

POLITICS, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & DEVELOPMENT

The University of Westminster is recognised internationally for its innovative teaching and research in politics, international relations and development. The student experience is at the heart of everything we do, reflected in our soaring rankings in the most recent National Student Surveys. We like to stand out from the crowd in the way we approach teaching and scholarship in politics; joining our academic community is about discovery and innovation.

We are in the centre of one of the world's greatest cities and we use this vibrant, multicultural setting to ensure that our students discover innovative solutions to the problems facing our world. As a department we also host the world renowned Centre for the Study of Democracy, a leading research centre exploring risky questions of democracy and democratic ideals within a global context.

Teaching and learning

We value innovation in learning and excellence in teaching. You will be taught by leading scholars who are committed to sharing their knowledge of politics, international relations and development with you. Our professors teach extensively across the undergraduate programme and you will get a chance to engage with some of the leading thinkers in the field. As a student you are more than a number: you are part of our academic community, and our non-hierarchical learning culture makes us a refreshing choice for studies in politics, international relations and development.

Employability

We know that studying offers you a pathway to professional success and we have developed a curriculum that builds skills for employability into your learning. Our accredited internship programme will help to improve your career prospects and build relationships with employers.

See also: Languages p120



Our exchange programme

includes partner universities in countries around the world



Lecture theatre and students in the library at Regent Campus

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT BA HONOURS

Length of course: Three years full-time

UCAS code: LL12

Campus: Regent (See p26)

Typical offer for September 2016: A Levels – BBC; International Baccalaureate – 30 points; Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma – DDM/Diploma DM with A Level Grade B in a humanities-related subject. See also entry requirements on p197.



Our International Relations and Development BA Honours gives you an understanding of the global dimensions of world politics and how these are linked to economic, social and political change. It focuses on international development and the challenges associated with political and economic change in the international system. It enables you to explore questions of poverty, inequality and under-development. We consider the relationships between the global north and south and ask difficult questions about the nature of justice in international relations and global economy.

We examine different regions, cultures and territories, and consider the impact that key political, economic and social policies have had for individual states and societies and in different parts of the world, including Africa, Asia, the Middle East, China, India and Latin America. The International Relations and Development BA Honours provides a theoretical framework for understanding the international distribution of power at the global, regional and national levels.

For module information and further details, please visit: westminster.ac.uk/politics-and-international-relations

FACTS & FIGURES

100% of our International Relations and Development BA Honours students were satisfied with their course.

(NSS data, 2015)

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BA HONOURS

Length of course: Three years full-time

UCAS code: L250

Campus: Regent (See p26)

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The International Relations BA Honours gives you a rich understanding of the evolution of the international system and how we understand the structure of world politics through the state, political identities and territorial claims. We ask students to critically engage with the geopolitical dimensions of contemporary politics and examine the history of world politics through different social, political and economic perspectives.

This course provides a theoretical framework for understanding the international system and the distribution of power at global, regional and national levels. You will examine patterns of global governance, consider the just use of force within international politics and examine the security practices of states against the backdrop of the 'war on terror'.

You will focus particularly on the changing dynamics of international security, political violence and the ethics of global order. Our graduates understand the world in which we live because they are able to reflect on the structures, processes and global powers within the international system.

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"I'm really enjoying my course, and looking at the range of modules that are now offered to first years, I think that the course is going to get even better. I think it's great that in the first year International Relations and Politics students are together, because you learn so much from each other."

Michaela Kurucova
International Relations BA Honours,
2012, Slovakia

POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BA HONOURS

Length of course: Three years full-time; five years part-time

UCAS code: L290

Campus: Regent (See p26)

Typical offer for September 2016: A Levels – BBC; International Baccalaureate – 30 points; Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma – DDM/Diploma DM with A Level Grade B in a humanities-related subject. See also entry requirements on p197.



The Politics and International Relations BA Honours provides an integrated approach to the study of power in comparative and international politics: who, what, when and how?

We seek to understand the comparative dimensions of politics at the local, regional, national and global level. You will engage with the philosophical, theoretical, institutional and issue-based concerns relating to governance in world politics.

You will be encouraged to think about practices of states and citizens as they confront future global challenges – whether in terms of environmental security, patterns of conflict and co-operation between states, or the shift from 'anarchy' in the global sphere to co-ordination through intergovernmental organisations and non-state actors. You will develop specialist knowledge of important political actors and emerging trends in global politics, along with critical and analytical skills in the understanding of social, economic and political problems.

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"I've always been very driven to make a difference, and I think politics is the best industry to go into to achieve that. Being so central to Westminster you actually get a taste of the action, as it's happening. It's not just looking at a book about it, it's actually there, on your doorstep."

James Brown
Politics and International Relations
BA Honours, 2013

POLITICS BA HONOURS

Length of course: Three years full-time; five years part-time

UCAS code: L200

Campus: Regent (See p26)

Typical offer for September 2016: A Levels – BBC; International Baccalaureate – 30 points; Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma – DDM/Diploma DM with A Level Grade B in a humanities-related subject. See also entry requirements on p197.



Our Politics BA Honours is concerned with the study of power and the importance of political analysis for understanding the unequal distribution of power at local, national and global level. We undertake detailed investigation of the structure of power in different contexts and settings, exploring the role of political violence, political identities and political ideologies for making sense of the world we live in.

You will study the global dimensions of political culture and consider the ways in which political identities (class, sexuality, gender, ethnicity, nationalism) are essential for understanding political systems. Rather than focusing on electoral systems, we opt for a deeper investigation of political culture and the role that political identity plays in shaping political outcomes.

You will develop an understanding of the complex relationship between government and society in regions all over the world, from Europe, the Middle East and Asia to North and South America.

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Our central London location makes us the perfect choice to study politics