

Lancaster
University



Politics

Undergraduate Degrees 2027

Welcome

Has there ever been a better time to study politics? From the politics of energy to climate change, the politics of migration to global pandemics, and democratic accountability to the politics of self-identity, questions of power, representation and protest loom large. Traditional party politics creaks under the weight of social transformation, while longstanding allegiances are challenged by the rise of populism, nationalist sentiment and multiculturalism.

These modern challenges require political responses that address these urgent needs through policy solutions, programmes and strategies of immediate relevance to modern societies. The study of politics here at Lancaster examines the contemporary political arguments, processes and institutions that engage with these critical challenges.

Politics occurs at local, regional, national and international levels, and our programme encompasses all of these, covering all parts of the world. Your studies at Lancaster will therefore include analysis and exploration of UK domestic party-politics and policy, as well as the politics of nations such as the USA, China and Russia and regional contexts such as Africa, Latin America and the EU. You'll be equipped with the theories, concepts and approaches through which politics is studied academically, as well as gaining practical applied knowledge of how politics is critical to a wide range of relevant sectors.

No matter what your ultimate career goals, studying politics at Lancaster will give you the skills necessary to analyse and confront the political complexities of the modern world. You'll have the opportunity, via work-based learning on our Richardson Institute Internship Programme, or a placement year, to gain experience which will prepare you for your future career and to develop skills that will make you more employable. You may also have opportunities to travel abroad, visiting countries you could be studying as part of your degree, either for short-term visits or as year-long study abroad options.

Many of our students choose to combine the study of politics with international relations, or other subjects such as philosophy, economics or history. We hope that this booklet provides useful material to inform your own choice, but if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.



Degree title		Degree (Hons)	UCAS code	Course duration (years)	Typical A level offer
Politics		BA	L200	3	BBB
Politics (Placement Year)		BA	L202	4	BBB
Politics (Study Abroad)		BA	L203	4	BBB
Politics and International Relations		BA	L250	3	ABB
Politics and International Relations (Placement Year)		BA	L251	4	ABB
Politics and International Relations (Study Abroad)		BA	L252	4	ABB
History and Politics		BA	LV21	3	AAB
History and Politics (Placement Year)		BA	LV22	4	AAB
History and Politics (Study Abroad)		BA	LV23	4	AAB
History, Philosophy and Politics		BA	V0L0	3	AAB
History, Philosophy and Politics (Placement Year)		BA	V0L1	4	AAB
History, Philosophy and Politics (Study Abroad)		BA	V0L2	4	AAB
Philosophy and Politics		BA	VL52	3	ABB
Philosophy and Politics (Placement Year)		BA	VL53	4	ABB
Philosophy and Politics (Study Abroad)		BA	VL54	4	ABB
Philosophy, Politics and Economics		BA	L0V0	3	ABB
Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Placement Year)		BA	L0V1	4	AAB
Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Study Abroad)		BA	L0V2	4	AAB
Economics and Politics		BA	LL22	3	AAB
Economics and Politics (Industry)		BA	LL20	4	AAB
Economics and Politics (Study Abroad)		BA	LL19	4	AAB
Law with Politics		LLB	M1L2	3	AAB
Law with Politics (Placement Year)		LLB	M1L3	4	AAB
Law with Politics (Study Abroad)		LLB	M1L4	4	AAB
English Literature and Politics		BA	QL32	3	ABB
English Literature and Politics (Placement Year)		BA	QL33	4	ABB
English Literature and Politics (Study Abroad)		BA	QL34	4	ABB
Sociology and Politics		BA	LL23	3	BBB
Sociology and Politics (Placement Year)		BA	LL24	4	BBB
Sociology and Politics (Study Abroad)		BA	LL25	4	BBB

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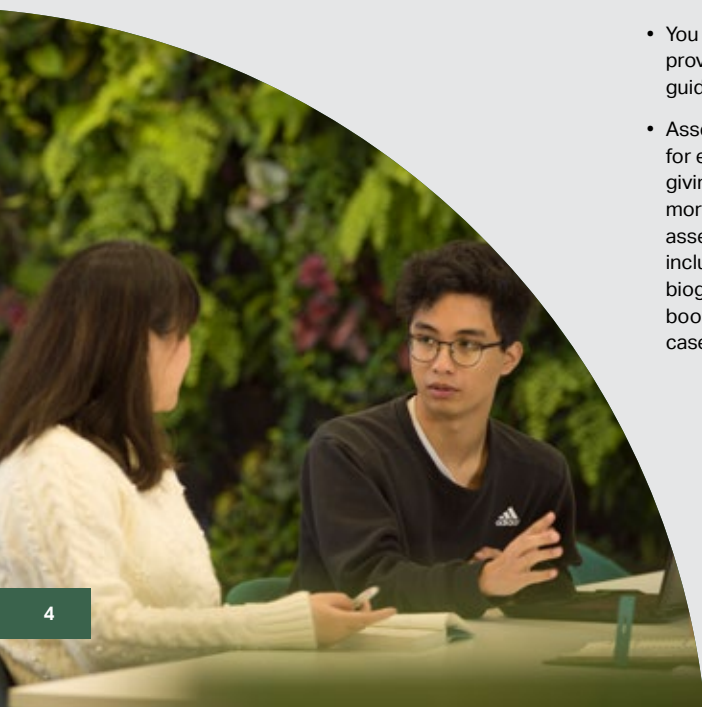
Made for *learning*

We use a range of teaching methods that are appropriate for the wide variety of topics that you will study in politics.

- Lectures are used to provide overviews of the core theories, themes and evidence you need to know.
- Discussion seminars will provide you with a space to expand on your own views on topics through engaging in vibrant debates to improve your critical understanding in safe supportive environments.
- Workshop activities will provide you with the chance to engage in problem solving exercises and develop important team working skills.
- Policy lab exercises provide the opportunity to directly engage in activities to address large contemporary policy challenges such as climate change or immigration often working directly with expert policymaking professionals in those fields.
- Our teaching also includes mock debate exercises, computer lab work developing highly employable data analysis skills and role play simulations of parliaments and other institutions.



- Your time will be divided between timetabled learning, independent learning time for reading and research tasks and meetings with academic staff.
- Every module will have a dedicated Moodle website as part of the University's virtual learning environment. This is used for uploading key learning and support content and for contacting staff and other students.
- You will have a dedicated academic advisor who will provide you with regular meetings and academic guidance throughout your studies.
- Assessment tasks vary according to what is appropriate for each subject area. We place particular emphasis on giving you the opportunity to research topics of interest more widely as your studies progress and in using assessment to develop key professional skills. This can include essays, blogs, policy reports, research diaries, biographical studies, data analysis, policy evaluation, book reviews, government evidence submissions and case study research.



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Cecily

BA Hons Politics and International Relations

Studying at Lancaster has provided me with teaching that is grounded in contemporary research and delivered through engaging seminars and lectures.

Throughout my first and second year I've focused most of my academic work on gender and women's roles in international politics. This interest has been continuously supported by my lecturers, who have engaged directly with my ideas and offered constructive feedback. This has left me with a richer and more nuanced understanding of the vital role of women in security studies and politics.

The course has equipped me with the skills to continue this interest beyond undergraduate studies. The research and expertise of the teaching staff are a privilege to receive.



Gain *real-world* experience

We know you want to graduate confident and ready to step into your career. That's why we make it easy to incorporate work experience into your time at Lancaster.

Your ambitions are important to us, and we will help you build the skills you need to succeed by offering a range of placement and internship opportunities.

Placement year

You can opt to take a degree with a placement year (also known as a year in industry). On this degree you spend your third year working in a graduate-level, professional job in a sector of your choice before returning to complete your final year at Lancaster University. Securing a placement is a competitive process and we support you with personalised coaching and professional guidance provided via a series of preparatory workshops and 1:1 appointments with our Placements Team.



Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Internship Scheme

You'll gain sector-relevant work experience with these internships. Apply in all years of study for opportunities in areas such as public affairs, marketing, business development and events. The scheme offers you an opportunity to gain access to direct work experience while you study.

Richardson Institute internships

Our School is home to the Richardson Institute, which undertakes cutting-edge peace and conflict research. Research themes include transnational repression, human rights, conflict resolution, and identity and belonging. Typically, the Institute offers 30 competitive internships per year to our students to undertake research projects for external organisations.

The Lancaster Award

The Lancaster Award is a non-academic certificate developed in partnership with employers to help you make the most of your time at Lancaster and to demonstrate the skills you have developed along the way. It is designed to reward the wide range of volunteering activities and placements undertaken by many of our undergraduates. Potential employers increasingly value a profile that includes more than just strong academic results, and the Lancaster Award recognises and validates this.



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We presented a policy brief to a panel of senior advisors at the Department for Education in London.

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Olle, third year

My degree has been an enriching journey for me. I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of learning and critically analysing real-world events and problems.

I had the opportunity to participate in an excellent policy school provided by Lancaster University in partnership with HM government, in which we learned all the skills of policy making and were required to present a policy brief to a panel of senior advisors at the Department for Education in London. This was highly beneficial because it gave me insight into governmental workings whilst also improving my presentation and reporting skills, skills which are both essential to succeeding within this field.

What really stands out to me about my experience here is the willingness of the lecturers to help and support their students, whether this is through essay or exam help, or just catching up in general. I personally have a great relationship with my academic tutor, who has continuously supported me throughout my first two years here at Lancaster. By having this close community around me this has undoubtedly helped me to settle into university life faster and develop my overall personality, making the shift to university life extremely smooth.



Your global *experience*

Lancaster is a truly international university, with students and staff from over 100 different countries and partner institutions around the world. Your global experience is about living and learning with people from different cultures whether through your course, your college or your students' union.

Study abroad

You can choose to study your degree with a study abroad year. On these four-year degrees, you spend your third year studying at one of our partner universities abroad. Our current partners are in Australia, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, the Netherlands, New Zealand and the USA, although availability of destinations varies each year.

Living in another country and studying your subject from a different perspective enhances your subject knowledge and develops resourcefulness for life after university.

Vacation travel

You can also discover the world during your vacations. Our Global Experiences team run vacation travel trips to Malaysia which include a mix of academic study and cultural discovery. These trips range from cultural exchanges to studying sustainable practices with world leading experts.

Overseas summer schools

During summer vacation, you can apply to attend a summer school at one of our international partner universities all around the world. Destinations are varied – from Singapore to Italy, Hong Kong to Canada. Explore where you could go: lancaster.ac.uk/overseas-summer-schools

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The University of
Kentucky, USA

Lancaster University



Meg, recent graduate
BA Hons Politics and
International Relations
(Study Abroad)

Studying abroad has not only added new areas of interest within my degree, but it has also provided me with life-long friends and experiences that I will always appreciate. The states within America are vastly different, so experiencing new cultures and traditions that are unique to Kentucky was extremely fun.

The University of Kentucky provided courses that I would have unlikely chosen myself, allowing me to explore the different areas of politics and international relations which I may be interested in. This is what happened with my history of pre-colonial Africa class that led me to choose an African politics module for my final year. Being able to undertake such a variety of modules has even opened new doors for different career paths I may be willing to take.

The main thing I have gained from this experience is my independence. Before studying abroad, I really struggled to put myself outside my comfort zone which led me to miss out on some valuable opportunities. Experiencing meeting new people and being in a new environment has completely improved my confidence, allowing me to engage more with different activities since being back.

Politics

BA Hons

Explore the many ways politics affects all our lives - from social injustice, culture wars and climate change, to migration, crime, and declining trust in democracy.

This BA Politics contains three primary themes – comparative politics, public policy and political theory. The course structure ensures you will develop a strong academic grounding in all three areas before having the opportunity to specialise in topics that particularly interest you.

The second year places greater emphasis on developing highly employable independent research skills that you will need to explore the political topics that interest you in more depth. It also gives you the opportunity to apply that knowledge to explore the politics of specific regions such as China, Europe, USA, Africa and Latin America.

The final year gives you the opportunity to apply the critical analysis skills you have learned to research a topic you are passionate about in the dissertation. You will also have the opportunity to use those skills on our specialist final year modules covering everything from international development to immigration and from populism to parliament.

Enhancing your curriculum

We continually review and enhance our course curricula to ensure we are delivering the best possible learning experience, and to make sure that the subject knowledge and transferable skills you develop will prepare you for your future. Information within this publication with respect to courses and modules is correct at the time of publication, and the University will make every reasonable effort to offer courses and modules as advertised. In some cases, changes may be necessary and may result in new modules or some modules and combinations being unavailable, for example as a result of student feedback, timetabling, staff changes and new research.

Year 1

Core Modules

Global Challenges in World Politics

This module provides you with a nuanced understanding of the forces driving change in the international system and their implications for global order and human security, equipping you with the tools to navigate and contribute to a complex and interconnected world.

Parties, Populism and Protest

Learn how to analyse highly contemporary political events and trends, and develop the vital critical skills required to be able to put them into context.

Policy Lab

On this module you will act as policy advisors, learning how to solve complex problems and produce practical recommendations to government for policy change.

Political Theory in a Troubled World

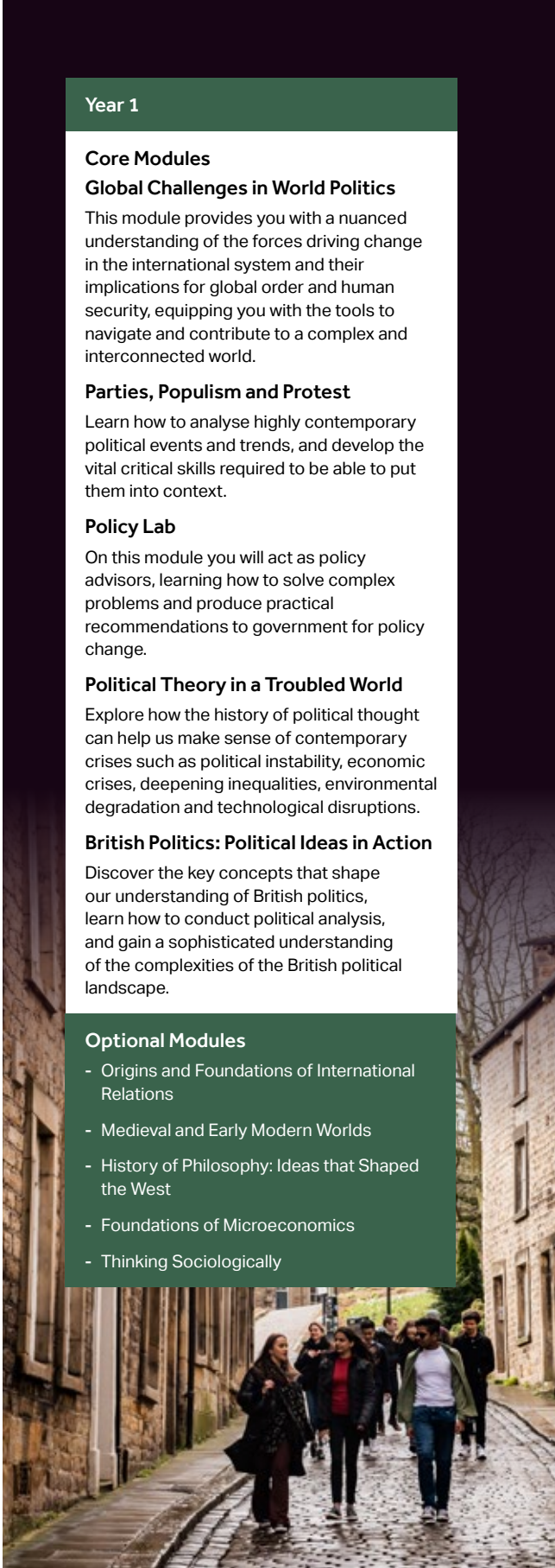
Explore how the history of political thought can help us make sense of contemporary crises such as political instability, economic crises, deepening inequalities, environmental degradation and technological disruptions.

British Politics: Political Ideas in Action

Discover the key concepts that shape our understanding of British politics, learn how to conduct political analysis, and gain a sophisticated understanding of the complexities of the British political landscape.

Optional Modules

- Origins and Foundations of International Relations
- Medieval and Early Modern Worlds
- History of Philosophy: Ideas that Shaped the West
- Foundations of Microeconomics
- Thinking Sociologically





Year 2

Core Modules

Theories of Power and the State

This module gives you a firm grasp of the competing theories of power and how they relate to the state, enabling you to critically apply key concepts in political debate.

Understanding Political Research

In this module, you'll gain skills for independent research in politics. Design your own project, learn qualitative and quantitative methods and analyse a large political dataset to test for statistically significant relationships using various techniques.

Optional Modules

- Philosophical Perspectives on Politics and Economics
- Global Superpowers
- Politics of the Global South
- Democracy, Dictatorship and Everything in Between
- Who Governs Britain? Policy, Politics and Political Change
- Employability, Purpose and Social Impact
- Global Challenges and Collaborative Solutions
- Taking an Idea and Making it Happen

Final Year

Core Modules

Politics Dissertation

Investigate an area of politics that is of particular interest to you by carrying out a detailed research project. The topic may be inspired by a module you've taken, or it may be less directly linked to course work but of special appeal to you.

Optional Modules

- Critical Studies of War and Security
- Environment and Development
- Security, Strategy and Technology
- Russia and China
- Politics of Latin America and Africa
- The Politics of Borders and Migration
- Democracy Under Pressure
- Critical Political Theory
- Parliamentary Studies
- Policymaking in the Real World
- The Politics of Crises and the Future of Governance
- Europe and America
- Politics of the Middle East and Asia Pacific
- Queer Futures
- People Power and Collective Action
- Confronting the Climate Crisis
- Artistic Fusions

Study abroad degrees

You will study abroad at a partner university in your third year. The grades you achieve at your host university will be translated back and be credited to your Lancaster degree.

Placement year degrees

Your third year is spent in a graduate-level work placement and assessed via assignments reflecting on your experiences.

Politics and International Relations

BA Hons

Explore how major global challenges impact politics and society at a national, regional and global level.

The first year provides you with grounding in critical analysis of major global challenges from climate change to global security to the rise of electoral populism and authoritarian states.

The second year will provide you with opportunity to explore these critical global challenges in more depth through key regional case studies of the USA, China, Africa and Latin America. We will also provide you with the critical research skills to direct your own analysis.

The final year gives you the freedom to specialise in exploring the topic areas and regions that interest you most in more depth. From cyber security and geopolitics to elections and policymaking to development studies and the Middle East you will be using research skills to contribute to these key debates.

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Origins and Foundations of International Relations

Discover the core concepts, theories and historical contexts that shape the field of international relations. In this module you will gain an understanding of the state system, sovereignty, power, anarchy and other key concepts that underpin the discipline.

Global Governance and International Institutions

Explore global governance and the role of international institutions in tackling today's challenges. Study the historical development of the international system and the evolution of world order, setting the stage for an analysis of key actors in global politics.

Parties, Populism and Protest

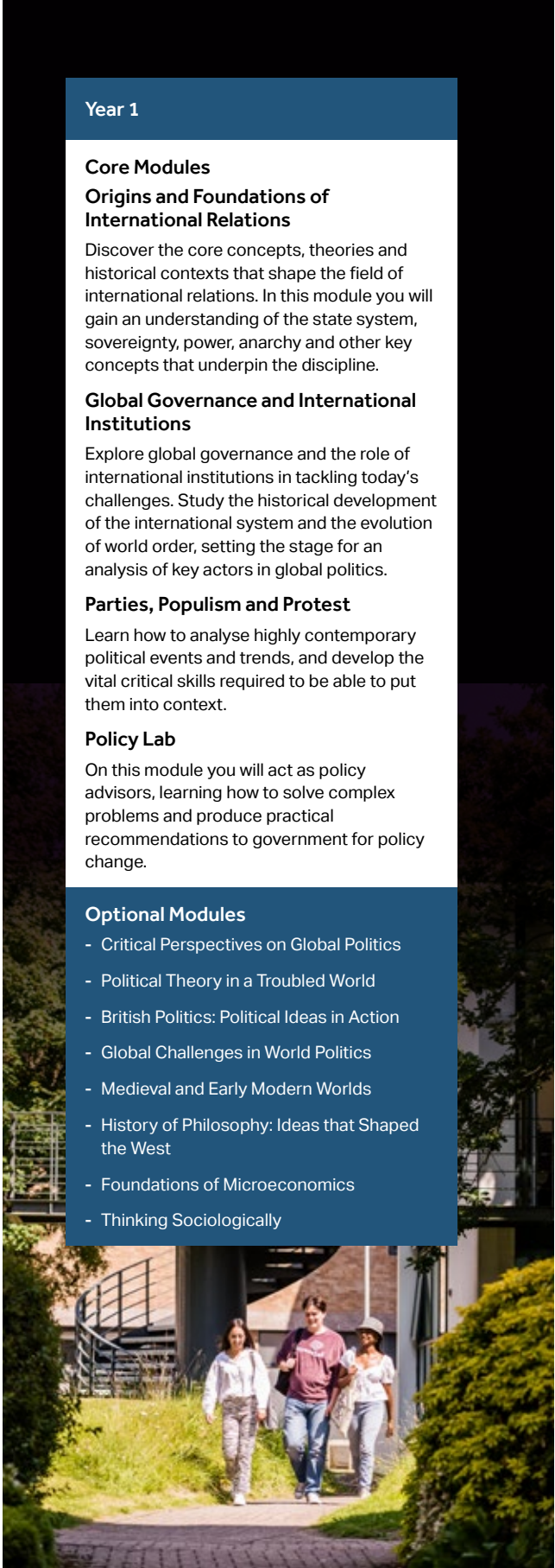
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- Thinking Sociologically





Year 2

Core Modules

Reshaping Global Order

Explore the profound transformations reshaping the contemporary international system. This module will build on your knowledge of foundational theories and concepts to examine the dynamic interplay of power shifts, globalisation and evolving security landscapes.

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Understanding Political Research

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Optional Modules

- War, Peace and Modernity
- Global Capitalism and its Discontent
- Authoritarianism, Repression and Resistance in the 21st century
- Philosophical Perspectives on Politics and Economics
- Global Superpowers
- Politics of the Global South
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Combined *honours* degrees

You can combine your study of politics with a range of other subjects through a combined honours degree. You'll study core modules from each subject, which will enable you to develop the essential knowledge needed for both. You will also have the freedom to tailor your degree further by choosing from a selection of optional modules from both disciplines and the wider Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.

Our combined honours programmes offer you the flexibility to explore multiple interests within one degree, and to understand how different subjects interact to enhance your learning. You will develop a range of subject and career specific skills as well as transferable skills essential to all career pathways.

Placement year and study abroad are available for all of these degrees.

History and Politics BA Hons

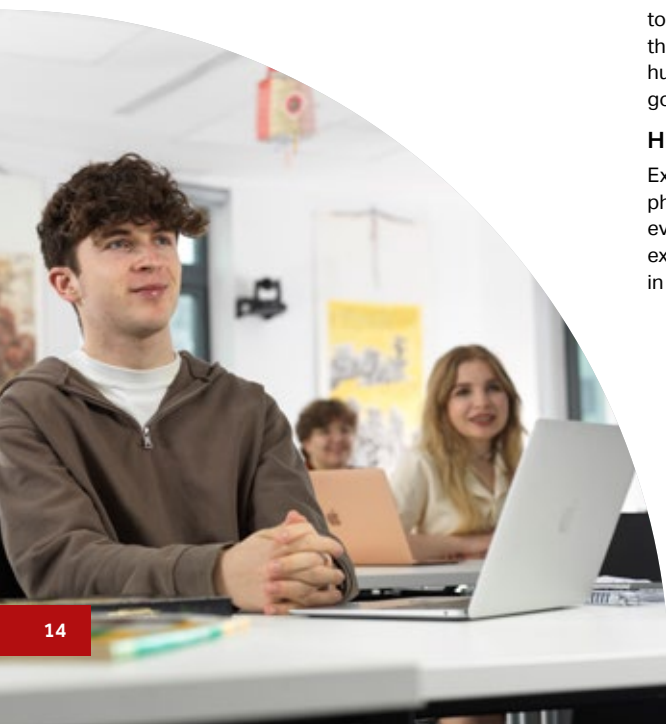
Immerse yourself in the study of key historical periods, political systems and ideas. You will explore historical and political factors that have influenced the modern world, analysing how politics, environments and societies have changed over time. Actively engage with historical research and discuss challenging political questions of the past, present and future.

Philosophy and Politics BA Hons

Study a joint degree that combines the debate of key philosophical questions and exploration of the contemporary political scene. Equip yourself with the tools of clear thinking and political understanding, skills that are needed to answer challenging questions of human rights, justice, and the nature of our institutions of governance.

History, Philosophy and Politics BA Hons

Examine our world through the lenses of history, philosophy and politics. You will analyse historical evidence from a range of sources and time periods, explore key political themes and discuss philosophy's role in addressing global, social and political challenges.





Philosophy, Politics and Economics BA Hons

Develop an understanding of how people, ideas and finances shape our lives and societies. Learn how to interpret data, evaluate evidence, present well-structured arguments and critiques, communicate clearly and with confidence, and understand and influence the decisions individuals make. Graduate as a versatile thinker and effective communicator ready to launch your career.

Economics and Politics BA Hons

Explore the complex connections between political sciences and economics, with a perfect blend of theory and practice. Gain the analytical skills and a strong intellectual toolbox, as you learn how to interpret data, understand (and quantify) the decisions made by individuals, organisations, and governments, and evaluate public policy both nationally and globally.

Law with Politics LLB Hons

On this degree you will learn about the issues that are right at the heart of society such as human rights, litigation funding, legal history, property law and the right to protest. You will gain key insight into the relationship between power and the state, domestic and comparative politics, and policy making. You'll analyse power in modern societies, from social injustice and climate change to cultural wars and declining trust in democracy.

English Literature and Politics BA Hons

Immerse yourself in a dynamic exploration of two complementary disciplines: our English literature and politics degree gives you an exciting opportunity to engage with a wide range of literary texts while considering power dynamics and societal issues that govern daily life in the modern world.

Sociology and Politics BA Hons

Explore an intriguing and powerful combination of subjects. Sociology reveals how societies function, and why they often fail to work equally for everyone. While politics examines the power structures, policies and decisions that govern daily life. Together, these two subjects illuminate critical global issues such as inequality, migration, climate change and the crisis of democracy.



Staff *profiles*



Professor Karolina Follis

Professor in Politics and Society

Teaching Politics is my favourite part of my job as an academic at Lancaster University. Every year I get to meet a new cohort of students who want to understand how the contemporary world is governed and how political power is distributed. Since we live in times of constant upheaval, the answers are never simple. This is what makes teaching exciting!

The questions that interest me the most are also the questions that interest my students: the politics of borders and immigration, the future of human rights, and how we talk about these issues in public as our means of communication become algorithmically distorted.

I am delighted to bring my research and collaborations with charities and advocacy groups directly into the classroom.



Dr Sunita Abraham

Lecturer in Decolonisation

Politics excites me as it enables us to better understand the world around us. We are living in a time of great change with increasing numbers of regional conflicts and security threats, existential challenges such as climate change, the erosion of the rules-based world order, and the rise of AI. Politics enables us to critically analyse how complex systems of power and multidimensional relationships shape and redefine global realities.

My research focuses on race, colonialism, decolonisation, slavery, empire and inequality. Interdisciplinarity, critical pedagogy and experiential learning are the bedrock of my approach to examining and understanding contemporary and often contested themes.

I like teaching topics from migration and geopolitics to human rights, devolution and social justice as they give me an opportunity to critically examine diverse perspectives and share my understanding with students and peers as well as learn from them.

I work with staff and students from universities across the UK on themes of decolonisation and anti-racism, and contribute to the work of local heritage, education and faith groups. In one recent project we returned culturally significant artefacts to Ethiopia that had been part of the King's Own Royal Regiment collections housed in Lancaster City Museum.



Dr Temidayo Eseonu

Lecturer in Politics and Policy

Politics examines how power, policy and institutions shape everyday experiences. I believe that politics is about people and studying it gives you the tools to change what matters.

I enjoy teaching Politics because I can help students make sense of the world around them by developing the confidence to question assumptions, critically analyse evidence and become global citizens. My teaching encourages lively discussion, real-world application, and the development of employability skills.

What excites me about Politics today is the opportunities for change that the current polycrisis, including democratic backsliding, offers. The world needs informed, justice-oriented and ethical decision-making. From the cost-of-living crisis and public service reform to racial inequalities and debates about democracy, I explore the politics behind the headlines and the policy choices that affect communities. I teach my students to connect theory to practice, using case studies, current affairs and policy debates.

My specialist areas sit at the intersection of public policy, social justice and welfare/social policy. I was recently interviewed for the Department for Education's 'Opportunity Mission' project, and I was on the panel of a recent Oxfam UK event on racial justice. I'm currently working with the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority on an initiative to improve the political representation of women and racially minoritised people.



Dr Martin Steven

Senior Lecturer Politics

My approach to teaching politics is to teach students how to think about politics but not what to think, and to open students' minds to the big issues of the day.

For an expert on the European Union, this is an exciting time to explore Britain's relationship with Europe. I have recently featured in articles in the Financial Times and Global Finance discussing the effects of populism and nationalism.



Careers and *employability*

Careers service

Our career advisers are available to support you with subject-specific careers guidance, as well as application and interview practice. You can take part in the Lancaster Award, which is a formal recognition of extra-curricular activity that enhances your employability, for example volunteer work, training and attending careers workshops.

Graduate destinations

A politics degree provides you with knowledge and transferable skills relevant to a range of different careers. We will help you determine your direction and support you in getting there. We do this by offering subject-specific support from academic tutors and specialist careers advisers.

Employers look for clear thinking, broad vision, independence, the capacity to locate and analyse problems and exercise judgement in their solution. It is also very useful to be able to present information lucidly and argue effectively for favoured courses of action.

Our graduates find that their analytical and organisational skills, plus their ability to achieve insights into problems, are greatly valued by employers in many areas, including:

- Civil and Diplomatic Services
- Politics and Government
- International Charities and Non-Government Organisations
- Teaching and Education
- International Finance and Banking
- Journalism and Media
- Business, Management and Consultancy

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Senior Digital
Communications
Manager at HMRC

Lancaster University



Emily Siddall,
graduated 2017

My time at Lancaster University equipped me with skills for life, both professionally and personally. One of the benefits was being able to choose from a range of modules, as well as tailoring coursework and my dissertation to my future career - which in my case, was government communications.

What also impressed me was the range of work and social experiences that were available during my undergraduate degree. For me, this included participating in the Richardson Institute Internship Programme, the Faculty Internship Scheme, becoming President of the Politics Society and Captain of Bowland College Netball Team. I received direct feedback from my first employer that using these experiences as examples during interview was a critical factor in securing the role, as well as my academic credentials.

Since graduating, I have progressed quickly in my career and have been able to apply my studies to each role I've held. I secured my first communications role with an MP before finishing my Master's and progressed to Chief of Staff two years later. Then I moved on to a role as government Press Officer, and I now work as a Senior Digital Communications Manager, responsible for creating content for government social media channels and managing a team of twelve.

My best advice to prospective students? You get out of your university experience what you put in. Lancaster offers heaps of opportunity, so go for it!



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