

Course Specification:

UIPA-L2L8 BAsc in Politics and International Studies and Global Sustainable Development
UIPA-L8L9 BAsc in Politics and International Studies and Global Sustainable Development
(with Intercalated Year)

The full course title

BAsc in Politics and International Studies and Global Sustainable Development
BAsc in Politics and International Studies and Global Sustainable Development (with
Intercalated Year)

The full course/route code as displayed on SITS

UIPA-L2L8 (3 year degree)
UIPA-L2L9 (4 year intercalated degree)

The qualification aim

Bachelor of Arts and Science (with Honours)

The UCAS course code, as assigned by UCAS

L2L8

Entry requirements

[Click here to view the current entry requirements](#)

The title of the home Department

Global Sustainable Development (a division of the School for Cross-faculty Studies)

The Course Leader's name

Dr Katie Reeves

Contact information for the course leader and department resource account

GSD Director of Undergraduate Studies: Katie.Reeves@warwick.ac.uk
GSD Undergraduate Office: UGGSD@warwick.ac.uk

The course duration in years

3 years full-time
4 years full time for Intercalated degree

The mode of attendance and whether the course is full or part time

Full time according to Funding Council definitions

Location

University of Warwick Campus (and at a partner institution in terms 2 and 3 in year 2 if a student is taking the integrated option).

University of Warwick Campus (and at a partner institution or work placement location in year 3 of intercalated degree).

The Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications level for the award

Degree of Bachelor of Arts and Science (level 6)

The full credit load (including the total load and breakdown at each level)

3 year degree:

Year 1 – 120 CATS

Year 2 – 120 CATS

Final Year – 120 CATS

Total credit load: 360 CATS

4 year intercalated degree:

Year 1 – 120 CATS

Year 2 – 120 CATS

Year 3 – 120 CATS

Final Year – 120 CATS

Total credit load: 480 CATS

Credit Weightings towards Final Degree Classification**3 Year Degree:**

Year 1 – 0%

Year 2 – 50%

Final Year – 50%

4 Year Intercalated Degree:

Year 1 – 0%

Year 2 – 50%

Year 3 – 0%

Final Year – 50%

Associated Exit Awards Available

Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE)

Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE)

Accreditation information, including the name of the body, the accreditation type, the link to accreditation page, information on requirements, and the duration of approval granted

The Institute of Sustainability and Environmental Professionals (ISEP) is the global professional body for individuals and organisations working and studying in sustainability and the environment. Since 2023, all of our undergraduate courses in Global Sustainable Development are now accredited by ISEP, meaning that our students receive a professionally recognised level of knowledge, skills and tools for working in sustainability practice. As a result, all current students and recent graduates are eligible for membership of ISEP.

<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/schoolforcross-facultystudies/gsd/aboutus/isep/>

Which modules are to be studied, separated by level of study, type of module (core, optional core etc.) and credit value identified, and if they need to be passed for progression/award

Year 1

All modules taken in the first year will be FHEQ level 4 (Undergraduate Level 1). Students must register for 120 CATS in total. Overcatting and undercatting is not permitted in any circumstances.

GSD Required Core Modules

Students are registered on 60 CATS of required core GSD Modules:

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
GD104	Economic Principles of Global Sustainable Development	15
GD105	Environmental Principles of Global Sustainable Development	15
GD106	Social Principles of Global Sustainable Development	15
GD107	Global Sustainable Development Project	15

PAIS Required Core Modules

Students are registered on 60 CATS of PAIS required core modules:

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
PO131	World Politics	30
PO107	Introduction to Politics	30

To progress to their second year of study students must pass all 120 CATS of required core modules.

Year 2

All modules taken in the second year must be FHEQ level 5 (Undergraduate Level 2).¹ Students must register for 120 CATS in total. Overcatting and undercatting is not permitted in any circumstances.

In the second year, students may opt to spend terms two and three studying abroad.

For students who choose to stay at Warwick for the whole of their second year:

PAIS Required Core Modules

Students must take two PAIS required core modules:

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
PO2E2	Foundations of Political Theory	15
PO2E3	Topics in Political Theory	15

GSD Optional Core Module

Student must take one GSD 30 CATS optional core module, choosing one of the following:

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
GD204	Health and Sustainable Development	30
GD205	Security, Sovereignty and Sustainability in the Global Food System	30
GD206	Inequalities and Sustainable Development: Inclusion and Dignity for All	30

Optional Modules with a 'GSD Focus'

Students must take 30 CATS of approved second year modules with a global sustainable development focus offered by any department including Global Sustainable Development and the other divisions of the School for Cross-faculty Studies (Liberal Arts and Design Studies) excluding PAIS:

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
	Any approved second year modules with a global sustainable development focus offered by any department including Global Sustainable Development and the other divisions of the School for Cross-faculty Studies (Liberal Arts and Design Studies) excluding PAIS	30

PAIS Optional Modules

¹ The following GSD level 6 modules are the only exceptions to this rule: GD323, GD324, GS301. Second year students are permitted to take these modules.

The remaining 30 CATS must be used for PAIS second year optional modules:

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
	Any approved second year modules offered by the PAIS department	30

To progress to their final year of study students must pass 90 CATS in total *including* PO2E2-15 and PO2E3-15 *and* achieve a year mark of at least 40%

For students who choose to spend the second and third terms studying abroad at a partner institution:

GSD Core Module²

Students are required to register on a 60 CATS module to represent their integrated terms studying abroad:

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
GD200	Study Abroad Part Year	60

GSD Optional Core Modules

Students must choose one 15 CATS term 1 GSD optional core module:

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
GD209	Health and Sustainable Development	15
GD207	Security, Sovereignty and Sustainability in the Global Food System	15
GD208	Inequalities and Sustainable Development: Inclusion and Dignity for All	15

PAIS Required Core Module

In addition, students must take one PAIS required core module:

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
PO2E2	Foundations of Political Theory	15

Optional Module with a 'GSD Focus'

Students must take one 15 CATS approved term 1 second year optional module with a global sustainable development focus offered by any department including Global Sustainable Development and the other divisions of the School for Cross-faculty Studies (Liberal Arts and Design Studies) but excluding PAIS:

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
	Any approved term 1 second year module with a global sustainable development focus offered by any department including Global	15

² This is not a core module for the course L2L8/L2L9 as such but only for students taking the integrated study abroad option.

	Sustainable Development and the other divisions of the School for Cross-faculty Studies (Liberal Arts and Design Studies) excluding PAIS	
--	--	--

PAIS Optional Module

For their final 15 CATS, student must take a term 1 second year PAIS optional module:

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
	Any approved term 1 second year module offered by PAIS	15

To progress to their final year of study students must pass 90 CATS in total *including* PO2E2-15 *and* achieve a year mark of at least 40%

Final Year

All modules taken in the final year must be FHEQ level 6 (Undergraduate Level 3). Students must register for 120 CATS in total. Overcatting and undercatting is not permitted in any circumstances.

GSD Required Core Module

Students are registered on one 30 CATS GSD required core module:

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
GD307	Global Sustainable Development Dissertation/Long Project	30

Optional Modules with a 'GSD Focus'

Students take any approved final year modules with a global sustainable development focus offered by any department including Global Sustainable Development and the other divisions of the School for Cross-faculty Studies (Liberal Arts and Design Studies) excluding PAIS:

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
	Any approved final year modules with a global sustainable development focus offered by any department including Global Sustainable Development and the other divisions of the School for Cross-faculty Studies (Liberal Arts and Design Studies) excluding PAIS	30

PAIS Optional Modules³

Students must take 60 CATS of final year PAIS modules:

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
	Any approved final year modules offered by PAIS	60

³ Students who started before 23/24 must take this required core module: PO301-30.

For students who started in 23/24:

To pass their final year and be considered for an honours degree a student must pass 90 CATS *including* GD307-30 *and* achieve a year mark of at least 40% *and* meet any other requirements specified by the relevant Rules for Award.

For students who started before 23/24:

To pass their final year and be considered for an honours degree a student must pass 90 CATS *including* GD307-30 *and* PO301-30 *and* achieve a year mark of at least 40% *and* meet any other requirements specified by the relevant Rules for Award.

Year 3 of Intercolated Degree

Students on the intercalated degree spend the third year either studying abroad, on a work placement or taking a combination of the two activities. They are required to register accordingly on the following modules:

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
GD201-120	Study Abroad Full Year	120
GD202-120	Work Placement Full Year	120
GD314-60	Work Placement Part Year	60
GD215-60	Study Abroad Part Year	60

Providing students satisfy the requirements of their study abroad or placement year, they are permitted to progress to the final year on the intercalated degree.

Progression and award rules and requirements

Students entering in 2021/22: [Rules for Award 21/22](#)

Students entering in 2022/23: [Rules for Award 22/23](#)

Students entering in or after 2023/24: [Rules for Award 23/24](#)

Students entering in or after 2025/26 [Rules for Award 25/26](#)

Additional course costs at the course level, aligned to the principles here Additional Course Costs (warwick.ac.uk)

Students will require an IT device. Device equipment specifications:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/idg/about/infrastructure-operations/knowledge/recommended-it-device-specifications-for-students>

Students may wish to buy mandatory/recommended books that are nevertheless available in the Library, but this is not required. There may be module-specific costs for optional modules, and students are advised to check for any costs before registering for their modules.