

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

Why choose this course?

- Study modules that reflect current political issues from “Brexit” to decolonising the curriculum in our “Post-colonial Theory and Non-Western Philosophy” module.
- Go on trips to Parliament and research institutes and benefit from our proximity to London.
- Boost your employability through skills training, opportunities to do work experience and dedicated careers events organised as part of your study.
- Have the chance to develop your own analysis of contemporary political issues such as the rise of right-wing populism or the Arab-Israeli conflict in your dissertation project.
- Get the support you need to succeed in your studies through integrated skills sessions, academic writing tutors and a dedicated student support team.
- Tailor your degree by choosing optional modules from History and Law that match your interests and career ambitions.
- Study abroad at one of our partner institutions in Europe, North America, Australia or Asia or diversify your skills by studying a language alongside your course.

You can also study Politics and International Relations in combination with another subject:

- Politics & International Relations and History
- Politics & International Relations and Philosophy
- Politics & International Relations and Journalism

- **Attendance Requirement**

You are expected to attend all of your learning and teaching sessions, unless there is a good reason for you not to do so (for example because of a disability). Please note that if you miss three classes without alerting anyone as to why, your tutor will contact you to find out why. They will also alert your Year Tutor who will follow up on this.

To register your attendance, the electronic attendance monitoring system is used (this involves you scanning your ID card upon entering classrooms and lecture theatres).

- **Placement Year/Year Abroad**

You can choose to take a Year Abroad or Placement Year before you start your final year, subject to meeting academic requirements and confirmation of a suitable institution or employer. Please see the Programme Specifications for more details.

The University will not charge you tuition fees during your Placement Year, but you may incur additional costs, including your travel and accommodation, depending on where your placement is located.

- **Terms and Conditions**

Where a module i.e. a self-contained taught unit is under-subscribed, the University reserves the right not to run that particular module and to place students on their “reserve” choice.

Academic Year

Academic Year 2021 - 2022

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 27 September 2021 to Friday 21 January 2022
- Semester B runs from Monday 24 January 2022 to Friday 13 May 2022
- Semester C runs from Monday 16 May 2022 to Friday 9 September 2022

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	16%	84%	0%
Year 2	16%	84%	0%
Year 3	17%	83%	0%

Method of assessment

	Written Exam	Coursework	Practical
Year 1	0%	82%	18%
Year 2	0%	95%	5%
Year 3	0 %	95%	5%

Additional expenses

Undergraduate study requires extensive reading and access to reference works. Recommended texts are available in the Library either as e-books or printed material. Availability of printed material may be limited, so you may wish to purchase your own copies. You may be able to purchase second-hand copies of some texts.

The average spend for recommended texts is between £75 and £150 per year, depending on the subject or subjects taken. However, the course is designed in such a way that purchasing textbooks is strictly optional – you will not need to buy anything to succeed on the course. Students on work experience modules may need to pay commuting costs.

Description	Year	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
Residential weekend (limited places available).	All levels	Optional (for students on the joint degree with Philosophy)	£145