

Study with us

About your course

Courses covered

Code	Title	UCAS Code
LAPIR	BA Politics and International Relations	L290

You can find full details of your course in the *Programme Specification*.

Important points

- **Topical focus on Security & Governance:** The BA in Politics and International Relations is an exciting programme which combines rigorous training in the classical areas of Politics and International Relations with a focus on the increasingly frequent intersection of security and political governance that defines the character of contemporary politics. In our modules “Security & Governance”, “Terrorism and Security”, “Peacebuilding and Statebuilding” and “Internet Governance and Politics” you will explore how security issues shape and change different fields of politics and affect the lives of citizens.
- **Research-lead teaching:** The Politics & International Relations programme at Hertfordshire is home to the Security & Governance research group which promotes the research of our politics staff members and connects it to the international landscape of political science. All of our key staff teaching on the programme are active and dynamic young researchers. Their teaching is informed by innovative methods, topical debates and the current state of knowledge in their fields.
- **Personal learning experience:** Established in 2016, the Politics and International Relations programme is still small and offers you the unique chance of learning in a closely connected community of students with frequent contact to their course tutors. Students benefit from extensive, personalised support that fits their individual study needs and development goals.
- **Diverse modules for individual specialisation:** On the basis of a foundational training in all areas of political science in year 1, you can specialise your studies in one of the four strands *Security & Governance*, *EU and International Relations*, *British Politics and History* and *Political Theory* in line with your interests and professional goals in years 2 and 3.
- **Single Honours and Joint Degree Options:** You can study our Politics and International Relations degree on its own or as a joint degree together with one of the following subjects:
 - History
 - Philosophy
 - Journalism
 - American Studies

Academic Year

Academic Year 2019 - 2020

The University's academic year is made up of 3 Semesters. For most undergraduate students the academic year is split into two Semesters (A & B). Each of these is made up of teaching weeks followed by exams (the re-sit period falls within Semester C)

- Semester A runs from Monday 23 September 2019 to Friday 17 January 2020
- Semester B runs from Monday 20 January 2020 to Friday 22 May 2020
- Semester C runs from Monday 25 May 2020 to Friday 18 September 2020

Expected workload

In the UK, a full time student is expected to spend 1200 hours on their studies each year. Please find below an estimate of how your time will be spent on this course during each year of study.

	Lectures, seminars, tutorials	Independent study	Placement
Year 1	18%	82%	0%
Year 2	16%	84%	0%
Year 3	17%	83%	0%

Method of assessment

	Written Exam	Coursework	Practical
Year 1	50%	37%	13%
Year 2	17%	83%	0%
Year 3	11%	84%	5%

Additional expenses

Description	Year	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
Example expense	1	Optional	£100
No additional expenses have been specified for this course.			