



Politics and International Relations

Do you look at the world and wonder what we are doing and where we are going?

Politics and International Relations is a discipline that explores how rules, power, institutions, authority and laws affect our day-to-day lives. It focuses on both, individual and collective human behaviour, discussing different visions for a more just society, while also addressing today's most pressing challenges. Politics and International Relations at Swansea University investigates a wide range of political activities and phenomena such as the nature of terrorism and genocide, political systems and decision-making, financial crises, the role of the media, voting behaviour, and the future of British politics. We ask where problems and threats to society come from, whether we can prevent them, and how to best explore, describe, and explain the world of politics.

Parliamentary Studies Module

The Department of Political and Cultural Studies has been awarded the right to deliver a new module on Parliamentary Studies by the Houses of Parliament. This prestigious module is approved and supported by the Speaker and Clerk of the House of Commons and the Lord Speaker and Clerk of Parliaments in the House of Lords. The module will include sessions which will be attended by members of parliament and the House of Lords to give personal perspectives and insights. There will be an organised visit to the Palace of Westminster to receive tours of the House of Commons and House of Lords, talks from clerks, watch some parliamentary business and meet the Speaker of the House of Commons. Staff from the Houses of Parliament will visit the Department to deliver some of the classes and will be available to act as informal project advisors to students who take the Dissertation in parliamentary studies module.

Career Opportunities

91% of our graduates are employed within 6 months after graduating (DLHE 2015)

Our Degrees/Courses

We teach Single Honours degrees in Politics, International Relations, and Political Communication and an extensive range of Joint degrees so that you can combine your study of Politics or International Relations with other subjects.

BA Single Honours

Politics (3 years) L200
International Relations (3 years) L254
International Relations with German (4 years) L2R2
International Relations with French (4 years) L2RD
International Relations with Italian (4 years) L2R3
International Relations with Spanish (4 years) L2R4

BA Joint Honours International Relations and

Modern History (3 years) LV2C
American Studies (4 years) LT2R

LLB Joint Honours

Politics and Law (3 years) LM21

BA Joint Honours Politics and American Studies (3 years) LT27

American Studies (4 years) TL72
Ancient History (3 years) VL12
English Literature (3 years) LQ23
History (3 years) LV21
History (4 years) VL1F
French (4 years) LR21
German (4 years) LR22
Social Policy (3 years) LL42
Welsh (3 years) LQ2N

- The Politics and International Studies department is ranked 21st in the UK within the Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014)
- National Assembly of Wales Internship
- Parliamentary Studies Module supported by members of Parliament

Study and Courses

In the first year, our modules provide an exciting and comprehensive introduction to the key concepts and issues that will help you make sense of global politics and International Relations. Modules include: War and Peace in the Nuclear Age; Politics and the People; What is Politics and International Relations?

In the following two years, you can choose from a wide range of specialist module such as Anarchy and Order; Genocide; The State and Political Institutions; Contemporary Security Studies; British Politics and Public Policy; Global Political Economy; International Politics of Space; Genocide; Moralities of War and Peace; Normative Models of Democracy; Contemporary Perspectives.

In the final year, in addition to a range of modules, students have the option of writing a specialised, supervised Dissertation on a topic of their choice. They also get the chance to take our unique and popular teamwork module Researching Politics, and to do an internship at the National Assembly for Wales.

Scholarships/Bursaries

Swansea University has a range of scholarships and bursaries to help finance your studies.

For further information please visit:
www.swansea.ac.uk/scholarships/

Study Abroad

During their second year, Politics and International Relations students have the opportunity of studying abroad for a semester in the US, Singapore or Hong Kong.

Career Opportunities

Our students have had careers in British and Welsh government; education; global marketing and advertising; media; global business, international and national recruitment; law and finance; intelligence and risk analysis; defence and foreign affairs; diplomatic corps, armed forces and relief and humanitarian organisations. Many of our graduates go on to study Masters degrees or PhDs.

"I chose my course at Swansea as I had the choice of studying Politics and International Relations modules and also the unique opportunity of taking an internship module working in the Welsh Assembly, which was amazing – and quite a revealing experience! I had the chance to see 'behind the scenes' of Welsh politics. When I first came to visit Swansea University I was given a Politics and International Relations brochure which said 'Open your mind' on the cover. Four years later, I can say that I certainly have. I now teach Government and Politics. Studying Politics gives you the chance to ask questions, find answers, and then ask a whole lot of new questions!"

Jo Edwards, Politics graduate

Entry Requirements

Our standard entry requirement is BBB (UCAS tariff points 120) or equivalent. All offers are made following a review of the application form, predicted/achieved grades and subjects, the reference and personal statement. We also accept a range of advanced level qualifications including BTEC Diploma DMM; International Baccalaureate 32; Welsh Baccalaureate - grade equivalent to A-level; Access to Higher Education and Open University qualifications, and Extended Project. For applicants whose first language is not English, we require a minimum IELTS score of 6.0.

Swansea University has one of the best records in the UK for facilitating access to higher education for disabled students.

Disclaimer

This brochure was printed in the spring of 2017. It contains information on the undergraduate programmes that Swansea University intends to run for students who are planning to start university in the autumn of 2017. We have made every reasonable effort to ensure that the information provided is both helpful and accurate as at the date of publication. However, some changes, for example to programmes, study location, placement opportunity, facilities or fees may become necessary due to legitimate staffing, financial, regulatory and academic reasons. We will endeavour at all times to keep any changes to a minimum and to keep prospective students informed appropriately. Any changes to the information contained in this prospectus will be updated quarterly on the online course pages at: www.swansea.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses.

Swansea University Open Days

Saturday 14th October 2017
Saturday 28th October 2017



The College of Arts and Humanities is located in the traditional Singleton Park campus at Swansea University. Swansea University is ranked in the UK top-20 for student satisfaction (NSS 2017), in the UK top-30 for graduate employment/ further study (all UK league tables) and is a global 5 star rated institution for excellence (QS Stars 2017). The University Sports Village offers student athletes a state-of-the-art training environment and the outstanding natural environment provides students with a host of opportunities to pursue an active lifestyle.

The cost of living and accommodation costs are low in Swansea. Students with disabilities are allocated on-campus suitable rooms.

For further information visit:
www.swansea.ac.uk/accommodation

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