



# MA Critical Theory and Politics

**In collaboration with the School of Politics and International Relations, this MA will provide you with a thorough understanding of the close connections between critical theory and key contemporary political and social theories.**

Critical theory is a rich and diverse field of enquiry that has emerged from a continuous dialogue with theories of both society and politics. This innovative MA enables you to engage with this dialogue and its relevance to contemporary phenomena. Teaching staff from the Centre for Critical Theory, the School of Politics and International Relations and other participating schools, offer expertise in areas such as social and political theory, international relations, philosophy and cultural studies.

The course is specifically designed to equip you with a thorough understanding of the relevance of critical theory for the liberal, post-Marxist and radical political theories that shape today's world. Modules taken in the School of Politics and International Relations will therefore enable you to apply critical theories to concrete political phenomena such as globalisation, the war on terror, feminism and international human rights.

There are also opportunities for you to study methodologies of political research and the dissertation will provide practice in theoretically informed and independent research, meaning the course is ideal preparation for doctoral studies in these areas. As a member of this course, you will join a thriving postgraduate community which offers reading groups, work-in-progress seminars, visiting speakers and research seminars, creating a lively, intellectually stimulating and supportive learning environment.







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## Course structure and assessment

The full-time MA Critical Theory and Politics lasts 12 months and is divided into two semesters and a summer period. If you would rather take the course on a part-time basis, this can usually be done over 24 months, depending on your circumstances. You will take two modules per semester and complete a 20,000-word dissertation over the summer to be submitted in September.

There are no examinations for this course. Each taught module is assessed by a 5,000-word assignment and your dissertation will also be assessed. Modules offered by the Centre for Critical Theory may include:

- Postcolonialism
- Social and Political Theories
- Sovereignty and Conflict
- Technology, Science, Life
- Visual Culture

Modules offered by the School of Politics and International Relations may include:

- Europe after the Cold War
- Globalisation and its Discontents
- International Political Economy
- Security Studies
- The Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1948-2004

You will be assigned a personal tutor as well as a dissertation tutor to guide you through your coursework. Information about staff research interests and publications can be found at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/cfm/staff](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/cfm/staff)

## Careers

Many of our postgraduates have chosen academic careers and are in full-time posts in the UK or at other universities around the world. Others have moved into the civil service, the cultural industry, the media, publishing, teaching or translation. The research training all our postgraduates follow equips them with a range of key transferable skills such as analytical thinking, time management and presentation and research skills.

## Entry requirements

To apply for this course, you would normally be expected to hold a single or joint honours degree in a related subject at 2:1 level or above, or its international equivalent.

If your first language is not English, you must achieve an overall score on the British Council IELTS test of at least 7 with no less than 6 in each element; or a TOEFL score of 600 with at least 4.5 in the Test of Written English (TWE); or a TOEFL iBT score of 100, with no less than 19 in any element. Test results should be no more than two years old.

## Funding

There are a number of potential funding sources for well-qualified applicants. The School of Cultures, Languages and Area Studies offers a range of studentships and smaller bursaries for postgraduate study. These are funded either by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) or by the school. Part-time students may be eligible to apply for a WH Revis Grant. Further information about funding opportunities can be found at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/clas/pgfunding](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/clas/pgfunding)

If you are an international student, you can find out about a range of funding opportunities at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalfunding](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalfunding)

## How to apply

You can apply online at [pgapps.nottingham.ac.uk](http://pgapps.nottingham.ac.uk)

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