

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
Introduction to 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
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 and Nation in British Politics	SGIA2351	20
Analytical Politics	SGIA2361	20

Crises and Conflict in European Politics	SGIA2371	20
Democracy, Conflict and American Society	SGIA2381	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:

Dissertation ~	SGIA3142	Credit value 40
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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
Muslims and Politics in the Modern World	SGIA3271	20
Theories of Liberty	SGIA3291	20
The American Presidency	SGIA3311	20
China in Global Political Economy	SGIA3381	20
Israel: Politics and Society*	SGIA3421	20
Elections and British Politics	SGIA3441	20
Parties, MPs, and Parliamentary Politics in Britain*	SGIA3461	20
Advanced Topic in International Political Theory	SGIA3501	20
Political Psychology in International Relations*	SGIA3511	20
Special Topic on Pacific Asia *	SGIA3521	20
Democratic Practise in the US Campaigns*	SGIA3531	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
Politics into Schools	SGIA3591	20
Women, Gender and Politics in the US*	SGIA3611	20
Youth and Youth Policy in the Global Political Economy *	SGIA3621	20
Expanding Sphere of Justice: The Ethics of Race, Disability, Species and Children*	SGIA3631	20
The Theory and Ethics of Political Violence	SGIA3641	20
Parliamentary Studies*	SGIA3651	20
Politics of Inequality	SGIA3671	20
Political Economy Development	SGIA3681	20
The Political Science of Contemporary Issues	SGIA3691	20
Decolonising International Society	SGIA3741	20
Global Politics in Anthropocene: Securing the Environment	SGIA3731	20
Climate, Nature and the Global Economy	SGIA3711	20
Digital Democracy	SGIA3721	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 2021-22.

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).