

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 & International Relations (L253)

BA Politics & International Relations with Placement Year (L254)

BA Politics & International Relations with Year Abroad (L255)

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 |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Researching Politics and International Relations | SGIA1201 | 20 |
| Introduction to Comparative Politics | SGIA1211 | 20 |
| Introduction to International Relations | SGIA1221 | 20 |
| Political Theory | SGIA1231 | 20 |

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

| List A: | | Credit value |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Democratic Political Systems | SGIA1191 | 20 |
| International Security, Interdependence and Organisation | SGIA1071 | 20 |
| Global Regions in International Relations | SGIA1081 | 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 study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List C:

| List C: | | Credit value |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| International Theory | SGIA2131 | 20 |
| International Organisations | SGIA2261 | 20 |

7. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 60 credits from List D:

| List D: | | 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 |

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| Democratic Theory | SGIA2321 | 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:

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| 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 E:

| List E: | | 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 & International Relations (L255) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Politics & International Relations (with Year Abroad) programme (L255). Students undertaking the BA Politics & International Relations (with Year Abroad) (L255) 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 & International Relations with Year Abroad.
14. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Politics & International Relations (with Year Abroad) (L255) must:
 - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Politics & International Relations (L253) 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 & International Relations (with Year Abroad) (L255) 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 & International Relations (L253) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Politics & International Relations (L253) 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 & International Relations (with Year Abroad) (L255). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on the BA Politics & International Relations (with Year Abroad) (L255) programme, but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BA Politics & International Relations (L253) programme.

Placement Year

16. Students admitted to the BA Politics & International Relations programme (L253) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Politics & International Relations (with Placement Year) programme (L254). Students taking the BA Politics & International Relations (with Placement Year) (L254) 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 & International Relations (with Placement Year) (L254). If a student fails, they will transfer to the BA Politics & International Relations programme (L253).
17. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Politics & International Relations (with Placement Year) (L254) must:
 - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Politics & International Relations programme (L253) 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 & International Relations (with Placement Year) (L254) 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 & International Relations programme (L253) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Politics & International Relations (L253).
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 & International Relations (with Placement Year) (L254). Students who fail will not be permitted to continue on the BA Politics & International Relations (with Placement Year) (L254) programme, but must instead proceed to the final year of the BA Politics & International Relations programme (L253).