent at Nottingham; the second year will be spent at one of our partner institutions overseas – for example in Hong Kong, British Columbia, Auckland, Paris, Vienna or Prague (the choice will be governed by your academic progress). Years one and three will follow the programme outlined in our BA International Relations degree with year four allowing you to take modules from the school’s portfolio of masters programmes, and to research and write a dissertation.

You also have the opportunity to complete a Universitas 21 Certificate in Global Issues, by electing to take face-to-face or online modules offered by participating universities (currently British Columbia, Lund, Melbourne, Nottingham, and Queensland) in your second and third years.

Year one
In year one, you will take modules in international relations, as well as comparative politics, British political history and political theory. This will give you a broad knowledge across the discipline. You will also take some subsidiary modules from another school of your choice. Many students choose to study a language module and continue this throughout the course of their degree but you can choose any subject you wish.

Year two
Year two is spent focusing on global issues in one of 25 partner institutions around the world, drawn from the Universitas 21 (U21) network, the school’s European Erasmus exchange partners and The University of Nottingham’s campuses in China and Malaysia. As well as taking modules at your host institutions, you may also elect to follow online modules offered by the U21 Global Issues Programme, and work towards the completion of a U21 Certificate in Global Issues.

Year three
Year three is spent back at Nottingham, where you will take modules chosen from the wide range offered on international relations and global issues. You will be required to choose at least three modules from the international relations stream in your third year and can either choose to specialise further by adding more of the same, or broaden your knowledge base by taking modules from comparative politics and political theory. Once again you are permitted to take subsidiary modules in your third year.

Year four
During your fourth year you can choose from a selection of modules offered by the School of Politics and International Relations. Additionally, if you have started a language earlier in your studies you are able to continue with this. Modules at postgraduate level cover a number of themes and issues and all deal critically with current events in the world of politics and international relations. You will be able to deepen your knowledge of the subjects which interest you the most and the dissertation element will allow you to strengthen your research and analytical skills as well as thoroughly explore a question you find intriguing.

Your fourth year at Nottingham will develop the academic qualities you have been building since you arrived. There are plenty of opportunities, in addition to your academic studies, to build a skills base which will enrich your life after university.

Typical core modules:
- British Political History
- Foundations for Politics and International Relations
- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- Modern Political Theory
- Political Theory from Ancient to Modern
- Problems in Global Politics
- Understanding Global Politics

Plus some subsidiary modules from outside the school to be chosen on arrival.

Typical international relations stream modules:
- Airpower and Modern Warfare
- International Politics of Race
- Politics of East Asia
- Re-thinking the Cold War
- The Politics of Ethnic Conflict
- The Rights and Wrongs of Climate Change

Typical optional modules:
- Comparative Electoral Systems
- Democracy, Multiculturalism and Fundamentalism
- Global Insurgencies: Radical Politics Today
- Ideas and Politics in Contemporary Britain
- Living Ideologies: Ideas, Politics and Everyday Life in 20th-Century Europe
- Parliamentary Studies
- Politics and Drugs
- Property and its Critics
- The Politics of East and Central Europe
- The Politics of Science Fiction
- The Radical Right in Britain and Beyond

Core module:
- Dissertation

Typical masters-level modules:
- Air Power and Modern Conflict
- China’s International Relations
- Designing Political Enquiry
- Disaster Politics
- Europe and the Developing World
- International Political Economy
- Justice Beyond Borders: Theories of International and Intergenerational Justice
- Quantitative Political Analysis
- Terrorism and Insurgencies
- The Theory and Practice of Diplomacy
- War, Peace and Terror
- Western Counter-Terrorism Cooperation

Year one
Year three
Year four

For more detailed module information, please visit the individual course listings at www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy
Joint honours

A joint honours degree is split evenly between the two subjects, so the politics and international relations half of your degree is normally made up of 60 credits each year. You will have options that range broadly across various aspects of politics, and can choose to specialise in an area of interest to you.

The School of Politics and International Relations acts as the lead school for the following degree programmes. Please feel free to contact the other school directly for more detailed information on the modules that they provide for the programme. Contact details for the relevant school can be found by visiting www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy and searching by subject area.

BA Politics and American Studies
UCAS code: TL72

Course description
This three or four-year degree is about a specialist study of the USA – its government and politics, its history and culture – anchored in the grand sweep of political ideas, political history, political institutions and political issues the world over. In year one you will study core modules on the foundations of politics and global politics along with a choice of modules; in year two you will go deeper with two ‘how to’ modules in politics and two modules in American thought and culture together with modules you select yourself. Year three will allow for selection from a list of modules offered by both schools.

On this course you will study a range of compulsory modules in American history and literature, as well as The Government and Politics of the USA. You can also choose optional modules in both subjects as well as from a wide range offered across the University. There is an opportunity to transfer to a four-year degree course, spending your third year in North America, depending on satisfactory performance in year one.

Year one
In year one you will take modules in international relations, political theory and comparative politics. You will learn to compare political institutions and behaviour in western liberal democracies and gain a thorough understanding of the history of political ideas. You will also take modules in American history in the Department of American and Canadian Studies.

Year two
In politics and international relations you will choose one core module: either Approaches to Political Studies or Designing Political Research and then you will have free choice of two additional modules from the school so that you can begin to tailor your degree to your personal preference. You will also take compulsory modules in American thought and culture, along with options in American studies.

Year three
In year three, you must undertake a dissertation on a topic of your choice in either politics or American studies. You will do this under the supervision of a member of staff, and also take optional modules in both schools from a wide selection of modules offered to make up your remaining credits.

Year one
Typical core modules:
• American History 1: 1607-1900
• American History 2: 1900-Present Day
• Approaches to American Culture: An Introduction
• Approaches to American Culture: Developing Themes and Perspectives
• Introduction to Comparative Politics
• Modern Political Theory
• Understanding Global Politics

Year two
Typical core modules:
• American Thought and Culture 1: Settlement to World War I
• American Thought and Culture 2: 1917-Present

Year three
Typical core modules:
• Dissertation in politics and international relations or American studies

For more detailed module information, please visit the individual course listings at www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy
### BA Politics and Economics

**UCAS code: LL21**

**Course description**

This three-year degree is run jointly by the School of Politics and International Relations and the School of Economics. Politics and economics are about understanding modern life – or the political and economic foundations of the contemporary world. It combines a study of political thinking and political behaviour with a study of economic principles and economic practice. In year one you will become familiar with the study of politics, taking both foundation modules in politics and global politics and in economics. Year two will build on these foundation modules, with two ‘how to’ modules in politics and two theory modules in economics, as well as modules from a range of options offered by both schools. In year three you will select more specialist modules from an extensive list offered by both schools.

You will take a range of core modules in economics and in the three key areas of politics: comparative politics, international relations and political theory. You will also be able to choose optional modules in both subjects and in your second year you may also choose to study a module from a wide range offered across the University.

**Year one**

In year one, you will take modules in political theory and in comparative politics. You will learn to compare political institutions and behaviour in western liberal democracies and gain a thorough understanding of the history of political ideas. You can choose to take modules within the area of international relations as part of your optional modules within the school. In economics you will benefit from a study skills module and you will be introduced to macroeconomics and microeconomics. You will have the opportunity to choose between two further fields of study for your remaining modules in the School of Economics.

**Year two**

In politics you will choose one core module: either Approaches to Political Studies and International Relations or Designing Political Research and then you will have free choice of two additional modules from the school so that you can begin to tailor your degree to your personal preference. In economics you will study Macroeconomic Theory and Microeconomic Theory. You will also take a careers and employability module alongside your optional modules in economics.

**Year three**

In year three, you have the option to undertake a politics dissertation under the supervision of a member of staff, and you will also choose optional modules in both politics and economics from the full range of modules offered by both schools.

### Course Modules

#### Typical core politics and international relations modules:
- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- Modern Political Theory
- Plus two modules from a list provided by politics.

#### Typical optional politics and international relations modules:
- British Political History Since 1945
- Foundations for Politics and International Relations
- Problems in Global Politics
- Understanding Global Politics

#### Typical core economics modules:
- Introduction to Macroeconomics
- Introduction to Microeconomics
- Study Skills
- Plus either
  - Quantitative Economics and Mathematical Economics
  - Introductory Econometrics and Mathematical Economics

#### Typical core economics modules:
- Macroeconomic Theory
- Microeconomic Theory
- Plus two additional economics modules as below.

#### Typical optional economics modules:
- Environmental and Resource Economics
- Experimental and Behavioural Economics
- International Trade
- Public Sector Economics

For more detailed module information, please visit the individual course listings at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy)
Year one
The core element in year two is provided by a compulsory module specifically designed to ensure the intellectual coherence of this degree. History and Politics: A Problem or Solution? permits students to reflect on the complementary nature of the two disciplines as well as on ways in which they may be considered distinct from one another in their methods of research and analysis. This module sits alongside other more specific optional modules, covering an extremely wide chronological and geographical range. In politics you will choose one core module: either Approaches to Political Studies and International Relations or Designing Political Research and then you will have free choice of two additional modules from the school so that you can begin to tailor your degree to your personal preference.

Year two
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Year three
In year three you will take one special subject in history, a year-long, in-depth, research-based module, which you may select from a very broad menu. You will also write a 10,000-word dissertation on a topic of your choice in either history or politics. If you choose history, your dissertation will normally be linked to your special subject. If you choose to study a dissertation in politics you will also be able to choose an additional module from a free choice list. You will then choose additional modules from each school as necessary to make up your credits for the year.

For more information about the history part of this degree, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/history

For more detailed module information, please visit the individual course listings at www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy
**BA German and Politics**  
UCAS code: RL22

**Course description**  
German and politics gives you the opportunity to combine a study of the German language, literature, history and culture with a study of politics and international relations. This four-year degree will allow you to develop your German language skills from post-A level or from beginners’ level to degree level, while at the same time learning about how the world works, and how to think about how the world works. Year three will be spent in a German-speaking country as a language assistant in a school or on an approved course of study or work placement. You will normally divide your time equally between German and politics, taking core modules in both subjects along with options from a wide range of modules which will allow you to tailor your degree to your own interest.

**Year one**  
In addition to core German language modules, you will take a core German studies module introducing you to the study of German linguistics, literature, history and film alongside further optional modules focusing on areas of German studies of your choice. Post-A level students of German may take beginners’ Dutch. In politics, you will take modules in contemporary political theory, comparative politics and international relations. You will learn to compare and contrast political institutions and behaviour in liberal democracies and gain a thorough understanding of the history of political ideas.

Year two  
Your German language skills will be consolidated to prepare you for the year abroad. In German, you will choose from a wide range of modules in the areas of German literature, history, linguistics, culture, and society. In politics you will choose one core module: either Approaches to Politics and International Relations or Designing Political Research and then you will have free choice of two additional modules from the school so that you can begin to tailor your degree to your personal preference.

Year three  
You will spend year three in Germany or Austria on an approved course of study and/or on a work placement and/or as a language assistant in a school.

Year four  
You will develop your command of German to a high level and use it in increasingly sophisticated contexts. You will also study optional modules drawn from the areas of German literature, history, politics, society, media and linguistics. You may also choose to write a dissertation. In politics, you may elect to research and write a dissertation under the supervision of a member of staff, and/or choose from a wide variety of optional modules on offer.

For more information about the German part of this degree, please see [www.nottingham.ac.uk/german](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/german).  

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### BA French and Politics
**UCAS code: RL12**

#### Course description
On this course, you have the opportunity to combine studies in French language, literature and culture with a wide range of political topics. You will develop your French language skills to degree level, while learning to compare and contrast political institutions and behaviour in liberal democracies and apply political ideas and concepts to key social issues and issues in world politics.

#### Year one
In French, you will receive a firm grounding in the structures of the language through the core language module and pursue a choice of introductory studies in reading French texts, contemporary France, French history or linguistics. In politics, you take modules in contemporary political theory, comparative politics and international relations.

#### Year two
In French, your language studies will be consolidated and developed to prepare you for the year abroad. You will study a choice of modules aimed at developing your knowledge in some or all of the fields mentioned in the course description. In politics you will choose one core module: either Approaches to Politics and International Relations or Designing Political Research and then you will have free choice of two additional modules from the school so that you can begin to tailor your degree to your personal preference.

#### Year three
You will spend year three in France or a Francophone country on a programme of studies in a higher education institution, as an assistant in a school or on a work placement.

#### Year four
In French, you will perfect your command of the language and its use in increasingly sophisticated contexts and study optional modules drawn from a list covering a wide range of topics in the fields mentioned in the course description. In politics, you may select to research and write a dissertation under the supervision of a member of staff. In addition to this, you have the option to choose modules in political theory, comparative politics and international politics, allowing you to specialise as you prefer.

For more information about the French part of this degree, please see [www.nottingham.ac.uk/french](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/french)

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For more detailed module information, please visit the individual course listings at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy)
BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics
UCAS code: VLL5

Course description
This course is provided in conjunction with the School of Economics and the Department of Philosophy, making this not only an exciting degree that combines the most important modern approaches to understanding contemporary states of affairs and the units of political concern, but bringing together three of the UK’s leading schools/departments in their respective fields.

At Nottingham, philosophy, politics and economics (PPE) students spend one-third of their time studying modules in each discipline. The modules offered are tailored to the interdisciplinary nature of the course, binding the three elements into a coherent and rigorous programme of study. Modules in mathematics and statistics form part of the first year allowing PPE students to take a wide selection of economics modules in their final year. Modules in Writing Economics (first year) and Careers and Employability for Economists (second year) are also core to this programme.

When you graduate you will be equipped with the skills to choose top-flight careers in charities, government, politics, non-governmental organisations, teaching and many other areas. You will have a comprehensive understanding of the study of philosophy, politics and economics.

Throughout your degree you will develop essential transferable skills in verbal and written communication, independent study, and the capacity to grasp complicated economic concepts, whether they are mathematical or philosophical in nature. All of these will help you to stand out in the competitive graduate jobs market.

Year one
Typical modules:
• Elementary Logic
• Foundations of Macroeconomics
• Foundations of Microeconomics
• Introduction to Comparative Politics
• Introduction to Ethics
• Quantitative Economics A
• Quantitative Economics B
• Study Skills
• Self, Mind and Body

Or
• Appearance and Reality

Plus one of the following modules:
• British Political History since 1945
• Political Ideas in Conflict
• Problems in Global Politics

Year two
Typical modules:
• Careers and Employability for Economists
• Principles of Macroeconomics
• Principles of Microeconomics

Plus two of the following modules:
• Being, Becoming and Reality
• Freedom and Obligation
• Knowledge and Justification
• Mind and Consciousness
• Normative Ethics
• Social Philosophy
• Special Topic in the History of Philosophy
• The Nature of Meaning

Plus 40 credits from the following:
• Approaches to Political Studies
• British Party Politics
• Civilisation and Barbarism
• Democracy and its Critics
• Global Security
• IPE and Global Development
• Politics and Society in Europe
• Social and Global Justice
• The Government and Politics of the USA

Year three
Typical modules:
• You will be able to take either 40 credits worth of politics, philosophy and economics modules or 60 credits worth of modules from any two of politics, philosophy and economics.

For more detailed module information, please visit the individual course listings at www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy
Established in 2004 as one of the first three divisions of The University of Nottingham Ningbo China, the Division of International Studies offers an exceptional opportunity for you to study European and global issues in one of the most dynamic countries on the planet.

The division, staffed by academics from eight different countries, offers cross-disciplinary programmes with elements in politics, history, economics and communication studies, and provides students with a profound understanding of world affairs.

As in the UK, undergraduate degrees run for three years but students whose first language is not English may take a foundation year, where they can acquire the necessary intellectual and English language competencies required to perform effectively at undergraduate level. Applicants possessing a high level of English (IELTS 6.5, with writing no less than 6.0 or equivalent) may enter directly into the qualifying year (the first year of the three-year programme).

For more information and a list of the alternative English language requirements we accept, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/alternativerequirements

All students on the division’s degree programmes may elect to study for all or part of the third year at either the University’s UK or Malaysia Campus, or may choose to participate in exchange or study abroad programmes with our international partners in Australia, Canada, France, New Zealand and the United States of America, among others. In addition, all students will have the option of taking up a second foreign language (French, German, Japanese, Mandarin or Spanish).

The spacious, modern campus in the Ningbo Higher Education Park offers first-class amenities – library, teaching and IT facilities, student residences, restaurants, shops and a dedicated sports complex. All students are guaranteed a place in campus accommodation. The city of Ningbo, one of the busiest ports in the world, is one hour by train from Hangzhou and two hours from Shanghai.

For more information, including entry requirements and the educational opportunities available to you in China, see www.nottingham.edu.cn

Division of International Studies
The University of Nottingham Ningbo Campus, China
School of Politics, History and International Relations
The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus

The opening of a School of Politics, History and International Relations in 2010 at our campus near Kuala Lumpur is part of a major expansion of Nottingham’s activities in Malaysia and the region, and opens up an array of exciting opportunities for UK, European, Malaysian and overseas students to study politics and international relations.

Around 45 minutes’ drive from Kuala Lumpur, The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus is purpose-built and self-contained with state-of-the-art teaching resources. There are free sports facilities, including a gym and outdoor swimming pool, on-campus accommodation, and a Students’ Association building with shops and a food hall.

The campus has good links to the capital and students often take advantage of the opportunities to explore Malaysia and other parts of Asia. Around 5,000 students from over 75 countries are based at the campus. The variety of nationalities and welcoming environment make it an excellent place to meet new people and learn about different cultures.

The School of Politics, History and International Relations offers an exciting curriculum taught by internationally recruited staff with PhDs from leading international universities including Cambridge, Manchester, Melbourne, London, Pittsburgh and the London School of Economics. Our students think so too. In the independent 2012-13 Student Barometer Survey over 90% of students rated the school’s lecturers as experts and expressed overall satisfaction with their learning experience. Our lecturers are active researchers – some of them are internationally recognised leaders in their field.

For more information, including entry requirements and the educational opportunities available to you in Malaysia, see www.nottingham.edu.my
How will I study?

You will encounter a wide variety of teaching methods at university, probably more than you will have done at school or college.

Teaching
As a student on one of the school's programmes you will be taught by lecturers who are experts in their field, which will be reflected in the range of modules offered to you.

Teaching will be by lecture – where all the students taking the module are introduced to a topic by the lecturer, and/or seminar – where students are split into smaller groups discussing work prepared earlier.

This means that one hour you might be sitting in a big lecture hall listening to a lecture; the next, you could be in a small group trying to work out the meaning of a key political text or tract. In seminars, we also utilise individual and group presentations, films, role plays and simulations.

As part of our commitment to research-led teaching excellence, we make widespread use of internet-based teaching strategies to complement lectures and seminars. These may be core texts, chapters, articles, video clips or visual materials such as propaganda posters and election manifestoes. This approach will enable you to develop crucial IT skills, as you learn the discipline of politics.

Politics is a social science. This means that you will spend much of your time reading, preparing for classes, writing essays or working on projects. Essays vary in length; typically 1,500-2,000 words in year one, increasing to 5,000 words and a 12,000-word dissertation by year three.

Sometimes you will share your ideas with friends; at other times you will be preparing for presentations or thinking about how to answer a particular problem. Your working time will be spent in lecture and seminar rooms, in library and computer suites, in your own room and even in coffee or juice bars. Some learning is very formal, some less so, but it all plays an important part in helping you develop your intellectual capacity, refine your critical faculties and sharpen your analytical skills. Various modules also include visits to the Houses of Parliament, the Imperial War Museum, the National Portrait Gallery and many other places.

Timetable
A typical timetable for the first semester in the first year for the BA Politics and International Relations will look something like the timetable on the right (timetables will vary according to programme).

The hours you are not in lectures and seminars are to enable you to prepare for the classes you will attend and the work you will need to submit for assessment.

Politics and International Relations
www.nottingham.ac.uk/politics

Sample of a typical year-one timetable

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Learning
We aim to provide a learning environment that will enrich your life and live up to the ideal of a global education. You will engage directly in our common pursuit of cutting-edge, policy relevant and curiosity-driven research. In the process we will stretch you and test you; we will ask you to push yourself and to question your assumptions and those of the people and societies around you. Above all, we will offer you an experience that will indelibly shape the way you view the world and your place in it.

Student support
You will have a designated personal tutor appointed from our teaching staff who will take a close interest in your academic progress and act as a first port of call for general enquiries and trouble-shooting. University is a time of great personal development, and sensitive advice and encouragement from your tutor can help you make the best of your time. As well as offering advice on academic concerns and career development, your tutor is there to talk over general problems and can be an approachable source of support and sympathy. The school also has a designated student support officer who will be on hand to give pastoral care.

In addition, the University offers a wide range of academic and welfare services on its three campuses, including language modules, computing services, specialist learning support, child care, health services, counselling and career advice.

Student representation
The needs of our students take priority in the running of our degree programmes. Our courses and modules are subject to regular reviews that rely heavily on student feedback. We have active Learning Community Forums on each of our campuses. Students’ views are also taken into consideration in the appointment of new staff.

Key Information Sets
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 data is published on the Unistats website: www.unistats.com

For Nottingham’s KIS data, please see individual course entries at www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy

Extracurricular opportunities
You will be encouraged to take full advantage of the opportunities open for the study of politics at Nottingham: the award-winning student-run Politics Society, based at University Park, organises regular events over the course of the year – from debates and quiz nights to intersociety socials. The society also organises an annual ball in the summer and foreign study trips to places such as Washington and Brussels.
How will I be assessed?

The teaching year is divided into two semesters. The first semester lasts for 14 weeks, with 12 weeks for teaching and revision and two weeks for assessment. The second semester follows the same pattern, but there are an additional two weeks at the end to complete the assessment process and to enable returning students to discuss their results with tutors and begin to plan the next session’s work.

**Assessment methods**
In addition to giving you detailed knowledge, we aim to help you develop your personal transferable skills including communication and presentation skills, information gathering, essay and report writing. We present students with a variety of different challenges and types of assessment, including exams, essays, oral presentations and projects. Each unit is assessed separately, meaning there are no daunting ‘final’ exams at the end of your degree.

You will be given a copy of our marking criteria. This will provide guidance as to how your work is marked. Your work will be marked in a constructive and timely manner and you will receive written and oral feedback on the tasks you are asked to do. At the end of each semester you will receive your marks for work assessed during that semester and have the opportunity to discuss your progress and performance with your personal tutor, module convenor or seminar leaders.

**Final degree classification**
In all courses, the first year is a qualifying year in which you will hone your key learning and analytical skills. The weighting of subsequent years varies, but typically the second year counts for 40% and the third year for 60% of your degree classification. The MSci programme (four-year programme) carries a weighting of 25% in the second and third years, and 50% in the fourth year.

Many of the academics who will teach you are leading researchers in their field.
Here Dr Holland and Dr Khan write about what teaching means to them.

**Teaching excellence**

Our academic staff have a well-deserved reputation for excellence in teaching, and have won many prestigious awards:

- 13 Lord Dearing Awards for teaching excellence
- Five Political Studies Association awards for outstanding and innovative teaching
- Two awards from the British International Studies Association for excellent teaching
- A Vice-Chancellor's award for innovative teaching

The Political Studies Association’s Innovation in Teaching Award was won by Professor Philip Cowley and Mark Stuart in 2013 and by Dr Helen Williams in 2014. Additionally, the Bernard Crick Teaching Award was won by Dr Ben Holland in 2014 and by Dr Gulshan Khan in 2011.

Here Dr Holland and Dr Khan write about what teaching means to them.

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**Teaching for me – Dr Ben Holland**

“My first priority as a teacher of largely theoretical aspects of the discipline is to cultivate a spirit of critical enquiry and evaluation in the classroom, and to seek to equip my students with a capacity for independent and confident intellectual judgement away from it.

I try to create open, trusting and inclusive environments in the different classes that I teach, in which students can put forward their views, reflectively revise or affirm them in light of respectful challenges, and become in the end more imaginative, rigorous, resourceful thinkers.

I took over as convener of ‘Understanding Global Politics’, our core level 1 introduction to international relations theory, I embedded YouTube clips in my PowerPoint lecture slides, and made use of TurnPoint audience response technology.

More fundamentally, I developed a series of fortnightly two-hour case-study based workshops, in addition to the weekly lectures and seminars, by which students could come to see the relevance of theory to the understanding of real-life concerns in international politics – from nuclear deterrence to Live Aid to the ICC.

Teaching for me – Dr Gulshan Khan

“My teaching approach seeks to create an enjoyable, friendly and inclusive learning environment where students feel confident to put forward their views and develop their ideas and their capacity for critical reflection in a context of trust and mutual understanding. This enables me to facilitate their development as independent learners and to generate a genuine interest in politics and political theory. I encourage a high degree of student participation and help students to take responsibility for their own learning. By showing them that their contributions are valuable and important, I aim to bring out a plurality of voices, including gently coaxing the more reserved students to contribute more to the seminar or classroom discussion.

By using innovative approaches to learning, combined with high-quality teaching materials and resources, I try to combine a rigorous approach with an enjoyable learning experience. For example, I use cases drawn from popular culture – such as the Sacha Baron Cohen character Ali G, or the Batman films directed by Christopher Nolan – to relate philosophical ideas to the students’ own lived experiences.

This enables me to convey complex ideas in a simple and accessible manner. I also use a variety of media such as PowerPoint presentations, YouTube, Facebook, films, dramatic scripts and theatrical plays to enliven the passion of my students. For example, I wrote a scene for a play in order to demonstrate some of the issues around multiculturalism. Students acted out the parts in pairs and then discussed multiculturalism, feminism, democracy and related topics. This generated lively discussion and disagreement.

Following this, I organised a one-day trip to Southall (a predominately Asian area in London) for students to shop, eat and interact with the local community, followed by a trip to a play on themes around multiculturalism at the Royal Court Theatre.

In addition, one of my principal aims is to encourage students to discuss controversial and potentially sensitive issues in a way that enables them to sharpen their skills of argumentation and challenge their own preconceived ideas. For example, I organised a debate between students in favour of and against banning the burkas. I liaised between the two groups and provided them with hints about how to sharpen their responses. This activity helped to produce informed positions on both sides of the debate and it generated greater respect between students with diverging viewpoints.

I am self-reflexive about my teaching practices and I seek to improve my teaching methods and styles. My teaching is closely informed by my own research into questions of identity, pluralism and republicanism and the students’ discussions provide me with greater insights on certain issues, which then feed back into my research agenda. I listen to my students and I am attentive to their needs, perspectives and experiences.

This also filters back into the development of my teaching materials and my advice and support to the students.”
Benefits of studying abroad
The benefits of studying abroad are numerous. It’s a chance to see your subject from a new perspective while experiencing a different culture and making friends from all over the world. You’re likely to find that living abroad increases your sense of independence and that you return to Nottingham with broader horizons and a clearer sense of what you’d like to do with your degree. You will explore questions of international significance with your peers across the globe and develop valuable cross-cultural communication skills, so when it comes to applying for jobs, your experience will really stand out to employers.

Erasmus (University-wide programme)
The Erasmus programme is a European-wide initiative where exchange agreements are made between specialist schools at Nottingham and their counterparts at partner institutions. The School of Politics and International Relations is linked with nine prestigious universities across Europe.

Universitas 21 (University-wide programme)
The Universitas (21) exchange programme involves more than 20 partner institutions worldwide including Auckland, British Columbia, Hong Kong, Melbourne, New South Wales, Sydney and Tennessee. Participation on these programmes normally takes place in the autumn semester of the second year. Places on the scheme are competitive and students will be selected according to their progress on the course.

Inter-campus exchange
We have regular student exchanges between our three schools in the UK, China and Malaysia Campuses. Participation in this normally takes place in the autumn semester of the second year.

Find out more
All students who study abroad are mentored by a member of the teaching staff, and you will also receive help and guidance from the International Office. For more information, visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/studyabroad
The University of Nottingham is consistently named as one of the most targeted universities by Britain’s leading graduate employers*. In addition, we were ranked as the number one university for job prospects at the 2015 Whatuni Student Choice Awards. Throughout your studies here, you will gain skills that will be essential for your professional development. You will leave us with specialist knowledge of international issues and political systems, that will enhance your global career prospects.

Graduate career destinations
Our graduates develop careers across the private, public and charitable sectors. Private sector destinations include print and television journalism, broadcasting, television and film production, advertising, marketing and personnel as well as the commercial and financial sectors. Some go into party politics as parliamentary assistants, councillors in local government and even MPs; others work for the civil service and in research and data analysis. Third-sector careers include working for non-governmental organisations, charities and development agencies. Some graduates opt for further study or take vocational qualifications in postgraduate law or teaching.

Average starting salary
In 2014, 94% of first-degree graduates in the School of Politics and International Relations who were available for employment had secured work or further study within six months of graduation. The average salary was £23,047 with the highest being £48,000.**

Recent graduates
Emma Barnett – Women’s editor, Daily Telegraph; Chris Bates – a runner-up on The Apprentice and investment banker; Aditi Sharma – Research Officer, National Human Rights Convention in India.

Other destinations have included: policy adviser to the civil service and local government; civil service fast stream graduate trainee; Nottingham city councillor; case worker at legal aid centre; parliamentary assistant; polling coordinator.

Postgraduate options
Each year a number of our graduates enjoy their degree so much that they take further courses of study or research posts. Opportunities for further study within the school include taught postgraduate courses in diplomacy, politics, international relations, and international security and terrorism, and social and global justice.

Find out more on page 42.

The University's Careers and Employability Service
Our Careers and Employability Service, which is based on University Park Campus, offers an extensive range of careers-oriented services, including advice on CV-writing and interviews, presentations by major employers and general careers advice. Students can attend skills workshops in addition to booking one-to-one appointments with careers advisers.

The Careers and Employability Service has a dedicated politics careers consultant, who works with the school careers officer to organise events tailored to politics students. Past events have included an alumni speed-networking event and careers fairs dedicated to public and third-sector careers.

The University also offers support for students seeking internships, providing information about upcoming opportunities. The Internship Support Grant can provide funding to help support work placements and internships with smaller employers.

As a University of Nottingham graduate, you will receive lifelong support from the service. This means that you can ask a careers adviser to look over your job application by email, Skype, or in person, and you can also access a database of graduate vacancies. The Careers and Employability Service also runs an e-mentoring scheme, pairing current students with past graduates in a career of interest to those students. The e-mentors answer questions about what the job is like and how they got into their career.

For more information see www.nottingham.ac.uk/careers

The Nottingham Advantage Award
The University’s Advantage Award is a programme of activities developed to recognise and reward extracurricular responsibilities. It allows you to gain recognition for participating in a wide range of activities accredited by the University and delivered by top graduate employers, professional services and members of staff of the University. It also shows employers that you have gone above and beyond your degree and gained valuable transferrable skills.

For further information, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/careers/advantage
It's never too early to consider postgraduate study, so we would like to also introduce you to the school's postgraduate programmes.

Each year the school welcomes into the MA programmes a lively and diverse student cohort coming from the UK, mainland Europe and overseas. Students are encouraged to be more involved in the school's research centres and to attend seminars and workshops. Help is given for essay writing and the dissertation by way of workshops and some of the modules offer problem solving exercises as well as trips to organisations in the UK.

Students taking the MA Diplomacy and the MA International Security and Terrorism are offered the opportunity of a field trip to Brussels and the Hague, visiting organisations such as Clingendael, NATO and SHAPE.

Currently we offer the following postgraduate taught programmes:

• MA in Asian and International Studies
• MA in Diplomacy
• MA in International Relations
• MA in International Security and Terrorism
• MA in Politics and Contemporary History

Our Research Track degree programmes are designed for those students wishing to apply for Research Council funding, or to continue to further study.

We also offer research programmes for those wishing to undertake a Masters by Research, a Master of Philosophy or a PhD.

Find out more
Details of all our postgraduate programmes can be found at www.nottingham.ac.uk/politics/study-with-us
You can also contact the postgraduate team in the school:
t: +44 (0)115 846 6228
e: politics-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk
“I really wanted to do a course in international relations. With this I get a masters degree and a year abroad and a global issues certificate from the U21 programme.”

Josephine Otuagomah/MSci International Relations and Global Issues

Find out more about Josephine’s experience at www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/jotuagomah

Scan the code to watch this video on your smartphone.

Josephine has chosen to take her work outside to the Millennium Gardens, behind the Law and Social Sciences Building on University Park Campus.
Graduate profiles

Isla Perry graduated from the MSci in International Relations and Global Issues in 2014. She is currently on a third sector leadership and development graduate scheme called CharityWorks, and is on placement at The Children’s Trust, a national charity for children with brain injury. Isla is passionate about graduate recruitment into the charity sector and recently returned to Nottingham to deliver a third sector careers presentation to politics undergraduates. After the careers event Isla said:

“I think the charity sector has a lot to offer and is often overlooked by graduates. It was great to get the opportunity to come back and promote an alternative career path that can make a real difference. I would never have got on this scheme without the wonderful teaching and support that I enjoyed at Nottingham.”

“Reading politics at Nottingham equipped me with the practical skills and knowledge which has helped my career flourish.”

Krupesh Hirani graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in Politics in 2007. He was elected as a Councillor to the London Borough of Brent in May 2010 and has since taken the position as Lead Member for Adults and Health on the Executive of Brent Council. In 2012, at the age of 26, he became the youngest Cabinet Member at local government level in the country. In recognition of his special contribution, the University made Krupesh an Alumni Laureate in 2013.

“I began my current role last September by flying to Gabon and interviewing the President, before going off to South Korea to cover the 2011 Foreign Investment Week in Seoul. I then completed a special report on Morocco in November, which entailed me flying to Rabat and Casablanca to conduct several interviews with high-level officials. In March I will be going to the UAE to complete another special report for fDi Magazine, and I will also speak as a panellist in Malaysia at the ‘Global Special Economic Zones’ summit in Kuala Lumpur.”

Barbara Njau graduated with a BA in Politics in 2011. After completing her studies she joined the Financial Times that summer through the Pearson Diversity Summer Internship Programme working as an intern at This Is Africa, a Financial Times Business publication for two months. During that period she was profiled and ranked as number seven in ‘Britain’s 100 most outstanding graduates’ in the Future Leaders magazine.

Find out more from our students on our video wall:

Philip Jones, BA Politics
www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/philipjones

Emma Turney, BA Politics
www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/emmaturney
You’ve read lots about the degree programme you’re interested in, now it’s time to explore life outside the lecture theatre. There’s so much for you to get involved in and explore at the University and around the city. We are proud to be one of the leading universities for student experience in the UK*, which will ensure that you have a university experience you’ll never forget.

Your University of Nottingham – at home and around the world
We are proud of our stunning campuses and are continually investing in our grounds, buildings and amenities to ensure that you only have the best surroundings in which to live and study. Our main UK campuses have a mix of state-of-the-art facilities, including sports centres, places to eat and excellent learning facilities on every campus.

We’ve made getting from campus to campus as easy as possible and students can benefit from our free inter-campus Hopper Bus, so you’re never far away from the striking architecture and innovative technology of Jubilee Campus, the rolling parkland and period buildings at University Park, or the cutting-edge features of Sutton Bonington.

The University of Nottingham is Britain’s global university with campuses in the UK, China and Malaysia. We also have links with more than 300 universities in over 40 countries, adding a truly global flavour to your degree and giving you the chance to explore the world.

Find out more:
www.nottingham.ac.uk/about/campuses

Your support network
Throughout your university journey there will be numerous people on hand to support you, including tutors and dedicated staff who will be able to advise you on various aspects of life as a student. We have Student Services Centres on all three of our UK campuses, which provide a range of support, information and specialist services to enhance your student experience. This support includes:

• Academic Support – can provide practical advice on areas of academic study; the service also provides specialist academic support for students with dyslexia, dyspraxia and other specific learning difficulties
• Disability Support – coordinates support and access arrangements for students with a disability or long-term medical condition
• Financial Support – provides information on the sources of finance available from government agencies and the University itself, and gives advice about financial matters
• Student Services – also advise on issues ranging from childcare, counselling and health to international student support, chaplaincy and faith support, as well as offering advice on paying your tuition and accommodation fees

Whatever you may need support with, they will either be able to help or point you in the direction of someone who can.

Find out more:
www.nottingham.ac.uk/studentservices

** Providing you submit your returners’ application in line with the requirements of accommodation providers.
Getting involved in your Students’ Union

As soon as you start at The University of Nottingham, you are automatically enrolled as a member of our Students’ Union, which is considered to be one of the best in the country. There are hundreds of activities that you could be part of, providing you with the perfect opportunity to take up a new hobby or pursue existing interests. Choose from over 200 student-run societies, covering all interests and abilities, as well as local and national volunteering projects, to which you can commit as much or as little time as you wish.

Our Students’ Union is home to a number of award-winning student-run media groups, which give you the chance to gain practical work experience both behind the scenes or centre stage as a presenter, actor or journalist. The Nottingham New Theatre, Impact magazine, Nottingham Student Television (NSTV) and University Radio Nottingham (URN) have all been recognised as the best in their field, winning a clutch of awards for outstanding achievements.

However you decide to become involved in the Union, you can be sure you will make new friends and learn new skills, all while having a lot of fun!

Find out more: www.su.nottingham.ac.uk

Sports

We offer sport at all levels and an excellent all-inclusive student membership offer, so whether you enjoy sport as a hobby or are an elite athlete we will have just what you need. We have over 70 sports clubs, which means we have the 2nd highest number of sports clubs of any UK university. If you’re not interested in joining a team but want to stay fit, we have sports centres on all of our main UK campuses.

Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/sport

Exploring your new city

With Nottingham city centre just a 10-minute bus ride away from University Park Campus, our students are always close to the action. Buses run through campus regularly and many run late-night services too, which is handy if you’re a night owl.

For music lovers, you can take your pick from the world-famous Rock City, Capital FM Arena or one of the smaller gig venues for a more intimate live show. Nottingham is rich in performance venues, with comedy clubs and theatres catering for lovers of drama, musicals, ballet and panto. We are very proud of our sporting heritage, and with football clubs Nottingham Forest and Notts County in the city, as well as Trent Bridge cricket ground and the National Ice Centre on your doorstep, you might just become a sports fan if you’re not one already.

History and culture can be found in all corners of the city, with Nottingham Castle, Nottingham Contemporary arts centre, the Galleries of Justice Museum, Nottingham Lakeside Arts – the University’s public arts centre located on our University Park Campus – arthouse cinemas and three of the world’s oldest pubs all providing points of interest. If you enjoy shopping, Nottingham is perfect for you; independent boutiques and vintage shops in the bohemian area of Hockley mix with high street names in our large shopping centres to make Nottingham a veritable shopping haven.

Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/nottinghamlife

Download our city guide: www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/cityguide
Applying for a place

We are looking for students who have the ability and motivation to benefit from our courses, and who will make a valued contribution to the department and the University. Candidates for full-time admission are considered on the basis of their Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) form. For more information on how to make your application stand out, have a look at our online prospectus: www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

Application process
All applications for an undergraduate place to study at The University of Nottingham (including applications by overseas students) must be made through UCAS. Applications should be made online at www.ucas.com. Candidates will be notified of decisions through UCAS Track at track.ucas.com

Applications are considered solely on merit and academic potential. All applications for UK undergraduate degrees are made through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). The selection process is normally based entirely on the UCAS application form – so it is important that this is completed correctly and fully. We do not normally interview applicants.

Your personal statement
This is the section of your UCAS form that tells us the most about you, and you should make the best use of it. Be as specific and detailed as you can – we would like to see that you are a student who can work hard, be self-motivating and make the best possible use of the opportunities this course might have to offer you.

Academic attainment
The standard A level requirements for each of our degrees at the UK campus are listed on page 8. There are no specific subject requirements, and though many of our applicants have A level politics, we do not require it and encourage students from any background – arts or sciences – to consider politics and international relations as an exciting option to study at the University.

Alternative qualifications
In this brochure you will find our A level entry requirements but we accept a much broader range of qualifications.

These include:
• Access to HE Diploma
• Advanced Diploma
• BTEC HND/HNC
• BTEC Extended Diploma
• Cambridge Pre-U
• International Baccalaureate
• Irish Leaving Certificate
• Scottish Advanced Highers
• Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma

This list is not exhaustive; we will consider applicants with other qualifications on an individual basis. The entry requirements for alternative qualifications can be quite specific; for example you may need to take certain modules and achieve a specified grade in those modules. Please contact us to discuss the transferability of your qualification.

Flexible admissions policy
In recognition of our applicants’ varied experience and educational pathways, we employ a flexible admissions policy. If we judge that your situation has adversely affected your achievement, then we will consider this when assessing your academic potential. If you wish to mention information about your experiences in your personal statement, then you should ask the teacher or tutor writing your reference to confirm what you have written. We may ask for further evidence and may consider a range of factors. For more information, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/admissionspolicies

International students
A sizeable proportion of our intake every year comes from outside the UK and we actively encourage applications from Europe and overseas, either as full-time students or as exchange students.

The University’s International Office offers guidance and advice on matters such as visa and immigration regulations, working and living in the UK, entry requirements and preparing for coming to Nottingham – and arranges a Welcome Programme for new international students each September. If you would like to visit the University and are unable to attend an open day, the International Office will be happy to arrange an individual visit for you.

For further information please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/studywithus/international-applicants

If you are thinking of applying from abroad please contact the school and we would be very happy to put you in touch with students on our courses from your country, or with any of our students who might be on exchange at a university near you.

English language requirements
International students whose first language is not English are required to have an appropriate grade in an approved examination in the English language before they can register on an academic programme. We ask for 6.5 in IELTS (no less than 6.0 in any element).

For more information and a list of the alternative English language requirements we accept, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/alternativerequirements

Preparing to study in English – academic English preparation and support
The University of Nottingham Centre for English Language Education (CELE) offers high-quality academic English and study skills (presessional) programmes to prepare you to study your degree in English. Our programmes are designed to give international students excellent preparation for their academic studies and are taught by experienced, professional tutors.

CELE provides a range of programmes throughout the year, including five-week subject-specific courses (in some subjects) and a four-week course in September for students with unconditional offers, with a focus on academic study skills.

You can continue to benefit from academic English support with free classes and one-to-one consultations throughout your study (insessional programmes).

For more information about CELE, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/cele

Mature applicants
Mature applicants, including those on Access courses, those with non-traditional qualifications and those whose educational history is uneven but who show particular promise in relevant subject areas, are considered on their own merits and may well be invited to submit written work or attend an interview.

If you have any questions about mature student applications, please email them to the undergraduate secretary at politics-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk

Equal opportunities policy
The University aims to create the conditions whereby students and staff are treated solely on the basis of their merits, abilities and potential, regardless of gender, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, age, socio-economic background, disability, religious or political beliefs, trade union membership, family circumstances, sexual orientation or other irrelevant distinction.

For tips and advice at every step of your application journey, visit our undergraduate applicants’ area: www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugapplicants
Frequently asked questions

Do I need to have an A level in politics?
No. We want candidates who have an interest in the subject and who are keen to study it. Prior academic study of politics is not required.

Do you count general studies or critical thinking as A levels?
No. We welcome applications from students taking general studies or critical thinking at A level, but at present these do not count towards the required grades.

Do you consider mature applicants?
Yes. We encourage applications from mature applicants (that is, those who will be 21 or over when they plan to start the course). We deal with all such applications on a case-by-case basis although normally we would be looking for applicants who have pursued further study or professional qualifications since leaving school, or who have undertaken an Access course. You may be invited to an interview.

What if I have a disability?
The school welcomes students with disabilities or special needs (such as dyslexia) and considers their applications on the same academic grounds as those of other students. The school has a disability liaison officer and a range of support services and measures designed to facilitate your studies.

The University’s Disability Statement, which lists services, facilities and opportunities available throughout the University can be viewed at www.nottingham.ac.uk/disability

What about international students?
We welcome applications from international students, including those with qualifications other than A levels. Our International Office can give advice on the grades required for international students – please see page 58 for contact details.

Can I transfer to Nottingham from another university?
This is occasionally possible and depends on what stage of your degree course you have reached, what you have studied, how well you have done, and why you want to move to Nottingham. Please contact the school as early as possible and provide as much information as you can. We will then be able to advise you on the best way to proceed.

What if I have mitigating circumstances for a poor exam performance?
If you have any mitigating circumstances that might explain a poorer than expected performance, it is important that you and/or your school or college let us know about them before the publication of your results. We will then take them into account when making final decisions on places.

Can I defer my study?
We are normally quite happy for you to defer your entry to the University, as long as there are good reasons for the deferral.

What can I expect from the teaching staff?
Academic staff in the School of Politics and International Relations are recognised experts, both in the UK and abroad. They publish in the leading academic and university presses and edit, or sit on, the editorial boards of several of the discipline’s top scholarly journals. They are also actively engaged in public and policy debates, and disseminate the fruits of their research outside academia to enhance the quality of public discussion on political, ethical and economic issues. This means that the staff who teach you are all working at the forefront of their respective fields, and are therefore able to integrate the latest findings and debates into their teaching programmes. We are proud that our teaching is driven and informed by our research and value the contribution our students – whether fresher or finalists – make to these endeavours.

Which areas do staff have expertise in?
Nottingham is particularly strong in the fields of security, international political economy, social and global justice and comparative and British politics – but with so many staff, their interests cover almost every part of the discipline of politics and international relations.

For more information, please visit the individual staff pages at the following campus web addresses, where you will find information on staff teaching, research and administrative roles.

UK: www.nottingham.ac.uk/politics/people/index.aspx


Malaysia: www.nottingham.edu.my/Politics/People/index.aspx
If I study a joint honours degree can I take modules in other schools as part of my programme? The answer depends on which degree programme you are considering. Please contact the lead school for the specific programme to ask for details.

How much are the fees? Like many universities in England, Nottingham charges full-time UK and EU students an annual tuition fee of £9,000. However, you will not have to pay your fees while studying – the government will lend eligible students the money, which you will start to pay back once you have left university and are earning at least £21,000.

For more information, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/fees

Fees for students from outside the EU vary from subject to subject. For more information, please see the ‘New international students’ section on www.nottingham.ac.uk/fees

What support is available for students with children? There are a range of services provided to support students with children, including a University day nursery, a playscheme and playcentre day care. There is also a scheme to help students fund childcare.

For more information, see www.nottingham.ac.uk/child-care

What support do you offer for students with a disability or dyslexia? The school, like the University, is committed to promoting access for students who have a disability, dyslexia or a long-term medical condition. Services provided by the University aim to enable students to fulfil the inherent requirements of the course as independently as possible.

The University’s Disability Statement, which lists services, facilities and opportunities available throughout the University can be viewed at www.nottingham.ac.uk/disability

Visit our website for more frequently asked questions: www.nottingham.ac.uk/faqs

To ask course-specific questions contact politics-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk

Open days If you’re considering applying to The University of Nottingham we recommend that you try to attend one of the University-wide open days, which are held in June and September each year and attract around 30,000 visitors. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/opendays

Mini open days Mini open days are much smaller than the main open days but offer the same opportunities to attend various talks and tours as well as speak to current students and academics. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/minipendays or call +44 (0)115 951 5559.

Virtual open day If you can’t attend one of our open days in person, or would like to explore our campuses before visiting, take a look at our virtual open day: www.nottingham.ac.uk/virtualnottingham

UCAS visit days Once you’ve been offered a place at Nottingham, you may be invited to attend a UCAS visit day, which is an opportunity for you to visit the school and to find out more about your chosen course. You will also be given a short tour of the campus by students, and will also have the chance to experience a taster lecture and mini seminar, led by our expert members of staff.

Other visits If you wish to make an informal visit to the University prior to applying here, you are welcome to do so, but you should contact us in advance if you wish to visit the school or speak to an admissions tutor, and we will do our best to oblige.
Contacting us

For further information please contact the relevant campus:

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You can also follow us through our social media channels, all of which can be accessed via www.nottingham.ac.uk/connect

You can also connect with fellow applicants and current students on our applicants’ Facebook and Twitter pages:

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