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## About your course

### Courses covered

| Code  | Title   |
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| SHIRM | MA International Relations                        |
| SHIRE | MA International Relations (Sandwich)             |
| SHIRE | MA International Relations with Advanced Research |

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 a minimum of 30 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.

## Academic Year

### Academic Year 2023 – 2024

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 25 September 2023 to Friday 19 January 2024*
- *Semester B runs from Monday 22 January 2024 to Friday 10 May 2024*
- *Semester C runs from Monday 13 May 2024 to Friday 6 September 2024*

### Additional expenses

| Description           | Year | Mandatory/<br>Optional | Estimated cost |
|-----------------------|------|------------------------|----------------|
| Books                 | 1    | Optional               | £50            |
| Trips                 | 1    | Optional               | £50            |
| Dissertation Research | 1    | Optional               | £50            |