

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

Debates in Political Theory	SGIA2321	20
Class and Nation in British Politics	SGIA2351	20
Analytical Politics	SGIA2361	20
Challenges and Conflicts 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 E:

List E:		Credit value
British Political Thought *	SGIA3171	20
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
Social and Political Philosophy	SGIA3561	20
Democracy and Discontent in the European Union	SGIA3571	20
China in the Asian Century: Domestic Challenges, Global Rise	SGIA3601	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
Politics of Security after Covid-19	SGIA3791	20
Crises, Governance, and Struggle: Finance and the World Economy	SGIA3751	20
Intelligence, The State and International Security	SGIA3771	20
Marx and Marxism	SGIA3761	20
Diasporas and Global Politics*	SGIA3781	20
One module at Level 2 or Level 3 from those offered by another Board of studies		20
OR		

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 2022-23.
13. Elective modules are subject to availability and timetabling.

Year Abroad

14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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

17. 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).

18. 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).
19. 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).