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

Important points

- The MA International Relations aims to produce graduates that possess and can demonstrate intellectual and professional flexibility, critical thinking, cultural awareness, as well as interpersonal and problem-solving skills to equip them for post-study employment.

- The MA International Relations combines theoretical and practical analysis of both traditional (such as war and diplomacy) and contemporary (such as ethical dilemmas and ecological concerns) issues within global politics.

- The MA International Relations programmes offer lots of flexibility, with three different routes of study available: a standard one-year full-time option, a standard two-year (minimum) part-time option, a two-year full-time ‘Sandwich’ (combining one-year study and 36 weeks work experience), and a two-year full-time ‘with Advanced Research’ option (for more extensive academic research training).*

- Practical application and transferable communication skills are at the heart of the MA International Relations programme. Traditional academic assignments are combined with non-traditional assessment types that have one eye on knowledge and the other on employability.

- A diverse domestic cohort is paired with international students which helps enrich the variety of voices heard on the module and contributes to the delivery of a globalised curriculum.

- A postgraduate degree in International Relations is popular amongst employers in a variety of sectors, including business, research, civil service, and charity sector.

- The MA International Relations is suitable for students who have previously studied Politics and/or International Relations as well as those coming from other Social Science, Humanities, Business, Law, or Human Geography-related disciplines.

Placement Year*

If you study on the Sandwich route, you will do a Placement Year in your second year, subject to meeting academic requirements and confirmation of a suitable institution or employer. Please see
the Programme Specifications for more details. If you are not eligible for a placement or you have not been successful in obtain a placement, you will be able to pursue the Advanced Research route.

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.

* PLEASE NOTE: due to the Covid-19 pandemic UH has introduced more flexibility for placements but it may be more difficult than usual to obtain a one-year placement. If a placement is not possible, students will be able to pursue the Advanced Research or the One-Year route.

**Academic Year**

**Academic Year 2021 - 2022**
The University’s academic year is made up of 3 Semesters (A, B and C). Semester A and B are made up of teaching weeks followed by exams, where applicable (the re-sit period falls within Semester C). Semester C is normally used for final dissertations and projects.

- 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

**Additional expenses**

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No additional expenses have been specified for this course.