Year 1

In your first year, you will be introduced to the main methods and theoretical approaches employed in the study of International Relations in higher education, and you will challenge the boundaries of that study and seek to explore international and global politics in a way that you find compelling, exciting, and relevant.

Key Modules
International Relations: Theory and Practice

This module introduces you to the study of International Relations, helping you to understand key concepts such as sovereignty, power, and security. It also introduces you to the role of International Relations in shaping contemporary global politics.

Comparative Politics

This module explores how political systems and institutions are formed and operate in different countries. It covers topics such as political parties, government, and elections, and examines how these systems differ in different parts of the world.

Global Politics and Belief

This module examines the role of religion in global politics, focusing on how religious beliefs and practices have been used to justify political actions and movements across the world.”

Year 2

In your second year, you will examine a more advanced version of International Relations by exploring the key models of International Relations, Security, and Diplomacy. You will also have the opportunity to develop your research skills through the completion of a major essay, which is worth 30% of your final year grade.

Key Modules
International Relations and Politics of the Asia Pacific

This module focuses on the political and economic relationships between countries in the Asia Pacific region, and examines how these relationships have evolved over time.

Comparative Politics

This module continues where the first year left off, exploring the role of politics and political systems in different countries. It covers topics such as political parties, government, and elections, and examines how these systems differ in different parts of the world.

Ethics of Politics and Knowledge

This module examines the ethical implications of political decisions and actions, and considers how ethical considerations can inform political thinking and practice.

Year 3

In your final year, you will have the opportunity to pursue a more specialized version of International Relations by exploring the key models of International Relations, Security, and Diplomacy. You will also have the opportunity to complete a dissertation, which is worth 60% of your final year grade.

Key Modules
International Relations, Security and Sustainability

This module focuses on the role of International Relations in shaping contemporary global politics, and examines how these relationships have evolved over time.

Diplomacy and Strategic Studies

This module examines the role of diplomacy in international relations, and considers how diplomatic strategies can be used to achieve political goals.

Meeting Your Degree

Lancaster is a truly international university, with over 100 different countries represented among our student body. From the United States and Canada to China and Japan, our students come from all over the world, and we have a vibrant and diverse community that welcomes students from every background.

Joint Degree Students

For joint and triple major students, you will study in the United Kingdom and receive credit for your studies there, which can then be transferred to your degree at Lancaster. This is a great way to gain international experience while completing your degree at Lancaster.

Study Abroad

Lancaster has a number of study abroad opportunities, including exchanges with partner institutions around the world. You have the opportunity to spend your final year studying in another country and gaining valuable international experience.

We welcome students from all over the world to Lancaster University, and we are committed to providing a supportive and inclusive environment for all our students. Whether you are from the United States, Canada, China, or Japan, we welcome you to Lancaster University and look forward to helping you achieve your academic and personal goals.

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Your future career

You will be able to gain work experience on our degrees through opportunities in all years of study.

Placement year options

The majority of our degrees are also available as placement-year degrees. With specialised support, you will apply for a professional, paid work placement in Year 3 and return to Lancaster to complete your degree. In some cases you can also defer your degree to Year 4.

You can also apply for internships as part of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Internship Scheme. Roles range from marketing and communications to research projects for external organisations. Placements in the third sector organisations.

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Graduate destinations

An international relations degree provides you with skills that are in high demand in the twenty-first century. Whether your career path takes you into business, government, politics or the civil service, we will help you to develop the skills and expertise you need to succeed.

Your employability, for example volunteer work, training and participation in extra-curricular activity that enhances your skills, is also very useful for finding a good graduate job. In addition to your academic qualifications, your ability to communicate effectively with employers in many areas, including industry, commerce and the public sector, is highly valued. Our graduates find that their analytical skills, plus their ability to achieve results and organisational skills, are greatly valued by employers in many areas, including industry, commerce and the public sector. Our graduates also develop the ability to analyse international problems and exercise judgement in their solution. It is also very useful to be able to communicate effectively and argue effectively for favourite courses and to negotiate and argue effectively in a group.

Your career development

Our graduates are well-prepared for a wide range of careers. We offer subject-specific support from academic tutors and specialist careers advisers. We will prepare you for your career and to develop the skills that will make you more employable. You may wish to consider a study abroad degree, either for short-term visits or for a full year on exchange. You will have the opportunity to gain experience of different working environments and to expand your cultural horizons.

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