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Welcome

to the School of Politics and International Studies

The School of Politics and International Studies (POLIS) brings together research and teaching strengths that are recognised both nationally and internationally in the areas of international development, international relations and politics. Within these areas we focus on human development; global justice and security; conflict and terrorism; political parties and leadership; and democratisation with regional specialisms in Britain, Europe, North America, Sub-Saharan and North Africa, South and South East Asia and the Middle East.

The School is situated at the heart of the University campus and provides an excellent environment for students.

We teach over 600 undergraduate and more than 100 postgraduate students – with a large proportion of our postgraduates coming from overseas.

Our staff will help you to grapple with the important issues of the day with passion and intelligence, utilising the expertise gained through their own research work and engagement with practitioners.

Our degree results demonstrate how well students respond to this approach and how much employers value a degree from the University of Leeds.

Many of our graduates go on to work in high profile careers upon graduating, in the media, the Civil Service, with NGOs, in the private sector, as well as achieving further academic honours as Doctoral students.

Our degree programmes in POLIS allow you to develop your full potential in an academic environment that can help the scholars of today to meet the intellectual, as well as practical challenges of our increasingly globalised world.

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, dance to ‘a cappella’ and you can even try your hand at Quidditch. Plus, they are based in a fantastic building with shops, bars, restaurants, events and Wi-Fi. Discover more: www.luu.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 Headingley.

Find out more: www.visitleeds.co.uk

GUARANTEED ACCOMMODATION

You are guaranteed university accommodation for your first year (international students are guaranteed accommodation for the duration of their studies).

We have an impressive range of accommodation to cater for all budgets and requirements.

For details: www.accommodation.leeds.ac.uk
Studying with us

POLIS is based in the Social Sciences Building, which includes teaching rooms, 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.

Resources
You will have access to world-class library resources with over 2.8 million items and extensive computing facilities. The VLE is the University’s online learning environment that brings together a range of learning and teaching tools. Typically you might use it to access electronic copies of lecture hand-outs, follow up on links to additional study resources, or to watch podcasts of lectures.

Personal tutor
You will be allocated a personal tutor who will meet with you on an individual basis several times during the year to provide dedicated academic advice and feedback.

Teaching methods
Modules are taught using a combination of lectures, seminars and tutorials. All modules have an extensive independent study component and, in addition, some modules encompass group work and online activities which are used to build upon face-to-face teaching.

Research-informed teaching
Our programmes are directly informed by research developments. What this means to you is that your programme will cover the latest thinking and you will be taught by leaders in their field who shape policy. See page 9.

Assessment
We use a range of assessment methods in order to get the best out of you including examination and coursework.

You may also be assessed through group presentations, research-based activities and an extended piece of research in a chosen area (dissertation).

Programme structure
Each programme consists of a mixture of compulsory modules (which you must take in order to achieve core knowledge of the subject area) and optional modules (which are chosen from a specialist list within the School). Most also include some discovery modules.

Discovery modules
There are 100s of discovery modules for you to choose from in order to tailor your degree according to your personal interests and aspirations. They are organised into different themes to make your choice easier.

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

Student representatives
Our Student Reps provide a vital link between students and staff. They communicate the opinions of the students to staff at the Student-Staff Forum and help shape and enhance modules and programme provision within the School. Student Reps also run regular ‘surgeries’ where you can voice any concerns and raise suggestions.

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Enhance your 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 state-of-the-art seminar rooms, research spaces and common areas.

Tailor your studies

As you will see we have an impressive breadth of degrees available and within each of these are opportunities to personalise your studies to your own interests and aspirations.

Each course allows for great flexibility, giving you the opportunity to group modules in ways which cross boundaries. In fact, Leeds offers one of the largest selections of optional and discovery modules in the country.

With all of our programmes, you also have the opportunity to add a study abroad or work placement year to your degree (see page 8).

External speaker events

Our specialist careers consultant (see page 18) regularly runs external speaker events to showcase the variety of directions you could pursue and enhance your learning. Previous guests have included:

- John Adrian Plenaar (BBC Radio 5 Live’s Chief Political Correspondent).
- Ben Roback (a POLIS alumnus who works for Tetra Strategy; a consultancy firm advising global brands, organisations and individuals on managing their reputations).
- Lee Stephenson (Project Director at Jigsaw Visitors Centre, a charity which offers support to the families of prisoners).
- Sue Owen (Permanent Secretary for the Department for Culture, Media and Sport).

Plus, the Students’ Union sometimes runs other interesting events including, for example, two ‘Local MP Question Time’ events ahead of the General Election.

Join in – POLIS Society and more

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

The POLIS Society is just one of 300 student-led groups at the University you can choose to get involved with. Each group is unique, but they all exist to bring together people with something in common. That might be a passion for a sport, an interest in a particular hobby or a shared faith or culture:

- Around 10,000 students are involved in our sport, dance and performance groups every year.
- Media societies like the Leeds Student newspaper, Leeds Student Radio and Leeds Student TV have all won national awards.
- Students into Schools

Students volunteer in educational settings across Leeds and some parts of West Yorkshire. Each year an average of 400 students support or run a range of exciting projects to help raise the aspirations and academic achievement of pupils of all ages, while simultaneously developing their own skills and improving their CV.

- RAG

Leeds University Union’s official fundraising body supports local, national and international causes. Since 2012 Leeds RAG has raised more than £1 million.

Volunteering

There are so many opportunities to get involved with volunteering at Leeds with initiatives having local, national or global reach, for example:

- Find out more:
  www.leedsforlife.leeds.ac.uk/opportunity

Find out more:
www.luu.org.uk/groups
As a member of the Q-Step initiative, the University of Leeds has developed a range of modules which allow you to develop quantitative skills through your business or social science degree, enhancing your employability. These modules are available on all POLIS programmes.

How does it work?
You apply for the course as normal. In your first year you can then choose to enrol for special quantitative-based modules, such as Understanding Data. If you pass these modules, further Q-Step modules will be available in your second and final years.

How will it help me?
Taking Q-Step modules will help you develop the vital quantitative skills sought by employers whilst allowing you to maintain the subject focus of your degree.

Student view

I've been able to take part in the Leeds to New York Programme 2016 which was definitely the highlight of my time at Leeds. It was an incredible week of learning about different forms of leadership, speaking with leading experts from various fields and exploring New York City. The project has greatly developed my presentation skills, ability to work to tight deadlines and speaking with different stakeholders – qualities that are invaluable in the workplace.

In my first year I was president of my halls of residence, and I've also been involved with the Teddy Bear Hospital Society, volunteering to teach primary school children about issues relating to healthcare.

The combination of the people (staff and students alike), the quality of teaching, the clubs and societies and being located at the heart of a vibrant city, makes Leeds a great place to study!

AMY NGUYEN
BA International Relations
Study abroad and work placements

Whatever your future career goal; practical skills and experience could give you the advantage over other candidates. A year abroad or a placement is a great way to gain this and boost confidence.

Study abroad

Add an international dimension to your degree, gain valuable cross-cultural communication skills and experience a rare opportunity to live in another country. We have numerous international partners:

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How much does it cost?

Students pay a substantially reduced fee for the year abroad. UK/EU students are still eligible to obtain a student loan for this year, which will help to cover the cost of living.

Find out more

For more information about the various study abroad opportunities visit: [www.polis.leeds.ac.uk/undergraduates/studyabroad](http://www.polis.leeds.ac.uk/undergraduates/studyabroad)

Semester abroad

Our BA International Development offers a unique opportunity to study for a semester abroad at one of our chosen partner universities such as the University of Ghana. So long as you achieve a minimum grade in your first year, you have the option to study and live alongside students in another country.

This option runs independently of the year-long study abroad programme. We have specific links to the host universities so that the work you do there counts towards your degree.

This means that the modules you would do in semester two in Leeds are non-compulsory for those who go abroad, and replaced by the modules done in the host institution.

IN EUROPE…
- Belgium
- France
- Germany
- Norway
- Spain
- Sweden
- The Netherlands
- Turkey

…AND BEYOND
- Australia
- Canada
- New Zealand
- South Africa
- USA
- opportunities in Asia and Latin America.

Work placement year

We have a fantastic work placement year programme which is possibly the best way to get invaluable experience for your CV and also to try out a possible career option.

Although most of our students take up placements in the UK, it is also possible to do your placement year overseas, as long as the language you are working in is English.

How much does it cost?

Similar to the year abroad option, students pay a substantially reduced fee for the work placement year. UK/EU students are still eligible to obtain a student loan for this year, which will help to cover the cost of living. Loans may vary according to individual circumstances.

I spent my placement year working in Westminster for a high profile member of the Shadow Cabinet. As well as writing to constituents and taking notes on meetings, I accompanied MPs on various visits including to the Labour Party conference in Liverpool.

I was working in Parliament during the EU referendum, which meant that it often felt like I was watching history being made.

Parliament was hard work, but also brilliant fun. I have come away with not only good career contacts, but close friends. When I graduate I hope to return to Westminster and I am confident that the experience I have gained during my placement year will be invaluable when I come to apply for jobs.

ANNIE-ROSE PETERMAN
BA Politics (Parliamentary Studies Pathway)
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: Gender and violence**

Dr Polly Wilding, Lecturer in Gender and International Development investigated the gendered intersections between different forms of violence which affect urban communities. More specifically, Polly looks at the linkages between urban and private violence in Latin America. Polly’s recent work has focused on such issues in Brazil, investigating how men are considered to be the victims of the violence in the Rio de Janeiro favelas, side-lining the experiences and victimisation of women. Polly argues for a more holistic gendered perspective in how we conceptualise the issue of urban violence. Polly is the Discovery Theme Leader for Power and Conflict modules at undergraduate level.

**President Trump**
Dr Christine Harlen, Dr Victoria Honeyman and Dr Jack Holland have all been called upon by local and national media channels for their political expertise during and after the US presidential election, discussing what we can expect to see from President Trump.

**War games**
Dr Nick Robinson’s research has investigated video games and how they replicate the complexity of war. Nick’s research has touched on the role of video games after 9/11 and how different nationalities are depicted as enemies.

**Voting behaviour**
Professor Jocelyn Evans researches European voting behaviour and the Radical Right. He is currently writing a book analysing the 2017 French presidential elections, and is working with opinion pollsters on how to measure vote intentions.

**Responsibilities to refugees**
Dr James Souter’s research interests lie in asylum, refugee protection and the responsibility to protect. In his most recent article, James has explored the concept of good international citizenship which, he argues, frequently involves discharging special responsibilities to protect refugees.

**Political leadership in the UK**
Professor Kevin Theakston’s recent work has explored the political leadership of David Cameron, the challenges faced during his time as prime minister and the legacy left behind for Theresa May.

**Manifest failing in Syria**
Dr Adrian Gallagher specialises in the study of mass violence in countries such as Syria, Libya, and South Sudan. He is part of a team of academics at the University who recently launched the European Centre for the Responsibility to Protect.

**Responsibility to protect**
Professor Jason Ralph recently completed a Marie Curie Fellowship at the Asia-Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect at the University of Queensland, where he is Honorary Professor.

**Education in nomadic communities**
Professor Caroline Dyer’s recent research has investigated the approaches to educating children from nomadic communities, particularly looking at case studies in Kenya, India and Afghanistan. Caroline argues that such case studies highlight the need to address equality, equivalence and learner progression.

**Global health**
Dr Emma-Louise Anderson has published on gender, HIV and risk. Her work draws upon extensive fieldwork in Malawi since 2006, including work in two indigenous languages. Based on this expertise, Emma contributed to developing the Government of Malawi’s ‘National Gender and HIV Implementation Plan’ (2015-2020).

**Family farming**
Professor Ray Bush’s research has recently focused on family farming in the near East and North Africa. His research explores the role of farming and agriculture in the broader political economy of the region, as well as the role and impact farmers have had on the social relations of production.
BA (Hons) International Development

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

ABB grades at A-level (General Studies accepted) or equivalent, for example, 34 points at IB. If English is not your first language you will also require an English language qualification, for example IELTS 6.5 with at least 6.0 in all components. We welcome the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) alongside A-levels; this would attract an offer of BBB at A-level plus an A in the EPQ.

INTRODUCTION

BA International Development examines key political, economic, and socio-cultural transformations in the Global South and the related development dynamics, challenges and opportunities confronting these societies.

You will be introduced to debates and controversies at the centre of contemporary development challenges by a teaching team with a wealth of field and work experience, covering topics such as markets, inequality, labour struggles, agrarian transformation, food sovereignty, gender, health, education, democratisation, human rights, conflict, violence and crime.

You will analyse both the theories and realities of development, reviewing key development strategies, policies and the operations of organisations and donors that promote development.

Throughout the course, we give analytical attention to the inter-relationships between global, national and local actors in contested strategies for development, as well as the changing forms of North-South and South-South relationships and their development implications. The course combines the breadth of interdisciplinary knowledge in International Development with a firm disciplinary grounding in the social sciences. If you wish to take advantage of the semester abroad option, you can study alongside students at one of our chosen partner universities.

YEAR 1

Compulsory Modules
- Comparative Politics
- Freedom, Power and Resistance: An Introduction to Political Ideas
- Global Development Challenges
- International Politics
- Making of the Modern World
- Studying and Researching in POLIS (5 credit skills module).

Discovery Modules (up to 20 credits)
Chosen from within or outside of the School.

YEAR 2

Compulsory Modules
- Development Approaches
- Development Practice.

- Semester abroad route
20 credits of optional modules in POLIS. Then 60 credits of International Development modules at one of our partner universities.

- Leeds route
Staying in Leeds for the semester means you will study Approaches to Analysis and 60 credits of optional modules from a specialist list in the School.

Optional Modules (40-60 credits)
Chosen from a specialist selection of Development modules which may include:
- International Development and Social Policy
- Land, Fuel and Agriculture
- The Politics of Aid
- Violence and Reconciliation in Africa.

You must then choose between 20 and 40 credits from a specialist list of POLIS modules.

Discovery Modules (up to 20 credits)
Chosen from within or outside of the School.

Modules subject to change.

Add a STUDY ABROAD or WORK PLACEMENT YEAR.
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Recent protests in Egypt, picture courtesy of Prof. Ray Bush

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Student view

International Development at Leeds is a fantastic course due to the specialist knowledge of academic staff. Every lecturer in the department conducts their own research in the field meaning the modules are supported by first-hand experiences.

I have also had the opportunity to widen my interest beyond those specific to International Development. POLIS has a wide range of modules available every year and therefore I have taken an interest in political theory – a topic I never thought I would have much interest in.

This year I have become Co-Chair of the committee for the society Student Action for Refugees (STAR). Aside from my degree this has been the most enriching experience of my time at Leeds. The society is part of a national charity whose aim is to welcome refugees and asylum seekers to Britain through local volunteering projects and campaigns. My role is to organise twice weekly conversation classes where students volunteer their time to practice basic English with refugees and asylum seekers in Leeds. Through this experience I have met some incredibly interesting people and have gained new, practical skills.

ELINOR PHILLIPS
BA International Development
**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

AAB grades at A-level (General Studies accepted) or equivalent, for example, 35 points at IB. If English is not your first language you will also require an English language qualification, for example IELTS 6.5 with at least 6.0 in all components. We welcome the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) alongside A-levels; this would attract an offer of ABB at A-level plus an A in the EPQ.

**INTRODUCTION**

This programme gives you a historical understanding of how the ‘society of states’ has evolved and how it may be changing today. It also provides a theoretical understanding of how actors behave and what obligations they may have to wider conceptions of international society.

Recent events have seemingly elevated international concerns to a higher level of importance. The need to cooperate with other states to counteract international threats is increasingly apparent. International Relations examines the political dynamics that influence interstate cooperation and it illustrates the specific role that international organisations like the United Nations play in promoting international peace and security.

**YEAR 1**

**Compulsory Modules**
- Comparative Politics
- EITHER British Politics OR Global Development Challenges
- Freedom, Power and Resistance: An Introduction to Political Ideas
- International Politics
- Making of the Modern World
- Studying and Researching in POLIS (5 credit skills module).

**Discovery Modules (up to 20 credits)**
Chosen from within or outside of the School.

**YEAR 2**

**Compulsory Modules**
- Approaches to Analysis
- Security Studies
- Theories of International Relations.

**Optional Modules**
You must select 40 – 60 credits from: United States Politics; Politics and Policy in the EU; Comparative Politics of Pacific Asia; Politics of Contemporary China; and State and Politics in Africa.

You may choose 20 credits from: North-South Linkages; Revolution and Reaction: Political Problems in the 20th Century; Spin Doctors and Electioneering; Development Approaches; Introduction to Comparative Public Policy; Beliefs and Attitudes in Politics; The Conservative Party since 1945; Justice, Community and Conflict; and Career Planning for POLIS Students.

**Discovery Modules (up to 20 credits)**
Chosen from within or outside of the School.

**FINAL YEAR**

**Compulsory Modules**
- Dissertation (40 credits).

**Optional Modules**
You will be required to take 40 – 80 credits from: British Foreign Policy; Europe in the World; Israel; Politics and Society: The Responsibility to Protect and to Prosecute; American Foreign Policy; Politics of Islamism; Analysing Data in Politics; Development and International Relations; Crisis Diplomacy: Coercion, Sanctions and the Use of Force in International Relations; Dirty War: Insurgency, the State and Cities; and Terrorism Concepts, Debates and Cases.

You will be required to study up to 40 credits from: Elections and Voters; British Political Parties; Prime Ministers and British Politics; The Politics of Aid; Extreme Right Parties in Contemporary Europe; Britain and the EU; Exploring Political Theory; Political Psychology; Culture and Community: Theoretical Perspectives; Machiavelli and the Making of Modernity; Feminist Challenges to Political Theory; Video Games, Politics, Society and Culture; The End of British Politics?; Land, Fuel and Agriculture; and Violence and Reconciliation in Africa.

**Discovery Modules (up to 20 credits)**
Chosen from within or outside of the School.

Modules subject to change.

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Add a STUDY ABROAD or WORK PLACEMENT YEAR. See page 8
I absolutely love my course, particularly due to its continuing relevance and evolving nature. The module looking at the EU has reflected the implications of Brexit and the United States Politics module has analysed the Presidency of Trump.

I have particularly enjoyed studying international relations modules which focus on the lenses through which we analyse the world. I feel this has challenged many assumptions which I held about the world and has really pushed me to critically engage with the literature within my subject.

The POLIS Society regularly organise talks by various academics and figures of political importance which occur outside of classes. They give an interesting insight into topics that perhaps you haven’t had the chance to delve into within your modules and can be a great inspiration for a dissertation topic. I have also had the opportunity to go to both Amsterdam and Budapest with the society to celebrate the end of exams.

GEORGIA ELLIS
BA International Relations
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

AAB grades at A-level (General Studies accepted) or equivalent, for example, 35 points at IB. If English is not your first language you will also require an English language qualification, for example IELTS 6.5 with at least 6.0 in all components. We welcome the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) alongside A-levels; this would attract an offer of ABB at A-level plus an A in the EPQ.

INTRODUCTION

This degree examines the vital mechanisms of power and influence in public life. It explores the key dynamics of political systems and provides you with the knowledge and skills to construct practical solutions to real political challenges. The course enables you to study the main political ideas that structure our political systems, and the wider social forces that shape political life.

You will have the opportunity to develop in-depth knowledge of British politics and to analyse wider international issues and concerns. You will learn how to compare and contrast different political systems across the world, and track the evolution of global politics from the rise of the modern state to the present day.

In your second and final years you have a great deal of choice which allows you to tailor the degree to your own interests and aspirations.

The degree provides a basis for a career in a range of organisations such as interest groups, research bodies, the media, the Civil Service, local government and political consultancy; for which political understanding is important, and for a career in the professions such as law, financial services and teaching.

All BA Politics students are eligible to apply for the Parliamentary Studies Pathway towards the end of the first year, which adds a political placement year to your degree. See page 15 for more information.

YEAR 1

**Compulsory Modules**
- British Politics
- Comparative Politics
- Freedom, Power and Resistance: An Introduction to Political Ideas
- International Politics
- Making of the Modern World
- Studying and Researching in POLIS (5 credit skills module).

**Discovery Modules (up to 20 credits)**
Chosen from within or outside of the School.

**Plus:** Option to apply for the Parliamentary Studies Pathway towards the end of year one. If your application is successful you will transfer onto a different second and third year, (see page 15) before returning for the same final year as BA (Hons) Politics.

YEAR 2

**Compulsory Modules**
- Approaches to Analysis.

**Optional Modules**

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| • Revolution and Reaction: Political Problems in the 20th Century. | • Comparative Public Policy
| | • The UK Parliament: Between Tradition and Reform |
| | • Politics of Contemporary China |
| | • Politics and Policy in the EU |
| | • Spin Doctors and Electioneering |
| | • State and Politics in Africa |
| | • The Conservative Party since 1945 |
| | • United States Politics. |

**Discovery Modules (up to 40 credits)** chosen from within or outside of the School.

FINAL YEAR

**Compulsory Modules**
- Dissertation.

**Optional Modules (60 credits)**
- Chosen from a list of specialist POLIS modules.

**Discovery Modules (20 credits)**
- Chosen from inside or outside of the School.

Modules subject to change.
Enhance your BA Politics degree by applying for the Parliamentary Studies Pathway which adds a political placement year to your degree. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain first-hand experience in the field, allowing you to attain and develop key transferable skills in addition to enhancing your knowledge of politics and policy.

Who can take this pathway?
All BA Politics students are eligible to apply for the Parliamentary Studies Pathway towards the end of the first year. Places are limited so we will select students based on academic performance, a written application and an interview.

What are the placement options?
You will apply for a specific political placement from a list of opportunities advertised to BA Politics students. Options may include working at MPs’ offices in Westminster or their constituency, in party offices or with other UK political organisations.

How will this affect my degree?
On the Parliamentary Studies Pathway you have more compulsory modules in year two as there are certain areas you need to cover in order to have a successful placement (see year two details). The Pathway also changes your degree from three to four years, with your third year spent on placement before returning for your fourth and final year which is when you will complete your dissertation and choose a range of modules that suit your aspirations and interests – the same as on the standard BA Politics. Your experience will also be reflected in your degree award as you will graduate with a BA Politics (Parliamentary Studies).

Gain hands-on political experience
Joint honours

The University of Leeds offers one of the most varied selections of two-subject degrees in the country. Joint honours programmes allow you to specialise in two subject areas which gives you flexibility and the opportunity to explore interests further. You will apply to, and your personal tutor will be located in, a parent department. The programme parented by POLIS is listed below, to discover further joint honours opportunities parented by other schools visit: courses.leeds.ac.uk

BA Economics and Politics  UCAS code: LL12

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

AAA grades at A-level or equivalent, for example, 35 points at IB. GCSE mathematics grade A/7 is also required. If English is not your first language you will also require an English language qualification, for example IELTS 6.5 with at least 6.0 in all components.

INTRODUCTION

This course will give you a firm grounding in the institutions and practices of modern political systems, and a critical understanding of the economic issues arising in business, public policy and society at large. You will examine British politics and analyse international issues. You will explore the political systems of other countries and track the evolution of global politics from the rise of the modern state to the present day. The course also allows you to develop a deep understanding of the economic factors that influence income, wealth and wellbeing. You will also learn how scarce resources come to be allocated, distributed and utilised today, and how such factors may change in the future. For more information on this course and a full list of modules available, visit: www.polis.leeds.ac.uk

YEAR 1 Compulsory Modules

• Comparative Politics
• Economics and Global History
• Economic Theory and Applications I
• Freedom, Power and Resistance: An Introduction to Political Ideas
• Mathematics and Statistics for Business and Economics (exact modules depend on your Mathematics entry level)
• Studying and Researching in POLIS (5 credit skills module).

Discovery Modules (up to two)
Chosen from within or outside of the School.

YEAR 2 Compulsory Modules

• Intermediate Macroeconomics
• Intermediate Microeconomics.

You will also take a core methods/methodology module plus modules that explore political theory and government and political systems based research specialisms in the School of Politics and International Studies.

Optional Modules
Chosen from specialist lists in the Business School and the School of Politics and International Studies.

Discovery Modules (choose one)
Chosen from within or outside of the School.

FINAL YEAR Compulsory Modules

You will take a number of modules including a final year dissertation, from a wide-ranging list from Leeds University Business School and the School of Politics and International Studies.

Discovery Modules (choose one)
Chosen from within or outside of the School.

Modules subject to change.

Add a STUDY ABROAD or WORK PLACEMENT YEAR. See page 8
In my view politics is everything, it affects all of us in ways we do not even realise and learning about how power relations work around the world is so interesting and important. My course relates to stories that are on the news every day and my degree helps me understand current affairs.

The course is very engaging and I am pleased with the level of choice I had when picking modules and my dissertation topic.

I undertook a work placement year in my third year which has given me the insight and skills needed to find employment after I graduate. I worked in Parliament for an MP, working in a high-pressure work environment in Westminster.

I want to start a career in the media and specifically news broadcasting. I have seen how the media works from the side of politicians and want to learn about it from the side of broadcasters, as they ultimately decide what information is given to the public.

ALEX GRAY
BA Politics (Parliamentary Studies Pathway)
Careers

Specialist careers support
In addition to the University Careers Centre, which provides help to all students at Leeds, POLIS has a dedicated Careers Consultant to cater to your specific needs and enhance your personal development during your time with us.

As a student in the School of Politics and International Studies you will have access to:

- Alumni talks
- Careers advice
- Careers modules
- CV guidance
- Networking events
- One-to-one careers sessions
- Specialist careers talks (see below)
- Volunteering opportunities
- Work experience opportunities.

Careers events
Each year we host a variety of events designed to give you a snapshot of the opportunities available to you. POLIS students have previously attended sessions on:

- How to get into the NGO Sector – hosted by CEO of Supporting Kids in Peru, Liz Wilson.
- Public Sector Careers Panel Event – providing insight into graduate careers within the NHS, Civil Service, local government and more.
- Careers with Global Organisations – guest speakers from the UN, and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office amongst others came in to discuss the skills and experience required to work for their organisations.

Graduate destinations
Our students thrive in the increasingly competitive job market and alumni go into a wide range of careers including political research and analysis, political consultancy and work with research bodies.

Graduates have secured jobs in local and central government, the Civil Service, international organisations such as the UN and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the UK and overseas.

Many of our graduates also go on to successful careers in teaching, business and finance and the media where an understanding of political issues at home and abroad is increasingly seen as necessary.

Recent graduate roles include:

- Campaigns Manager
- Charity Field Worker
- English Teacher
- Financial Consulting Analyst
- Health Economist
- Media and Public Relations Executive
- National Graduate Development Programme
- Parliamentary Assistant
- Policy Officer
- Political Researcher
- Politics Editor
- Recruitment Co-ordinator
- Refugee Support Service Worker
- Transport Strategy and Service Development Manager.

Having graduated from the University of Leeds, I am now doing an MPhil in International Relations and Politics at the University of Cambridge. My research focuses on the ‘Responsibility to Prosecute’ and how the International Criminal Court advances a particular understanding of transitional justice that is inherently punitive.

What I loved most about the School of Politics and International Studies at Leeds was the staff who were extremely supportive. With their help I founded the Responsibility to Protect Student Coalition and in my last year I co-founded the first global, student-led journal on responses to mass atrocity: The Responsibility to Protect Student Journal.

Throughout my degree I had the opportunity to choose modules related to international development, foreign policy, security studies, British, US and African politics, and European politics. The curriculum was informed by our professors’ own research, which meant that we had the chance to learn from experts in the field.

At the end of my first year I was awarded the Undergraduate Research and Leadership Scholarship. I was offered the opportunity to work as a research assistant with the Intervention and International Society research cluster for two summers. My job was to analyse international responses to the humanitarian crises in the Central African Republic and Libya.

GEORGIANA EPURE
BA International Relations

UK TOP 10
FOR STUDENT EMPLOYABILITY.
QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2017
I studied BA Economics and Politics at Leeds and I am now working in Group Strategy at Barclays.

After university I spent three years at KPMG training to be an accountant and then I decided to move on from accountancy into investment banking.

I think what I really took away from Leeds was the variety of people I met. I think being able to get on with people from a wide variety of backgrounds has really helped me in my professional life.

JAMES ANKERS
BA Economics and Politics

James is the Director of Group Strategy at Barclays

I am the Managing Director of Shiver, a factual TV programme company, creating programmes for channels such as ITV, Channel 4 and the BBC. Studying at Leeds has given me a fascination for the world and a hunger for information. If I could give my final year self any advice it would be to really think about what you’re passionate about. The people who succeed in a certain area are those who are doing what they really want to do.

ALEX GARDINER
BA Politics (Parliamentary Studies Pathway)
Managing Director of Shiver
Overview
Successful completion of the first year of this programme will provide you with both the academic and practical skills required for successful undergraduate study. It also provides access onto the first year of a range of degree programmes within the Faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Law. Help and guidance on financing your studies is available.

Entry requirements
Usually some evidence of prior study at GCSE level, such as maths and English at grade C/4 or equivalent, however this is flexible. We particularly welcome applications from mature students who don’t meet the standard requirements. Applicants will be given the chance to demonstrate their ability through an interview.

Find out more
For more information on the BA Social Science see: www.sociology.leeds.ac.uk/undergraduates/ba-social-science

Access to Leeds
The University recognises that not all applicants are able to demonstrate their talents and potential as readily as others through grades alone.

Access to Leeds is an alternative admissions scheme designed to help students whose personal circumstances may affect their ability to achieve the exam grades we would normally expect. All of our single honours and joint honours courses accept Access to Leeds applicants.

For more information on the Access to Leeds scheme, including eligibility criteria see: www.leeds.ac.uk/A2L

International students
We welcome applications from students with international qualifications.

International students apply in the same way as British students, through UCAS.

All candidates whose first language is not English will need to gain an English language qualification.

Our International Office regularly travels overseas to meet with prospective students to advise them about life as an international student in Leeds.

For more information visit: www.leeds.ac.uk/internationalstudents

If you are not able to study to the appropriate level for entry onto year one of our degrees you can undertake our international foundation year.

Find out more: internationalfoundationyear.leeds.ac.uk

The foundation year in social science was the perfect course for me. It is made for people like me who have the potential to study at university but may not necessarily have the formal qualifications to do so.

I have found the course really interesting and engaging, learning about things such as class stratification and welfare legislation, things that have always directly affected my life without me even realising. It has been a real eye opener.

Coming to university is the best thing I have ever done. It has allowed me to achieve things that I never thought possible and this has really helped to rebuild my lost confidence.
Fees and funding

Choosing the right university is an important decision and an investment in your future. Here are details of the funding packages available.

**UK/EU TUITION FEES**

At the time of printing, full details of fees for 2018 have not yet been finalised but we expect arrangements to be similar to 2017.

Keep checking our website for updates on fees and details of the financial support that may be available to you at: courses.leeds.ac.uk

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**GOVERNMENT SUPPORT**

The government offers financial support in the form of loans, which must be paid back, and grants, which you do not have to pay back.

For further information and to find out if you’re eligible visit: www.gov.uk/student-finance

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**LEEDS FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Since 2012 many undergraduates have benefitted from our non-repayable financial support programme which is linked to annual household income. At the time of printing our funding arrangements for 2018 had not been finalised so keep checking the website for the latest updates:

www.leeds.ac.uk/leedsfinancialsupport

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**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

Fees for 2018 entry are currently being finalised so please check the website below for the latest information. You may be eligible for a University academic scholarship.

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

You should also research possible funding available in your home country.

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**SCHOLARSHIPS**

On top of the Leeds Financial Support there are a wide range of scholarships for which you can apply. Some of our scholarships target UK/EU students based on household income, others are dependent solely on your academic achievement and some are specifically for international students.

For more information on our scholarships see: www.leeds.ac.uk/scholarships

The School of Politics and International Studies offers the POLIS Excellence Scholarship, a £2,000 scholarship available to UK/EU students who achieve A*A*A at A-level or equivalent.

For more information visit: www.polis.leeds.ac.uk/undergraduates/student-finance
**Coming to Leeds**

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

**FROM OUTSIDE THE UK**

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.

**FROM WITHIN THE UK**

All students need to apply through UCAS. You can apply online at [www.ucas.com/apply](http://www.ucas.com/apply).

If you have any queries about applying please contact ugpolis@leeds.ac.uk

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**UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS 2017**

- Saturday 17 June
- Thursday 22 June
- Friday 23 June
- Saturday 9 September
- Saturday 7 October

[www.leeds.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/opendays)

**POST-APPLICATION VISITS**

If we make you an offer we will invite you to a specific School of Politics and International Studies visit day.

This is an opportunity to meet staff and get a more in-depth look at what it will really be like studying with us. During your visit, current students can provide campus tours and will also be available to informally answer questions.

**ACCOMMODATION VIEWING DAY**

We also have a University accommodation viewing day on Saturday 21 April 2018.

This is intended for offer holders to see all of the possible options in one day.

You can also take a look at all of the options at: [www.accommodation.leeds.ac.uk](http://www.accommodation.leeds.ac.uk)

**CAMPUS TOURS**

Ideal for if you cannot make the scheduled open days, the University organises a number of campus tours throughout the academic year.

You will be guided around the campus by one of our ambassadors and have the opportunity to ask questions about the University.

Find out more at: [www.leeds.ac.uk/visitus](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/visitus)

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**How to apply**

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If you have any queries about applying please contact ugpolis@leeds.ac.uk
Studying BA Politics you get to apply what you’ve learned in the course to current political affairs, meaning you have a thorough knowledge of what is happening around you, globally, nationally and locally.

I am currently involved in starting up a new society at the Students’ Union, called True Democracy. I also ran in the NUS elections and got elected as the delegate to NUS’ Black Students Conference.

ILEYAS MOGEH
BA Politics

Studying International Relations has allowed me to learn how and why wars happen and how they contribute in the future to peacekeeping operations and development of the world.

I really enjoy the opportunity to choose most of my modules and to make my own schedule. The academic staff are all specialists in their fields and they take their time to guide us through the learning process.

I am also a Leeds Loves Ambassador, which has given me the opportunity to meet new people, make new friends, and also enhance many skills which I will need in the future, such as public speaking, making and delivering presentations and working efficiently under pressure.

IOANA ENE
BA International Relations