

These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's [core regulations for undergraduate programmes](#), and the [marking and classification conventions for undergraduate programmes](#).

BA Politics (L200)

BA Politics (Year Abroad) (L202)

BA Politics (with Placement Year) (L203)

1. This programme is available at Durham City, in a full-time mode of study.

Level 1 (Certificate)

2. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

| | | Credit value |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Democratic Political Systems | SGIA1191 | 20 |
| Researching Politics and International Relations | SGIA1201 | 20 |
| Political Theory | SGIA1231 | 20 |
| Introduction to Comparative Politics | SGIA1211 | 20 |

3. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from List A:

| List A: | | Credit value |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|
| International Security, Interdependence and Organisation | SGIA1071 | 20 |
| Global Regions in International Relations | SGIA1081 | 20 |
| Introduction to International Relations | SGIA1221 | 20 |
| One module from those offered by the Centre for Foreign Language Study ** | | 20 |
| OR | | |
| One module from those offered by another Board of Studies | | 20 |

Level 2 (Diploma)

4. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following module:

| | | Credit value |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Research Project # | SGIA2341 | 20 |

5. Candidates shall study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List B:

| List B: | | Credit value |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Foundations of Western Political Thought | SGIA2171 | 20 |
| Analytical Politics | SGIA2361 | 20 |

6. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 80 credits from List C:

| List C: | | Credit value |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|
| International Theory | SGIA2131 | 20 |
| The Politics of Pacific Asia | SGIA2161 | 20 |
| Foundations of Western Political Thought | SGIA2171 | 20 |
| German Politics and Society * | SGIA2231 | 20 |
| International Organisations | SGIA2261 | 20 |
| Sovereignty, State and Empire | SGIA2281 | 20 |
| Global Political Economy | SGIA2301 | 20 |
| Middle East in the International System | SGIA2311 | 20 |
| Democratic Theory | SGIA2321 | 20 |
| Politics and Identity in Contemporary Germany * | SGIA2331 | 20 |
| Class, Nation and British Politics | SGIA2351 | 20 |

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| Analytical Politics | SGIA2361 | 20 |
| Crises and Conflict in European Studies | SGIA2371 | 20 |
| One module from those offered by the Centre for Foreign Language Study ** | | 20 |
| OR | | |
| One module at Level 1 or Level 2 from those offered by another Board of Studies | | 20 |

Level 3 (Degree)

7. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following module:

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| | Credit value |
| Dissertation ~ | SGIA3142 40 |

8. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 80 credits from List D:

| List D: | | Credit value |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|
| The Ethics of Violence in International Relations * | SGIA3201 | 20 |
| British Political Thought since 1850 * | SGIA3171 | 20 |
| Culture and Conflict in American Politics * | SGIA3211 | 20 |
| The New Germany * | SGIA3221 | 20 |
| Muslims and Politics in the Modern World | SGIA3271 | 20 |
| The American Presidency * | SGIA3311 | 20 |
| Nature, Space, Power * | SGIA3351 | 20 |
| Theories of Liberty * | SGIA3291 | 20 |
| China in Global Political Economy | SGIA3381 | 20 |
| Nations and Nationalism * | SGIA3401 | 20 |
| Israel: Politics and Society | SGIA3421 | 20 |
| Elections and British Politics | SGIA3441 | 20 |
| Parties, MPs, and Parliamentary Politics in Britain | SGIA3461 | 20 |
| International Relations and Security in the Middle East * | SGIA3491 | 20 |
| Advanced Topic in International Political Theory | SGIA3501 | 20 |
| Political Psychology and International Relations * | SGIA3511 | 20 |
| Special Topic on Pacific Asia * | SGIA3521 | 20 |
| Advanced Topics in International Relations | SGIA3541 | 20 |
| Origins of Political Institutions | SGIA3551 | 20 |
| Social and Political Philosophy | SGIA3561 | 20 |
| Special Topic on European Union Politics | SGIA3571 | 20 |
| Special Topic on US Politics | SGIA3531 | 20 |
| Parliamentary Studies * | SGIA3651 | 20 |
| The Theory and Ethics of Political Violence | SGIA3641 | 20 |
| Expanding Sphere of Justice: The Ethics of Race, Disability, Species and Children | SGIA3631 | 20 |
| Women in Politics | SGIA3611 | 20 |
| Politics into Schools | SGIA3591 | 20 |
| Youth and Youth Policy in the Global Political Economy * | SGIA3621 | 20 |
| International Relations Theory in International Practice | SGIA3661 | 20 |
| One module at Level 2 or Level 3 from those offered by another Board of studies | | 20 |
| OR | | |
| One credit-bearing language module offered by the Centre for Foreign Language Study** | | 20 |

Assessment, progression and award

9. Modules marked with a ~ must be passed at 40% or above for the award of an honours degree. A mark of 30 – 39% cannot be compensated.
10. Modules marked ** can only be taken to a total of 40 credits across two or more separate years of the programme.

11. Module marked # SGIA 2341 Research Project must be taken at Level 2 in order to undertake SGIA 3142 Dissertation at Level 3.
12. Modules marked * are not available in 2019-20.

Year Abroad

13. Students admitted to the BA Politics (L200) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Politics (with Year Abroad) programme (L202). Students undertaking the BA Politics (with Year Abroad) (L202) programme will undertake an approved study placement in an overseas university taking a course of study chosen in consultation with the programme director and the host institution. During the year abroad students will be assessed at module level by the host University. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of the degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA Politics with Year Abroad.
14. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Politics (with Year Abroad) (L202) must:
 - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Politics (L200) and progressed to Level 2 of the honours or Ordinary programme, and;
 - b. during the first term of Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in the School of Government and International Affairs to be admitted to the BA Politics (with Year Abroad) (L202) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies in the School of Government and International Affairs, and;
 - c. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Politics (L200) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Politics (L200) Honours programme.
15. Students who the Board of Examiners for the School of Government and International Affairs deem to have made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will continue to Level 3 of the BA Politics (with Year Abroad) (L202). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on the BA Politics (with Year Abroad) (L202) programme, but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BA Politics (L200) programme.

Placement Year

16. Students admitted to the BA Politics programme (L200) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Politics (with Placement Year) programme (L203). Students taking the BA Politics (with Placement Year) (L203) will undertake an approved placement in a UK or overseas organisation consisting of at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience.

Following the placement year, students will be required to successfully complete a placement assessment as agreed by the Department, to determine whether the programme learning outcomes have been met. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of the degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA Politics (with Placement Year) (L203). If a student fails, they will transfer to the BA Politics programme (L250).
17. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Politics (with Placement Year) (L203) must:
 - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Politics programme (L200) and progressed to Level 2 of the Honours or Ordinary programme; and
 - b. during the first term of Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in the School of Government and International Affairs to be admitted to the BA Politics (with Placement Year) (L203) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies; and
 - c. secure a placement / year abroad opportunity comprising at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience, agreed with the Departmental Placement Year Convenor and Faculty Placement Officer; and
 - d. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Politics programme (L200) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Politics (L200).
18. Students whom the Board of Examiners for the School of Government and International Affairs deem to have fulfilled the programme learning outcomes and who successfully pass the placement assessment will continue to Level 3 of the BA Politics (with Placement Year) (L203). Students who fail will not be permitted to continue on the BA Politics (with Placement Year) (L203) programme, but must instead proceed to the final year of the BA Politics programme (L200).