AN OUTSTANDING EXPERIENCE

We offer one of the broadest ranges of activities you will find at any university, helping you to add additional skills and experience to your degree.

FEES & FUNDING

A postgraduate degree is a major investment in your future, find out more about funding you may be eligible for.

COMING TO LEEDS

If you would like to find out more about Leeds take a look at these maps and come to visit us.
Welcome to the School of Politics and International Studies

The School of Politics and International Studies (POLIS) is a vibrant and innovative school where academic research informs and ignites our postgraduate teaching. Grappling with issues in politics, international relations, and global development, our programmes can help you to change the world around you. Our interdisciplinary research includes expertise in: Africa, North America, Asia, the Middle East, the UK and Europe.

The research undertaken in POLIS is crucial to the ongoing process of rethinking how governments respond to the human and international security challenges posed by globalisation and its consequences.

As well as offering taught postgraduate programmes in these exciting and relevant areas of study, we can also supervise postgraduate research students wishing to explore an area of interest in depth.

The University has outstanding facilities available for the support of study at all levels and students will benefit from the additional support offered by the Faculty Graduate School. PhD students have access to a range of training and development opportunities.

Our Social Sciences Building has undergone an £8.5m refurbishment, providing students access to improved dedicated teaching and study spaces.

POLIS graduates move on to take up exciting roles in: politics and political activism, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), local and central governments, the Civil Service, UN agencies and trade unions. Many graduates also go on to roles in the media and journalism as well as positions in the private sector. Our programmes also equip graduates with the skills and knowledge needed to pursue a career in academia.

We look forward to welcoming you to the School of Politics and International Studies.

Professor Jason Ralph
Head of School
About Leeds

Established in 1904, Leeds is one of the original six ‘redbrick’ universities and part of the prestigious Russell Group comprising the 24 leading research universities in the UK. You will benefit from being on a single campus which is only a 10 minute walk from the city centre.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION

Our Students’ Union is the first in the country to win the Students’ Union Evaluation Initiative (SUEI) gold award twice. The Union boasts over 300 clubs and societies – get involved in anything from football to chess; wine tasting to skydiving; and dance to ‘a cappella’. The Postgraduate Society is one of the most popular and active; it is a great way of making friends and creating your own network. Plus, the Union is based in a fantastic building with shops, bars, restaurants, events and Wi-Fi. Discover more: www.luu.org.uk

ACCOMMODATION

We guarantee university accommodation to all international students embarking on a postgraduate degree. UK/EU students are also welcome to apply although we cannot guarantee a place. We have a range of residences available.

See: www.accommodation.leeds.ac.uk

Many students also choose to live in private accommodation. Unipol is an organisation which can assist you in finding a suitable home for your time in Leeds.

See: www.unipol.org.uk

THE CITY

At the heart of Yorkshire, Leeds is one of the largest business, legal and finance sectors in the UK. Due to our central location, we enjoy excellent transport links which can take you all over the UK. London and Edinburgh are just two and a half hours by rail, and Leeds Bradford Airport provides regular flights to major destinations.

The city hosts an eclectic and multicultural mix of entertainment, with music, food and nightlife to suit all tastes. Filled with culture, Leeds is home to theatres, museums and art galleries but it is also one of the UK’s top shopping destinations with over two miles of traffic-free shopping. Plus, it is one of the greenest cities in Britain, close to the Yorkshire Dales, and has a significant sporting provision including the international Test Match cricket ground in Headingley.

Find out more: www.visitleeds.co.uk
Studying with us

POLIS is based in the refurbished Social Sciences Building, which includes teaching space, academic offices where you can meet lecturers during drop-in times for advice or to discuss projects, and a student area for you to study between seminars.

An international experience
Joining Leeds means being part of a dynamic, international community. These global perspectives enhance debates and also develop valuable cross-cultural understanding and communication skills.

International students can find out more about visas and support at: www.leeds.ac.uk/internationalstudents

Flexible approaches to study
Full-time masters courses last for 12 months, part-time variants run for 24 months (not available for Dual Award programmes). The PhD is 3 years full-time and 5 years part-time. All part-time study is subject to residential status.

Individual support
You will either be assigned a personal tutor or two research supervisors, depending on the type of programme you are undertaking.

These individuals are your first port of call for all of your academic needs and are there to help you achieve your potential.

Teaching and assessment methods
Masters programmes combine traditional seminar and tutorial work with independent project-based investigation. Assessment is through written examinations, essays and projects.

On a PhD or MPhil you will receive specialist training in research skills as well as regular meetings with research supervisors. Assessment culminates in a thesis and viva voce.

The Language Centre
Whether you are looking to develop your English and academic skills or further your interest in languages, our specialist Language Centre based on campus can help you. It offers a well-resourced Language Zone for free independent study of foreign languages which is open to all University of Leeds students, as well as language support for international students through pre-sessional and in-sessional English language programmes.

Find out more: www.leeds.ac.uk/languages

Our passion for research ignites our teaching
An outstanding experience

Your time at Leeds will involve much more than your academic studies; we offer one of the broadest ranges of opportunities that will complement or expand your degree, helping you develop your skills and gain important life experience.

First-class learning environment
Our Social Sciences building was recently refurbished to create a more productive place to study, but also one that is more environmentally sustainable and accessible for disabled students. As a result you will have access to brand new, state-of-the-art seminar rooms, dedicated research spaces and common areas.

Learning resources
Leeds has one of the largest academic libraries in the UK with over 2.8 million items available to you.

Minerva is the University’s online learning environment that brings together a range of learning and teaching resources. Typically you might use it to access our extensive electronic journal and database collections or join online discussions.

The Graduate School
The Graduate School is here to help you navigate your way onto the right postgraduate path, and provide the support and facilities you need while you study.

People come to Leeds from all over the world to achieve their postgraduate goals. Together, we make a vibrant community of researchers, academics and students.

External speaker events
The department regularly hosts external speakers to showcase the variety of directions you could pursue and enhance your learning.

Previous events have included:
- Professor Fred Greenstein from Princeton University came to present on successful and unsuccessful US presidents
- General Sir Nick Carter discussed the UK’s military engagement in Afghanistan and the future of conflict
- Tim Marshall, former Sky News Diplomatic Editor, addressed the impact of geography on international politics.

POLIS Society
As well as the regular socials which are a key way of forming friendships with like-minded people in the School, the POLIS Society also organises UK and international trips, careers opportunities and talks by leading public figures.

Leeds for Life
Leeds for Life prepares you for your future. It enables you to recognise the value of everything you have done throughout your time at Leeds and to articulate this clearly and confidently so that you will stand out by your ability to talk confidently about your attributes and skills, and the way in which these have been shaped by your academic experience and co-curricular activities at Leeds.

See: www.leedsforlife.leeds.ac.uk

Student support
The Student Support Network is a one-stop-shop of student support needs. It brings together information on services such as accommodation, careers, the chaplaincy, the international student office, counselling, student advice and much more.

In addition, the POLIS Student Support Team is a friendly team of dedicated staff who can assist you with the application process, from your first enquiry about studying for one of our postgraduate programmes to your final decision to accept the offer of a place.

The Student Support Team are then available throughout your time here for support and advice right through to graduation.

After graduation
When you graduate you will automatically be part of the Leeds Network community of 240,000 alumni in 186 countries. You will also have access to a range of benefits and services.

See: www.alumni.leeds.ac.uk

I was able to attend a Security and Ethics Conference organised by the Security and Justice Research Group, which provided me with an opportunity to interact with staff from different departments in Leeds and speakers from different universities and security agencies in the UK and Europe. It was an eye-opening experience.

GRACE MUTEMI
MA Security, Terrorism and Insurgency

One of the largest academic libraries in the UK with over 2.8 million items.
Insight and impact

Our real-world academic, practitioner and policy-making perspectives will provide you with insights into the major political, economic, social and cultural issues of societies across the globe. Here are just a few examples of our world-leading research.

Case study: Neoliberalism in Uganda

Dr. Jörg Wiegratz holds research interests in neoliberal moral economy, economic fraud and political economy and has had an empirical focus on Uganda across his work.

In his most recent research, Jörg has explored the causes of the rise in economic fraud in societies across the globe, something which Jörg argues is an outcome not only of major political-economic, but also moral transformations since the 1990s. Jörg focuses on the case of Uganda, a country which has adopted neoliberal reforms most extensively in Africa and an economy which has experienced extensive fraud in various sectors since the early 2000s.

Over the years, Jörg’s work has helped to inform various organisations including the Ugandan government and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

French elections
Dr. Duncan McCargo’s research has focused on the politics of contemporary Thailand, looking at issues such as Buddhism, political reform and the role of the military. In recent years he has looked at the similarities between the political trajectories of Turkey and Thailand and the irreversible changes which have already occurred in these countries.

Anti-immigration rhetoric after Oslo and Utøya terror attacks
Dr Mette Wiggen focuses her research efforts around new racism. Her recent work has looked at the right-wing populism and populist rhetoric in Norway prior to the 2011 terror attacks in Utøya and Oslo.

Understanding solidarity amid refugee crises
Dr Kerri Woods is leading an interdisciplinary project which studies solidarity amid refugee ‘crises’ in Europe, the Middle East and Asia. The project aims to examine how narratives and discourses around refugees construct or degrade solidarity, as well as answer whether crises change the way public and civil society actors respond to the situation of refugees.

Theorising friendship
Dr. Graham M. Smith holds a special interest in the field of friendship and how this relates to our understanding of ‘the political’. He has explored the possibilities of theorising friendship in both political theory and international relations through examining seminal thinkers such as Kierkegaard, Nietzsche and Schmitt, and through looking at conceptualisations of friendship in China and ‘the West’. 

Human security
Professor Edward Newman’s research interests are focused on international security, most recently exploring Kosovo’s diplomatic strategy to join international society. He also spent almost a decade working for the United Nations University (based in Tokyo, Japan) during which time he worked globally on peace and security challenges. He continues to work with academic contacts in Japan, in particular on the concept of ‘human security’.

America’s ‘war on terror’
Professor Jason Ralph holds research interests in American and British foreign policy, with his work exploring America’s war on terror and how American policy was affected in the aftermath of 9/11 from the Bush to Obama presidency.

Corruption and politics in South Africa
Dr. Alexander Beresford’s research examines how global social transformations are impacting upon politics and development in Africa, with a particular focus on South Africa. He is currently exploring the impact of corruption in South Africa, including its implications for development and political stability.

Thai politics
Dr Duncan McCargo’s research has focused on the politics of contemporary Thailand, looking at issues such as Buddhism, political reform and the role of the military. In recent years his work has looked at the similarities between the political trajectories of Turkey and Thailand and the irreversible changes which have already occurred in these countries.
The University of Leeds is the place to be for those looking for a once in a lifetime adventure!

The course is very stimulating and I really enjoy it. I have learned how to think critically and break down ideas discussed in the literature.

The staff are also very friendly and helpful - they always do their best to assist you should you ask for their help.

The University has state of the art facilities. I especially love the wide access to journal articles that the University offers. It comes in very handy when writing essays!

RISKI MUDA FARSYAH
MA Global Development
Postgraduate degrees

Postgraduate degrees allow you to deepen your knowledge of a subject, enhance your career opportunities or take a new direction. They can also provide a great basis for a research degree should you wish to explore your subject further (see page 23).

Career development
The high level of personal and analytical skills you develop as a postgraduate student are increasingly sought after by employers. The University Careers Centre can help you market yourself to employers by showing your skills and personal qualities in their best light. The expert careers advisors offer support through a drop-in service, CV help, recruitment fairs and a database of thousands of graduate and work placement opportunities.

Broaden your horizons
All of our postgraduate taught programmes allow you to select optional modules from a specialist list within the subject area. This enables you to tailor your degree to your own interests or career aspirations.

Please note that optional modules may vary from year to year.

How to apply
All taught programmes begin in September. There is no deadline for making an application but it is advisable to apply before the end of July. You need to apply to the University of Leeds directly. Further information can be found on the website: www.leeds.ac.uk/mastersapply

For any queries please email the Postgraduate Admissions Office in the School:
pgpolis@leeds.ac.uk

Student view

Leeds provides me with vast opportunities. I like how the city is diverse and big, but at the same time has felt like home from the very first day I arrived.

The diversity of students is very helpful not only in social life, but also in providing opportunity to discuss almost anything with diverse minds and backgrounds.

The tutors encourage you to shape critical thinking in everything discussed. The interrelated modules are what I like the most since it helps me to improve my research skills and be more critical in addressing certain issues and problems.

LUCKY BELINDA NIKO
MA International Relations
MA Global Development

PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: Dr Jörg Wiegratz

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: A 2:1 honours degree in a related discipline, a non-UK equivalent or an equivalent professional qualification. Relevant experience will also be taken into account. If English is not your first language you will also need an English language qualification, for example IELTS 6.5 with at least 6.0 in all components.

Overview

MA Global Development offers a detailed insight into the cross-disciplinary field of global development. It examines political, economic, and socio-cultural transformations in the Global South and interrogates the dynamics, challenges and opportunities confronting its societies.

The programme introduces theoretical approaches to the analysis of development, and examines their differing policy and practice implications. It combines conceptual analysis with detailed discussion of how development theories and strategies affect people and impact on poverty and wellbeing in specific local contexts.

You will explore debates and controversies at the centre of contemporary global development and analyse both the theories and realities of development, to understand the different approaches, practices and discourses involved.

You will learn development research skills, whether from a programme or advocacy perspective, and explore the principles of project management. You will also gain practical skills such as how to run a focus group, undertake stakeholder analysis, write a project proposal, develop a monitoring and evaluation framework, and prepare a budget.

The programme aims to support your intellectual, personal and professional development and attracts a diverse group of international students. Many are mid-career professionals seeking time out to reflect, bringing applied expertise for sharing and analysis; others seek the disciplinary expertise they need to take up a career in development – perhaps within a government department, the non-government sector, the agency world, research or activism.

You will agree a research topic with your supervisor and write a 12,000 word dissertation that leads you through the process of developing a deeper understanding of a particular topic in development studies through independent research and the preparation of an extended piece of writing.

You agree a research topic with your supervisor and write a 12,000 word dissertation that demonstrates your research skills, your ability to assess information, and appraise relevant concepts and theories.

You will also explore how social movements in the Global South claim rights and thereby challenge global inequalities.

Compulsory modules

All students will take the following two modules:

Global Inequalities provides you with an understanding of why and how the world’s inequalities produce advantages and disadvantages in development. You will cover economic, social, and political inequalities to lay the foundation for discussions about poverty, dispossession, food, environment and aid.

You will also explore how social movements in the Global South claim rights and thereby challenge global inequalities.

Global Development Dissertation leads you through the process of developing a deeper understanding of a particular topic in development studies through independent research and the preparation of an extended piece of writing.

You agree a research topic with your supervisor and write a 12,000 word dissertation that demonstrates your research skills, your ability to assess information, and appraise relevant concepts and theories.

You will also choose a number of modules from a wide-ranging list including:

• Global Justice
• Global Politics of Health: Power and Inequity
• International Political Economy
• Political Economy of Resources and Development
• Research Methodology for Development
• The Politics of the Israel-Palestine Conflict
• The Rise of China.

Modules subject to change.

Tailoring your programme

We have created the opportunity for you to choose specialist pathways in Global Development according to your interests and aspirations. These pathways also reflect the research strengths of our teaching team.

Specialist pathways available are:

• Africa
• Education
• Gender
• International Political Economy.

If you do choose a specialist pathway this will be reflected in your degree title, for example, selecting the Africa pathway would be the MA Global Development (Africa). Check the compulsory modules below to see how the pathways vary.

Plus pathway-specific compulsory modules:

• Africa: Africa in the Contemporary World
• Education: Education in Development
• Gender: Gender, Globalisation and Development
• Global Development (no specialist pathway): Development Management Techniques and Research Methodology for Development
• International Political Economy: International Political Economy.

Optional modules

You will also choose a number of modules from a wide-ranging list including:

• Africa in the Contemporary World
• Civil War and Intrastate Conflict
• Conflict, Complex Emergencies and Global Governance
• Development Management Techniques
• Education in Development
• Gender, Globalisation and Development

Careers

This programme provides an excellent opportunity for those seeking to launch or enhance their career in development. Many of our graduates pursue careers in government departments, NGOs, in UN agencies or activism.

Others have gone on to high-profile careers in politics, the media, the Civil Service, as well as achieving further academic honours as PhD students.
What I love about this course is the way in which it helps you to see the bigger picture and apply academic theories to real issues. It allows you to think critically about the work of development organisations to ask what is being done well, what can be done differently and what can be done better.

The course content is varied and it’s great that we are able to choose from a wide range of modules to suit our own interests. I can’t really believe how much I’ve learned in such a short space of time!

The Practical Initiatives Network (PIN) society puts on fantastic talks related to Global Development issues and I have really enjoyed attending these events – for example, earlier this year they arranged a Skype call with an NGO from Uganda who told us about their work on child protection.

LAUREN JONES
MA Global Development (Education)
MA Politics

PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: Dr Soohyun Lee

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: A 2:1 honours degree in a related discipline, a non-UK equivalent or an equivalent professional qualification. Relevant experience will also be taken into account. If English is not your first language you will also need an English language qualification, for example IELTS 6.5 with at least 6.0 in all components.

Overview
The beginning of the 21st century has witnessed a dramatic transformation of the political landscape of our world. This programme will provide you with a firm grounding in political analysis and a critical insight into the real politics behind the headlines.

Our unique approach to the study of politics allows you to draw upon the breadth of research expertise in the School of Politics and International Studies. We offer an exciting and broad range of modules, including a new specialist module on the politics of Brexit. These provide the opportunity for you to construct a personalised programme of study which allows in-depth exploration into your specific area of interest.

You will gain first-hand experience of participation in a community of research active scholars, contributing to our lively research culture, and developing outstanding skills in research, teamwork and presentation. You can either take the MA Politics as a single subject or you can opt to take it with Political Theory.

Compulsory modules
Both options contain the following core modules:

Advanced Political Analysis introduces you to the dominant paradigms in political science and is designed to equip you with the tools to study the key ways in which analysts construct understandings and explanations of political phenomena.

Politics Dissertation leads you through the process of developing a deeper understanding of a particular topic in politics through independent research and the preparation of an extended piece of writing.

You agree a research topic with your supervisor and write a 12,000 word dissertation that demonstrates your research skills, as well as your ability to assess information, and appraise relevant concepts and theories.

The Political Theory pathway then has the additional core module as below:

• Political Theory in Action.

Optional modules
You will also choose a number of modules from a wide-ranging list including:

• American Foreign Policy
• Conflict, Complex Emergencies and Global Governance
• Contemporary Politics of the Middle East
• Developments in British Politics
• European Defence and Security Analysis
• Global Justice
• Global Politics of Health: Power and Inequity
• International Political Economy
• International Relations and The Environment
• Political Economy of Resources and Development
• Political Theory in Action
• Research Methods
• The Politics of Brexit
• The Politics of the Israel-Palestine Conflict
• The Rise of China
• World Politics and Popular Culture.

Modules subject to change.

Tailoring your programme
Drawing on our particular research strengths, we have created the opportunity for you to take an optional specialisation in Political Theory.

The general programme in Politics centres on choice and flexibility giving you the opportunity to enhance your knowledge on the dramatic transformation of the political landscape in the 21st century. The Political Theory pathway provides an insight into political thought and practical application of political ideas.

Careers
As a graduate from this programme, you are well placed to move on to a range of careers where both substantive knowledge of key political domains, and the critical analytical and communication skills developed in the course of your study, are relevant.

In particular, you will have an excellent grounding for careers in a range of related areas such as media, Civil Service, NGOs, trade unions and academia. It is also ideally suited if you wish to develop the skills necessary to pursue a PhD in Politics.
Politics impacts on pretty much every aspect of our lives and there are so many different aspects of it, this has made it a deeply intriguing and enlivening subject to study both from a personal and an academic standpoint.

For me, the most enjoyable thing about the course was the sheer scope of the topics I was able to study. I studied four modules which looked at advanced political theory and analysis, contemporary British politics, the rise of China and American foreign policy.

I have accepted a job working for Charlie Goldsmith Associates (CGA), an international development consultancy operating in Fragile and Conflict Affected States in Africa. I’m going to be based in Juba, South Sudan, and I will be working on a variety of projects CGA has going on, including working on linking-up health and education within the country.

ALEXANDER JACKSON
MA Politics
MA International Relations

PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: Dr Hugh Dyer

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: A 2:1 honours degree in a related discipline, a non-UK equivalent or an equivalent professional qualification. Relevant experience will also be taken into account. If English is not your first language you will also need an English language qualification, for example IELTS 6.5 with at least 6.0 in all components.

Overview
This programme will shape your understanding of global politics in the contemporary world, by introducing you to a wide range of theories, approaches and stimulating debates surrounding international politics and relations.

You will analyse topics central to the functioning of the international system and explore contemporary and historical approaches, focusing on country-specific, regional and international processes.

Our emphasis on international studies invites an interdisciplinary approach and reflects the broadening nature of the subject beyond the confines of inter-state relationships.

You will have the opportunity to develop expertise in a specialist area of interest to you, whilst working with leaders in the field of international relations.

As well as enhancing your knowledge in international relations and the complex and contradictory forces that shape the global agenda, this programme will equip you with excellent research skills, methodologies and approaches.

Compulsory modules
Theoretical Approaches in International Relations introduces you to the relationship between the struggle for power and the struggle between ideas. You will investigate some of the ideological and philosophical movements that have shaped, and continue to shape, the international system, and you will examine a variety of competing positions with reference to events in the real world.

International Relations Dissertation leads you through the process of developing a deeper understanding of a particular topic in international studies through independent research and the preparation of an extended piece of writing. You agree a research topic with your supervisor and write a 12,000 word dissertation that demonstrates your research skills, as well as your ability to assess information, and appraise relevant concepts and theories.

Optional modules
You will also choose a number of modules from a wide-ranging list including:
- American Foreign Policy
- Civil War and Intrastate Conflict
- Contemporary Politics of the Middle East
- European Defence and Security Analysis
- International Relations and The Environment
- Global Justice
- Global Politics of Health: Power and Inequity
- Policing Post-Conflict Cities
- The Politics of the Israel-Palestine Conflict
- The Rise of China.

Modules subject to change.

Careers
This programme provides you with an ideal preparation for a career in the international political arena. Many of our students go on to high-profile careers in politics, the Civil Service, the media, with NGOs, within international organisations such as the UN and World Bank, as well as roles in the private sector. Many graduates achieve further academic honours as PhD students.
MA International Relations and Politics of the Middle East

PROGRAMME DIRECTORS: Dr Alan Craig and Dr James Worrall

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: A 2:1 honours degree in a related discipline, a non-UK equivalent or an equivalent professional qualification or relevant experience. If English is not your first language you will also need an English language qualification, for example IELTS 6.5 with at least 6.0 in all components.

Overview
This programme directly addresses the complex nature of the politics and international relations of the Middle East enabling you to gain an oversight of internal dimensions of the region and their links with regional and extra-regional relations. Covering a range of approaches from the disciplines of politics, comparative politics and international relation it addresses the security, economic, identity and political dynamics of the region. The programme will be of interest to students and practitioners wishing to study these issues in more depth and to make comparisons across the region.

Compulsory modules

Contemporary Politics of the Middle East adopts a thematic approach to studying the region. The module develops a comprehensive understanding of the contemporary issues that shape the Middle East.

Particular attention is paid to the role of ideologies, religious radicalism, the role of the military, political parties, the emergence of civil societies, gender and the impact that democratisation and globalisation have upon the region.

Politics of the Israel-Palestine Conflict offers an in-depth study of the ongoing peace negotiations. The module develops a comprehensive understanding of the contemporary issues that shape the Israel-Palestine conflict through a detailed examination of the elements of a two-state solution. The module critically engages with the core issues of the conflict through the examination of the essential elements of a two-state solution, which is the stated objective of the ongoing peace process.

You will examine issues of the national self-determination, the return of refugees, Jerusalem, borders, settlements and natural resources from human/state rights, conflict resolution and security perspectives. You will also critically consider the stated positions of key actors. You will have the opportunity to pursue an aspect of the peace process in considerable depth.

International Relations and Politics of the Middle East Dissertation leads you through the process of developing a deeper understanding of a particular topic through independent research and the preparation of an extended piece of writing. You agree a research topic with your supervisors and write a 12,000 word dissertation that demonstrates your research skills, as well as your ability to assess information, and appraise relevant concepts and theories.

Optional modules
You will also choose a number of modules from a wide-ranging list including:
- Civil War and Intrastate Conflict
- Conflict, Complex Emergencies and Global Governance
- Counterterrorism
- Debating the Middle East: Islam, Politics and Culture
- Hezbollah: From Islamic Resistance to Government
- Islam, Politics and Culture in the Middle East and North Africa
- Insurgency
- Policing Post-Conflict Cities
- Terrorism.

Modules subject to change.

Careers
There is growing demand from employers for graduates with expertise in Middle Eastern politics. This includes NGOs and international institutions, ministries of foreign affairs/trade/defence and consultancy and risk management/analysis firms engaged in the region.

The programme is both academically cutting-edge and policy relevant at a time when the Middle East is undergoing radical change. It will produce graduates who are able to fill the growing need for experts on the region in all industries from oil and investment to security and services. The Middle East is a growing market for many firms who all want to understand the risks and opportunities of working in the region better.
MA Conflict, Development and Security

PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: Dr Hugh Dyer

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: A 2:1 honours degree in a related discipline, a non-UK equivalent or an equivalent professional qualification. Relevant experience will also be taken into account. If English is not your first language you will also need an English language qualification, for example IELTS 6.5 with at least 6.0 in all components.

Overview

MA Conflict, Development and Security addresses the convergence of security and development issues, and its implications for analysing the reconstruction of war-affected societies. The programme bridges the themes of conflict, liberal styles of governance and aid policy. You will analyse the ways in which security, development and humanitarian agents adapt to instability.

You will also examine the significance of globalisation for the emergence of internal conflict, and for the development of trans-border economics and the political dynamics they may support. This unique programme gives you the opportunity to study regionally differentiated responses to conflict in, for example Africa and Afghanistan, and to discuss issues relating to humanitarian conditionality, containment and the role of international organisations and NGOs.

In analysing the relationship between aid and politics in ‘new’ wars, this interdisciplinary programme draws upon the School of Politics and International Studies’ rich diversity in approach and experience.

Compulsory modules

Conflict, Complex Emergencies and Global Governance examines the economic and political elements of contemporary internal and regionalised conflict. You will examine humanitarian, developmental and security policy responses and investigate the organisational adaptations that are emerging among state and non-state actors in relation to such instability.

Conflict, Development and Security Dissertation leads you through the process of developing a deeper understanding of a particular topic in development studies through independent research and the preparation of an extended piece of writing. You agree a research topic with your supervisor and write a 12,000 word dissertation that demonstrates your research skills, as well as your ability to assess information, and appraise relevant concepts and theories.

Optional modules

You will also choose a number of modules from a wide-ranging list including:

- Africa in the Contemporary World
- American Foreign Policy
- Civil War and Intrastate Conflict
- Contemporary Politics of the Middle East
- Counterterrorism
- European Defence and Security Analysis
- Gender, Globalisation and Development
- Global Justice
- Global Politics of Health: Power and Inequity
- International Political Economy
- International Relations and The Environment
- Insurgency
- Policing Post-Conflict Cities
- Political Economy of Resources and Development
- Research Methods
- Terrorism
- The Politics of the Israel-Palestine Conflict
- The Rise of China.

Modules subject to change.

Careers

This programme can lead to a career in government agencies or NGOs concerned with post-conflict reconstruction and humanitarian issues. Many of our graduates also go on to high profile careers in politics, the media, the Civil Service and the private sector, as well achieving further academic honours as PhD students.

The programme really was a great experience and has allowed me to see politics and international relations in a new light. The support staff were great and would always make time to discuss issues with you. I now voluntarily run the Support Program for Orphans Widows and the Elderly (SPOWE) Uganda in Kampala, which is a charity I set up during my time at Leeds.

ANDREW SUTHERLAND
MA Conflict, Development and Security
MA Security, Terrorism and Insurgency

PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: Dr Hugh Dyer

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: A 2.1 honours degree in a related discipline, a non-UK equivalent or an equivalent professional qualification or relevant experience. If English is not your first language you will also need an English language qualification, for example IELTS 6.5 with at least 6.0 in all components.

Overview
Drawing on our research strengths in international security, sub-state conflicts and terrorism and insurgency, this programme addresses the phenomenon of terrorism in the 20th and 21st centuries.

It will introduce you to the history of terrorism, from state sponsored terrorism in the Cold War period and urban terrorists in Western Europe to the emergence of radical Islamism and Al-Qaeda.

You will explore the dilemmas of preservation of democratic liberties whilst developing counterterrorism strategies and assessing the necessity and effectiveness of anti-terrorism legislation in the UK, the US and beyond. You will consider the wider political context and causes of radicalisation and terrorist violence, including the analysis of situations in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iraq as well as an in-depth study of the geo-politics of the Middle East.

Compulsory modules

Insurgency introduces theoretical and empirical approaches to the study and experience of insurgency and counter-insurgency. You will look in depth at recent developments in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Terrorism introduces theoretical and empirical approaches to the study of terrorism and the threat it poses to developing and developed countries alike. You will be part of an in-depth investigation into the relationship between media and terrorism, claims about the emergence of a new, qualitatively different type of terrorism in the form of Al-Qaeda and similar organisations and terrorist tactics such as suicide bombings and WMD attacks.

Security, Terrorism and Insurgency Dissertation leads you through the process of developing a deeper understanding of a particular topic in terrorism and security through independent research and the preparation of an extended piece of writing. You agree a research topic with your supervisor and write a 12,000 word dissertation that demonstrates your research skills, as well as your ability to assess information, and appraise relevant concepts and theories.

Optional modules

You will also choose a number of modules from a wide-ranging list including:

- American Foreign Policy
- Civil War and Intrastate Conflict
- Conflict, Complex Emergencies and Global Governance
- Contemporary Politics of the Middle East
- Counterterrorism
- European Defence and Security Analysis
- Global Justice
- Policing Post-Conflict Cities
- Theoretical Approaches in International Relations
- The Politics of the Israel-Palestine Conflict
- The Rise of China.

Modules subject to change.

Careers
This programme provides you with an ideal preparation for a career in the international political arena. Many of our students go on to high profile careers in politics, the Civil Service, the media, with NGOs, within international organisations such as the UN, in addition to roles in the private sector.

Many graduates achieve further academic honours as PhD students.

Graduate view

"After I graduated, I started my internship at the United Nations Institute for Training and Research. I believe my MA degree was one of the main reasons I was selected for this traineeship.

HATEM EFE
MA Security, Terrorism and Insurgency"
Dual awards

Gain international experience, cross-cultural skills and new perspectives by undertaking one of our two-year dual award masters programmes, run with partner institutions in China and Germany. Two years, two countries; one amazing experience.

MA Public Administration (ECUPL)

PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: Dr Adam Tyson

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: A 2:1 honours degree in the UK, a 75% overall average in China, or an equivalent is required in a relevant subject area. If English is not your first language you will also need an English language qualification, for example IELTS 6.5 with at least 6.0 in all components.

Overview
This highly distinctive programme allows you the opportunity to study advanced politics and public administration at the University of Leeds and the East China University of Political Science and Law, Shanghai. The programme will enable you to explore international perspectives on political systems, public administration and policy making. It is ideal for those who wish to make a major impact and contribution to global society.

Specifically created with UK and Chinese students in mind (although the programme will appeal to and is open to all nationalities) this two year, two-stage, programme allows you the rare opportunity to gain international experience as part of your postgraduate studies.

This programme is only available on a full-time study basis and teaching for both years will be in English. You will need to successfully pass your first year at Leeds to be able to progress onto the second year in Shanghai.

At the end of this two-year programme you will have gained two degrees – one from the University of Leeds and one from the East China University of Political Science and Law.

Careers
On completion of the programme you will be well equipped to pursue a number of exciting career pathways. You will gain strong analytical skills and may therefore choose to continue into doctoral studies. You will also benefit from blended learning and mixed methodologies, and these skills relate to careers in policymaking, policy analysis, media, and work in international organisations such as the OECD, EU, and UN in positions appropriate to the skills you have obtained. You may also pursue a career in development aid (policy, international relations, conflict management), or with a multinational corporation, where you might provide in-house consultation or work for human resources.

I chose to study at Leeds as it is a Russell Group University with an amazing campus, which also offers the MA Public Administration in collaboration with ECUPL.

A highlight of my course has been taking part in group discussions and developing analysis and research skills. It’s also really nice to have a personal tutor, if you need any help you can just let them know and they have always been very patient.

I have also been involved in various societies and activities including the British Born Chinese Society, taking part in calligraphy at the Business Confucius Institute and language courses and groups at the Language Centre.

FANG ZHANG
MA Public Administration

Our diverse research interests and interdisciplinary approaches to teaching mean that you can discuss matters of international importance with students and academics from all over the world.

DR ADAM TYSON
Lecturer in MA Public Administration
Year 1 – Leeds

An important element of the Leeds year of the programme is the completion of a 12,000 word dissertation on a subject you choose with the support of your supervisor.

This part of the programme will significantly develop your research skills and allow you to explore an area of your studies which you are especially interested in (more information is available on the website).

Compulsory modules

You will be required to study the compulsory modules from one of the following degree programmes:

- MA Global Development (page 10)
- MA Politics (page 12)
- MA Politics (Political Theory) (page 12)
- MA International Relations (page 14)
- MA International Relations and Politics of the Middle East (page 15)
- MA Conflict, Development and Security (page 16)
- MA Security, Terrorism and Insurgency (page 17).

Optional modules

You will then choose up to three of the following modules:

- Africa in the Contemporary World
- American Foreign Policy
- Contemporary Politics of the Middle East
- Developments in British Politics
- European Defence and Security Analysis
- Global Inequalities and Development
- Global Politics of Health: Power and Inequity
- International Political Theory
- Policing Post-Conflict Cities
- Political Economy of Resources and Development
- Political Theory in Action
- The Rise of China.

Year 2 – Shanghai

A key feature of the year spent in Shanghai is the ‘Social Practice and Discussion’ module. This allows you to carry out fieldwork in Shanghai, including visits to municipal government buildings, prisons, free trade zones, business centres and primary schools for rural migrants.

Compulsory modules

- Constitution and Administrative Law
- Contemporary Chinese Government and Politics
- Contemporary Social and Economic Issues and Administration in China
- Political Science
- Public Management
- Social Practice and Discussion.

One module will be taught by a visiting academic from the University of Leeds.

Optional modules

You will be required to study one of the following modules:

- Chinese Culture (Level 1 and Level 2)
- Chinese Language (Level 1 and Level 2).

Modules subject to change.
MA Politics and Public Administration (Konstanz)

**Programme Director:** Dr Adam Tyson

**Entry Requirements:** A 2:1 honours degree or equivalent in a related discipline, an equivalent professional qualification, or relevant experience. If English is not your first language you will also need an English language qualification, for example IELTS 6.5 with at least 6.0 in all components.

**Overview**
This highly distinctive dual masters programme allows you to study advanced political and public administration at the University of Leeds and the Universität Konstanz.

This programme is only available for full-time study. You will spend the first year studying one of our MA programmes in the UK, followed by a year in Germany studying MA Public Administration, both years are taught in English. This unique programme will enable you to explore international perspectives on political systems, public administration and policy making, while gaining invaluable international experience.

On completion you will graduate with two masters degrees. It is ideal for those who wish to make a major impact and contribution to global society.

### Year 1 – Leeds

**Compulsory modules**
You will be required to study the compulsory modules from one of the following degree programmes:
- MA Global Development (page 10)
- MA Politics (page 12)
- MA Politics (Political Theory) (page 12)
- MA International Relations (page 14)
- MA International Relations and Politics of the Middle East (page 15)
- MA Conflict, Development and Security (page 16)
- MA Security, Terrorism and Insurgency (page 17).

**Optional modules**
You will then choose up to three of the following modules:
- Africa in the Contemporary World
- American Foreign Policy
- Contemporary Politics of the Middle East
- Developments in British Politics
- European Defence and Security Analysis
- Global Inequalities and Development
- Global Politics of Health: Power and Inequity
- International Political Theory
- Policing Post-Conflict Cities
- Political Economy of Resources and Development
- Political Theory in Action
- The Rise of China.

### Year 2 – Konstanz

You will be required to choose one of the following degree areas:
- Comparative Politics and Policy Analysis
- International Administration and Conflict Management
- International Relations and European Integration
- Management and Public Administration.

Within your chosen area there are seven compulsory modules which are tailored to your specialisation:
- Advanced Seminar in Field of Specialisation
- Basic Seminar in Field of Specialisation I
- Basic Seminar in Field of Specialisation II
- MA Colloquium
- MA Thesis
- Research Design I
- Research Design II (choice of quantitative or qualitative).

Modules subject to change.

**Careers**
On completion of the programme you will be well equipped to pursue a number of exciting career pathways. You will gain strong analytical skills and may therefore choose to continue into doctoral studies. You will also benefit from blended learning and mixed methodologies, and these skills relate to careers in policymaking, policy analysis, media, and work in international organisations such as the OECD, EU, and UN in positions appropriate to the skills you have obtained. You may also pursue a career in development aid (policy, international relations, conflict management), or with a multinational corporation, where you might provide in-house consultation or work for human resources.
Students relax in the POLIS communal area with bookable group study spaces and a kitchen.
Leeds has revitalised me after 20 years of work. The course has been stimulating and always enjoyable. The academic staff are obviously incredibly knowledgeable about their area, but they have never been intimidating in their approach to teaching.

I use a lot of the online facilities to manage my studies. The online library has been great and enabled me to combine study with full-time work, as I can get on with my research at any time of the day.

ED LACK
PhD Politics
Postgraduate research degrees

Research opportunities are hosted within three research areas (see page 24), each of which has a successful and thriving research community.

Research community and environment
By studying for a research degree within the School of Politics and International Studies, you will become a key member of this academic research community, experiencing a supportive, vibrant, stimulating and challenging research environment which will enable you to pursue your interests and achieve your potential.

Degree schemes
We offer three kinds of research degree for postgraduate students.

- PhD (3 years full-time or 5 years part-time)
- MPhil (2 years full-time or 4 years part-time)
- MA by research (1 year full-time or 2 years part-time).

The main distinction between these research degrees lies in the length of time devoted to earning the degrees, the ambition and the scope of the work undertaken and the extent of the research training that you benefit from.

Entry requirements
The entry requirements for all schemes are that applicants must normally possess an upper second class honours degree or equivalent. Applicants with professional qualifications or substantial professional experience are also encouraged to apply, as they bring a particularly valuable outlook to the student population.

In addition, MPhil and PhD applicants are also usually required to hold a masters level qualification at an appropriately high standard.

If English is not your first language you will also need an English language qualification, for example IELTS 6.5 with at least 6.0 in all components.

If you just fail to meet these requirements you may still be offered a place dependent on completion of a pre-sessional English language course offered by the University’s Language Centre: www.leeds.ac.uk/ languages

Impact and quality of research
Through working alongside internationally-leading and world-class academics you will have the opportunity to contribute more broadly to issues around politics, international relations and international development, challenging societies around the world.

Our research students have also run a series of conferences with both national and international speakers hosted in the School of Politics and International Studies.

Training and development
You will be offered personal and professional skills development that will equip you with the competencies you need to help you succeed. You will also receive high quality supervision by two academics who are trained and experienced supervisors, as well as experts in the field of research, and you will be provided with formal research methods training.

In addition you are encouraged to take an active part in your research areas which includes attending seminars and conferences and possibly undergraduate teaching.

The Leeds Doctoral College is due to launch in September 2017. The College will work to enhance and support the postgraduate research experience through coordinating training sessions, research seminars and lectures.

How to apply
The majority of research students begin their studies in October at the start of the academic year. We accept applications at any time of the year, but it is best to submit them well before the summer vacation begins (mid-June) if you wish to commence study in October. Applicants should also note that PhD applications should be submitted much earlier than the closing dates for any departmental or university scholarships.

We make our decision on the basis of the draft research proposal, the potential fit between your topic and our expertise, supervisors’ interest in being involved, referees’ reports, degree results, School resources, and an interview by phone, Skype or in person.

For further details of how to apply, to download an application form, or to apply online please see our website: www.polis.leeds.ac.uk/postgraduates/research-postgraduates/apply
Our research

Our research makes a real impact on the world around us and brings valuable insight to our taught and research programmes.

Global Development and Justice

Research into global development in the School of Politics and International Studies concentrates on issues of entitlements, rights, resilience and resistance in the study of global poverty and inequalities.

A major strength of our research is its interdisciplinary nature – our internationally-renowned academics represent a wide range of disciplinary backgrounds and research expertise. We also work with academics from across the University to apply specialist knowledge to researching development issues.

We have close working relationships with two well-established research centres: the Centre for Global Development and the Centre for African Studies. These centres highlight and promote our cross-disciplinary approach, and aim to explore and advance global development issues.

We undertake research, advisory and consultancy work in many specialist fields. From rural livelihood, gender and land reform to resource distribution, education, health and transformative justice; our global development research spans the social, economic, political, cultural, financial and environmental aspects of development issues and development policy.

Our research centres are very active; conducting many seminars, events and conferences throughout the year with high profile international speakers.

For more information on research into Global Development and Justice please visit: www.polis.leeds.ac.uk/research/global-development-justice

International Relations and Security

Research into international relations at the School of Politics and International Studies (POLIS) embraces normative and quantitative approaches to understand contemporary security challenges, and explores such specialised themes as: energy security, global politics and the environment, nuclear proliferation and strategy, British and US foreign policy, terrorism and torture, urban insurgency, security governance in fragile states, post-Cold War conceptions of international society, and liberal conceptions of political violence.

Many of these research themes also inform the study of particular regions which include area specialisations in the politics and security of the UK and Europe, Africa, the Middle East, South East Asia and East Asia.

This praxis between the conceptual and empirical underpins an interdisciplinary approach towards the study of International Relations in POLIS and in turn, informs how we can best understand and interpret the threats and opportunities posed by the process of globalisation in an ever changing global security environment.

The research group is very active, and holds many seminars, events and conferences throughout the year with high profile international speakers.

For more information on research into International Relations and Security please visit: www.polis.leeds.ac.uk/research/international-relations-security

Politics

Our staff conduct internationally recognised research in the areas of British politics, European and EU politics, South East Asian politics, politics of the Middle East and North American politics. This collaborative research is centred around two research themes:

Leadership, Parties and Institutions

Research into Leadership, Parties and Institutions fosters new intellectual dynamics and collaborative processes, and draws on established strengths in British, European Union and South East Asian politics. This includes:

- The Centre for British Government
- The Centre for European Politics
- Political Leadership Specialist Group.

Political Theory

This group is an active centre for research in political theory and philosophy, and encompasses scholars with expertise in a wide range of areas of social and political thought. We host a regular programme of research seminars that provides a lively forum for the exchange of ideas among staff and research students. Particular areas of research strength include: political ideology and social activism; democratic theory and practice; nationalism; political ethics; liberal political theory and feminism.

This includes:
- Political Theory and Cultural Values.

For more information on research into Politics please visit: www.polis.leeds.ac.uk/research/politics
Fees and funding

Postgraduate study is a major investment in your future. Some funding is available each year, an indication of which is below, but please check the websites for the latest and most complete information.

TUITION FEES AT LEEDS
Postgraduate tuition fees vary by programme. For full information on UK/EU and international tuition fees for 2018 entry please visit our website:
courses.leeds.ac.uk

ALUMNI BURSARY
The Alumni Postgraduate Bursary is available to former University of Leeds students.
Those who qualify are eligible for a 10 percent tuition fee bursary. The alumni bursary can be awarded in conjunction with other University of Leeds scholarships and awards as the 10 percent bursary is calculated based on the net fee remaining.

POLIS MASTERS SCHOLARSHIPS*

• POLIS International Excellence Scholarship
   Up to six scholarships of circa £4,000 are available to international students. Awarded on academic merit.

UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS SCHOLARSHIPS
The University also has a number of scholarships and is able to provide full and partial awards to UK/EU and international students. Application forms and further details can be found at:
www.scholarships.leeds.ac.uk

ESRC STUDENTSHIPS
ESRC studentships are yet to be confirmed for 2018. Please check our website for the latest information.
Find out more: www.polis.leeds.ac.uk/postgraduates/fees-and-funding

*Find out more about the School’s scholarship opportunities:
www.polis.leeds.ac.uk/postgraduates
Coming to Leeds

Leeds Bradford Airport provides international access. It is approximately 7 miles away from the city centre.

Leeds is well served by the major UK motorways. Frequent trains link Leeds with the UK’s major cities; London is just two and a half hours away.

UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS 2018

The University usually holds a postgraduate open day in February each year.

Find out when the next event is: www.leeds.ac.uk/pgopendays

UNIVERSITY FAIRS

If you cannot come to the campus there are also various opportunities to meet with university representatives in the UK and across the globe.

This includes the Russell Group Roadshow which is held at various universities throughout the UK, normally in November.

Or, for information on our extensive international visits, see the University’s website: www.leeds.ac.uk/visitstoyourcountry

ACCOMMODATION

We guarantee university accommodation to all international students embarking on a postgraduate degree. UK/EU students are also welcome to apply although we cannot guarantee a place.

We have a range of residences available, including St Mark’s and Grayson Heights which are for postgraduate students only.

Further information is available on the website: www.accommodation.leeds.ac.uk

Some students also choose to apply for private sector accommodation. Independent help and advice is available on all aspects of this from Unipol, an organisation which can help you find a suitable home for your time in Leeds.

More information: www.unipol.org.uk