



# POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

UNDERGRADUATE STUDY

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# POLITICS SURROUNDS YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE.

## BUT WHAT IS IT?

The easy answer is that it's what politicians do. But politics is so much more than that. Politics is all around us in our everyday lives.

It's in the price of the milk that we put in our coffee. It determines why and how we learn at school. It governs the hours that shops can stay open on Sundays. It regulates the speed at which we can drive our cars. It determined how we responded to the coronavirus

pandemic. We encounter politics throughout our lives – and we probably complain about it every week around the dinner table. But, what is politics really about? Whose interests does politics serve? Where does power lie and who exercises it?

These questions, and so many more, are at the core of the academic discipline of Politics and International Studies.



# IS POLITICS A GOOD CHOICE FOR ME?

Politics isn't just for those who want to become a politician – though you would certainly find it an ideal subject, if that's the case.

If you have studied philosophy, economics, geography, literature, sociology, or history, you'll have already confronted political problems and grappled with political questions. If you want to be a lawyer or a business leader, a journalist or a charity worker, a consultant or do almost any other job, then politics may play a significant role in your future career. If you want a deeper understanding of how the political world functions, why and how decisions are made by governments, other institutions and organisations and what the consequences are of the actions taken in our name by public officials, then the study of Politics and International Studies is the subject for you.



**4<sup>TH</sup> IN THE UK**  
 TIMES AND SUNDAY TIMES 2021

**WHY WARWICK**

NUMBER **1**  
 FOR 'OVERALL SATISFACTION' IN RUSSELL GROUP FOR POLITICS NATIONAL STUDENT SURVEY 2019

RANKED **4<sup>TH</sup>**  
 IN THE UK THE COMPLETE UNIVERSITY GUIDE 2021

RANKED **1<sup>ST</sup>**  
 IN THE UK FOR 'RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT' IN REF 2014

Innovation, creativity and a fascination with all things political defines the lively and interactive culture that you'll be part of as we take care to stretch and challenge you. To delve deep into your interests. To ignite your passions. To inspire you to answer the questions you've always wanted to ask. You'll select your own pathway, think critically and seek to make your own contribution.

**ONE OF THE LARGEST POLITICS DEPARTMENTS IN THE UK - 60 MEMBERS OF ACADEMIC STAFF**

At Warwick we have a wide range of expertise concentrated together within one department. Our strong research profile enables us to provide research-led teaching across the specialisms of our academic staff.

**WORLD-LEADING ACADEMICS**

Your course is designed and taught by academics, many of whom are members of national and international research centres, advocacy groups and think tanks, or holders of consultancy roles with national governments and international

organisations. With students and staff from around the globe representing over 40 countries, we are diverse and cosmopolitan, drawing from all backgrounds and valuing all experiences.

**SHAPE YOUR DEGREE**

With a wide range of modules to choose from, it is possible to customise your degree according to your own intellectual pursuits, research interests and career objectives. Each year our modules are reviewed and updated to ensure quality and to incorporate student feedback. New modules are also added as we continue to grow, and new staff members arrive in the department, bringing their own expertise into the mix.



## CHOICE & FLEXIBILITY

All of our courses provide a thorough grounding in politics: the key theories, issues and academic political analysis, all involving a comparative and global perspective. Programmes provide you with a strong foundation of knowledge in your first year, followed by an increasing level of choice in the later years of your degree.

## SUBJECT PATHWAYS

On our core degrees you can choose to follow any one of five pathways or select modules from across the programme.

The pathways are:

- Comparative Politics
- Political Theory
- International Political Economy
- International Relations & Security
- Quantitative Political Analysis

You customise your degree programme according to your interests and goals. Whether you focus on a single area or take a cross-pathway approach, you will have a high degree of intellectual freedom to cross 'traditional' topic lines and explore issues that matter to you.

The modules naturally align with our research clusters in the department. Opposite are some examples of modules available 2020/2021.

## SELECTION OF MODULES AVAILABLE FOR THE 2019/20 ACADEMIC YEAR:

### FIRST YEAR:

- PO102 - Political Research in the 21st Century
- PO107 - Introduction to Politics
- PO11Q - Introduction to Quantitative Political Analysis I
- PO12Q - Introduction to Quantitative Political Analysis II
- PO131 - World Politics
- PO132 - Contemporary Themes in Comparative Politics
- PO133 - Foundations of Political Economy
- PO134 - Justice Democracy and Citizenship
- PO135 - Nine Ideas in International Security

### INTERMEDIATE YEAR:

- PO201 - Political Theory from Hobbes
- PO203 - Politics of International Development
- PO206 - Politics in the UK
- PO207 - Politics of the USA
- PO219 - Theories of International Relations
- PO222 - The Politics of China
- PO230 - States and Markets: An Introduction to IPE
- PO231 - International Security
- PO233 - Core Issues in Comparative Politics
- PO238 - Themes in European Integration
- PO240 - Capitalism and its Alternatives
- PO241 - Gender Matters in Politics and International Studies
- PO2D0 - Public Policy for 21st Century Challenges
- QS204 - Intermediate Social Analytics: survey design and data collection
- QS205 - Intermediate Social Analytics: survey analysis and reporting

### FINAL YEAR:

- PO301 - Issues in Political Theory
- PO353 - Gender and Development
- PO358 - EU Policy Making
- PO374 - Politics of Globalisation
- PO379 - United States Foreign Policy
- PO381 - Critical Security Studies
- PO391 - The Political Economy of Money
- PO398 - Politics and Culture in the Middle East
- PO399 - Violence, Rights, Justice and Peace in the Middle East
- PO397 - Latin America: Democratisation and Development
- PO396 - International Relations of the Americas
- PO3A4 - The Global Energy Challenge: Environment, Development & Security
- PO3A5 - The Politics of Climate Change
- PO3A2 - War in the 21st Century
- QS308 - Public Opinion
- QS309 - Determinants of Democracy: Analysing Emergence, Survival, and Fall
- PO366 - PAIS UG Dissertation
- PO3A3 - PAIS Quantitative Dissertation

This list is indicative of the types of modules that will be available in future years.



# OUR COURSES

## BA POLITICS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: **AAA/IB:38**

Understand and critically engage with the political world. Explore the theoretical and empirical approaches to political ideas, problems and issues. Confront the politics of our everyday lives.

Political Theory and Comparative Politics provide the core of this programme, then you can choose options across the full range of modules. You will tackle questions relating to the nature and distribution of power, the advantages and disadvantages of different political systems, gendered and racialised aspects of politics, and the role of ideology in determining political outcomes. You will critique how politics works in a number of different nations and question the appropriate level to analyse politics from the individual to the global system. You will consider how the work of political theorists can help explain the ways in which politicians intervene in questions of economy, law-making, conflict and the regulation of our daily lives. You will apply these ideas to everyday political problems such as immigration, poverty, war and climate change.

### CORE MODULES

#### YEAR 1

- Introduction to Politics
- World Politics
- Political Research in the 21st Century

#### YEAR 2

- Political Theory from Hobbes

#### Any module from this list\*:

- Core issues in Comparative Politics
- Public Policy for 21st Century Challenges
- Politics of UK
- Politics of USA
- A selection of regional specialist modules may also be offered

#### YEAR 3

- Issues in Political Theory

### EXAMPLES OF OPTIONAL MODULES\*

Justice, Democracy & Citizenship; Nine Ideas in International Security; Gender Matters in International Relations; Politics of International Development; The Global Energy Challenge; Britain and the War on Terror; Vigilant State: Public Opinion; Politics and Culture in the Middle East; Experiments in the Social Sciences and Humanities.

**FIND OUT MORE HERE**

\*The choice in any particular year will depend on staff availability



## BA POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: **AAA/IB:38**

This course combines the study of Politics with the global and multidisciplinary perspective of International Studies. You will critically engage with theoretical and empirical approaches to political ideas, problems and issues locally, nationally and globally. With an added emphasis on the international dimensions of politics.

While political theory provides the core of the degree, you can tailor your course to focus on your main interests within International Studies. You will engage with core questions in political theory and how they apply to situations across the globe. You will confront how power is distributed internationally and evaluate the different ways in which societies organise their political systems. You will explore the ideological roots and gendered and racialised effects of world problems and interrogate the ways in which economic imperatives affect foreign policy. Your studies will investigate how theoretical assumptions underpin political decisions and explore the concrete issues that are faced by individuals, governments and organisations around the world.

**FIND OUT MORE HERE**

### CORE MODULES

#### YEAR 1

- Introduction to Politics
- World Politics
- Political Research in the 21st Century

#### YEAR 2

- Political Theory from Hobbes
- Theories of International Relations **OR** Politics of International Development **OR** States and Markets: An Introduction to International Political Economy **OR** International Security

#### YEAR 3

- Issues in Political Theory

### EXAMPLES OF OPTIONAL MODULES\*

Nine Ideas in International Security; Politics of the USA; Gender and Development; Governing Britain since 1918; International Relations of the Americas; Critical Security Studies; Violence, Rights, Justice and Peace in the Middle East; Justice, Democracy, and Citizenship.

### EXAMPLES OF UNDERGRADUATE DISSERTATIONS:

- Sewing a Narrative of Sustainability: The Politics of Fast Fashion and the Making of Consumer Interest
- Speech Acts and Special Measures: The Relationship between Language and Domestic Counter-terrorism Policies in the UK
- Whose Life Really Matters? A Critical Exploration into Biopolitics and Black Subjectivities in the 'Black Lives Matter' Movement.

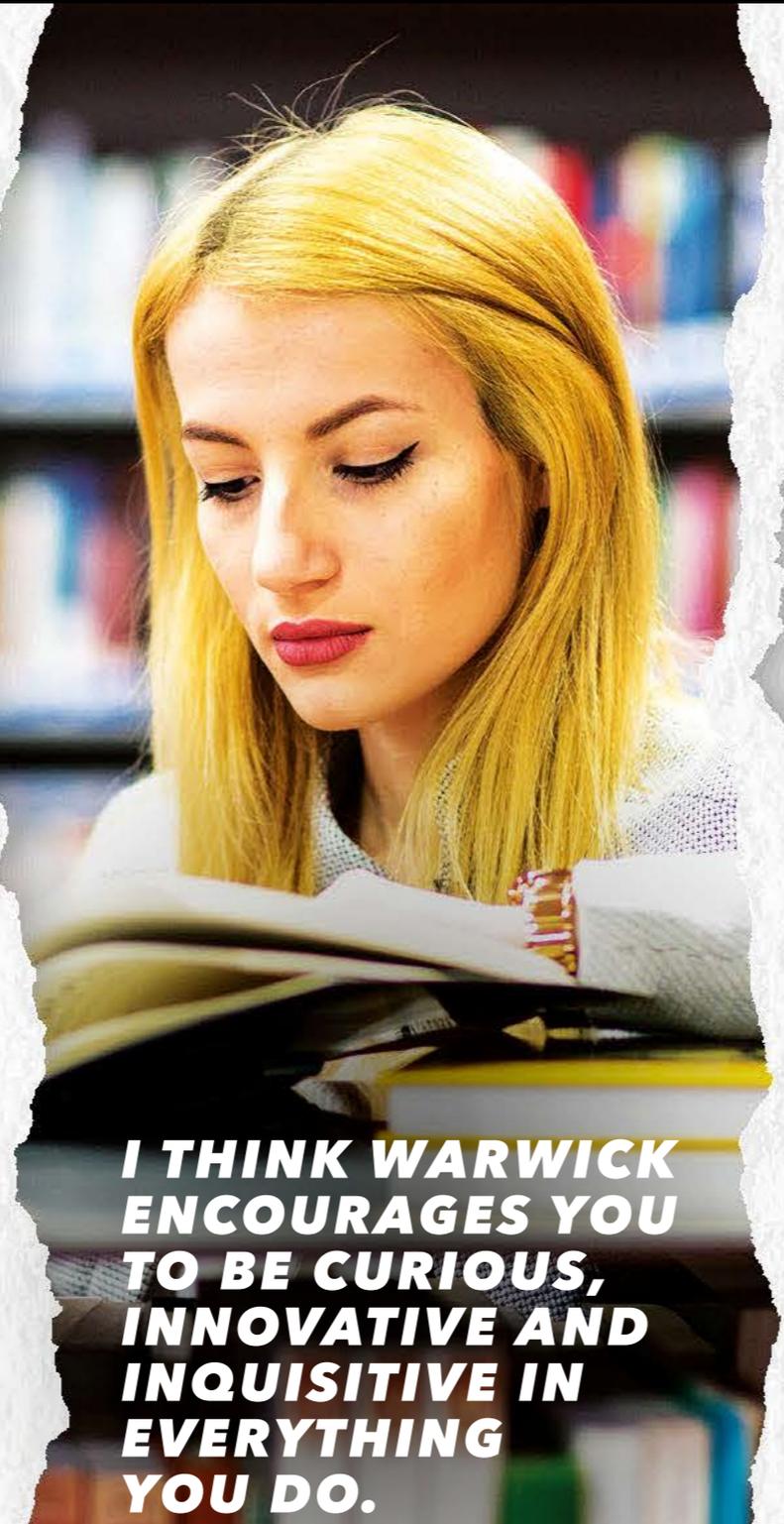
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'I chose to study at Warwick after catching up with an older friend that had already experienced what the University has to offer – her passion and excitement for her PAIS degree was absolutely contagious! Along with the wide range of modules and degree pathways, I think Warwick encourages you to be curious, innovative and inquisitive in everything you do. My favourite first year module, Nine Ideas in International Security, brings together nine new concepts and thinkers in politics and international relations to create an overview of the intricate world we live in. What I really enjoyed about that module was the amazing diversity – every week I would go into the lecture wondering what important worldwide issue I'd be learning about that day!

Another thing that I really like about the Politics and International Studies department is the advice and support you have available when thinking about your career opportunities. You are constantly reminded that your choices extend much further than becoming the predictable politician – the transferable skills I'm getting from my course have proven helpful in very different situations and roles.'

**IULIA**

BA Politics and International Studies



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**BA POLITICS AND SOCIOLOGY**

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: **AAB/IB:36**

This course explores theoretical and empirical approaches to political and social ideas and issues, and the impact of these on our everyday lives. An interdisciplinary approach encourages you to consider the world from different political and sociological perspectives. It will enable you to think critically about contemporary society in the UK and beyond. This joint honours degree is split 50:50 between politics and sociology with the option of a 75:25 focus in the final year in either discipline.

Although regarded as distinct disciplines, politics and sociology have much in common: both sociologists and political scientists are concerned with power, contestation and how communities organise themselves. You will explore sub-fields such as gender and sexuality, race and difference, international relations, international political economy, sociology of media and culture, and international development. Political and social theory provides the core of the degree but you can choose options across the full range of PAIS and sociology modules. As the years progress, you will specialise your degree with an increasing proportion of optional modules.

**FIND OUT MORE [HERE](#)**

**CORE MODULES**

**YEAR 1**

- Introduction to Politics
- World Politics
- Introduction to Social Analytics in Social Inequalities Research
- Researching Society and Culture
- Term 1: History of Sociological Thought **OR** Sociology of Gender
- Term 2: Class and Capitalism in a Neoliberal World **OR** Race and Making of the Modern World

**YEAR 2**

- Political Theory from Hobbes
- Designing and Conducting Social Research
- Optional Core: Modern Social Theory **OR** Practice and Interpretation of Quantitative Research

**EXAMPLES OF OPTIONAL MODULES\***

Sociology of Gender; Sociology of Race; Capitalism and its Alternatives; Educational Inequalities; Politics of the USA; European Union Policy-Making; Racism and Xenophobia; Britain and the War on Terror; Punishment, Justice and Control; East Asian Transformations; The Politics of Climate Change.

**EXAMPLES OF UNDERGRADUATE DISSERTATIONS:**

- Transforming Transitions: Towards a Postcolonial Critique of Transitional Justice
- Is Religion a Form of Social Control?
- An Exploration of Refugee Portrayal within the European Refugee Crisis.

\*The choice in any particular year will depend on staff availability

## BA POLITICS, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND MODERN LANGUAGES

**Entry requirements:** AAB/ IB:36

We offer a suite of degrees that combine the study of Politics and International Studies with the study of Modern Languages and Cultures. They give equal emphasis to developing advanced language skills, understanding the cultures and societies where that language is spoken and gaining a strong grounding in the discipline of Politics and International Studies. Each degree is four years, featuring a year of study abroad or a work placement in a country where your chosen language is spoken. This joint honours degree is split 50:50 between Politics and Modern Languages with the option of a 75:25 focus in the final year in either discipline. To study the French degree, you will need to have studied French at A-level or equivalent. You can study our German, Hispanic and Italian degrees if you have a background in a modern language.

### BA IN POLITICS, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND FRENCH

Core training in politics is combined with the global perspective provided by international studies modules, and by a focus on the French language and francophone society. Political theory, international studies and French language modules provide the core of the degree. Independent and collaborative study in these areas will develop your abilities in investigative and evaluative research, presentation and critical analysis, and build strong written and oral French communication skills. The degree features a compulsory year abroad either studying or working in a French-speaking country. You can choose to be abroad in year two or three.

[FIND OUT MORE HERE](#)

### BA IN POLITICS, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND GERMAN

This degree enables you to explore approaches to political ideas and critically engage with political issues both nationally and globally. You will also develop an in-depth understanding of the German language, and of society and culture in Germany and Austria and their relationship to the rest of Europe and the world. You'll spend your second or third year studying or on work placement in Germany or Austria.

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### BA IN POLITICS, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND HISPANIC STUDIES

If you are interested in both the political world and in Hispanic language and culture, this course considers the approaches to national and global political issues and political theory alongside international studies, and Spanish language study. You'll emerge with strong written and oral Spanish communication skills, as well as sought-after investigative, evaluative and presentation skills, gained through independent and collaborative study. There is a compulsory year abroad in a Spanish speaking country in year two or three.

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### BA IN POLITICS, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND ITALIAN

A combination of focused theoretical and empirical study of the political world with an intensive engagement in Italian language and culture. Your first year of study lays the critical and linguistic foundations for your exploration of politics and the Italian language. Building on this by spending your second or third year studying or working in Italy. Themes you develop in your first year modules will carry through to modules in the final two years such as the Politics of Globalisation, Italy Out of Italy: Italian Migrations Abroad, and Europe: Politics and Ideas.

[FIND OUT MORE HERE](#)



'The main reason why I chose Warwick was that it offered a perfect symbiosis of academic challenge, with lectures delivered by some of the leading academics, and innovative ways of learning secured by the freedom to choose from a wide suite of optional modules to cater for a myriad of interests. My favourite part about the course was that I was able to develop and mature my opinions by backing them up with philosophical arguments, as well as gaining a detailed insight into another culture by spending a year in France. The versatility of my degree, and very employable skills which it fostered allowed for me to apply for a wide range of jobs in leading professions like law, banking and teaching.'

**PAWEL**

BA Politics, International Studies and French

## BA POLITICS, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES WITH CHINESE

### Entry requirements: AAB/ IB:36

With a 75:25 split between Politics and International Studies, and Chinese, this degree gives you the opportunity to acquire Chinese language skills while gaining a strong understanding of politics and international studies.

You will engage critically with the political world, from national and global perspectives, exploring the theoretical and empirical approaches to political ideas. You will also study with a Chinese university during your third year; during the coronavirus pandemic this teaching was conducted on-line. You will be able to draw on our specialist expertise in the politics of East Asia and will become part of a vibrant community of international staff and students. Our graduates leave with the ability to understand complex theoretical positions and apply them to political problems and issues from the local to the global level. You'll also become confident in debating with others, researching individually and completing presentations.

Political theory and international relations theory will provide the core of your studies in year one with progressively more optional choices throughout the years of the degree. Introductory ideas you study in year one World Politics can be built upon in more specialised modules in year two, such as International Security and the final year US Foreign Policy. Across the first two years, you will take core modules in Chinese Language at a level appropriate to your existing knowledge, before with a partner university in China during your third year; during the coronavirus pandemic this teaching has been conducted on-line. This will be an invaluable opportunity to learn about Chinese culture, politics and society and to deepen your language skills.

### EXAMPLES OF UNDERGRADUATE DISSERTATIONS:

- The Asian Legacy of the Obama Administration: What was the Impact of the 'Asian Pivot' on US-China Relations?
- Online Innovation in the Political Communication of Non-mainstream Political Movements in France.
- Interpreting the 'China Model': Dynamics of Regionalisation within the Political Economy of China

[FIND OUT MORE HERE](#)



# YEAR ABROAD

## EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS. BROADEN YOUR MIND. SEE THE WORLD DIFFERENTLY.

You will have the opportunity to study or work abroad as part of your degree. We are part of a global network of exchange partners and have long-standing agreements with universities in countries around the world. We offer you two options for study abroad: integrated or intercalated.

### INTEGRATED - STUDY ABROAD INCLUDED WITHIN YOUR THREE YEAR DEGREE

Most university degrees that incorporate study abroad will add a year to your standard three year programme - but on three of our core programmes you can apply to integrate study abroad into your three year degree. An integrated year allows you to replace all of year two of your programme with a year abroad. Students on BA Politics, BA Politics and International Studies and BA Politics and Sociology are eligible to apply for the North America Exchange.

### INTERCALATED - YEAR ABROAD ADDING A YEAR TO YOUR DEGREE

This option will add one year to your degree programme. You can either study at one of our partner universities or set up an approved work placement. The intercalated exchanges are available to students on the BA in Politics, BA Politics and International Studies and BA Politics and Sociology. Students on our BA Politics, International Studies and Modern Languages degrees will spend a compulsory year of study or work in a country where their chosen language is spoken. Students on the BA Politics

and International Studies with Chinese will spend a compulsory year of study in China.

Please note that during the coronavirus pandemic some exchange partners have offered blended or on-line learning, or student plans have needed to change due to Covid-related restrictions. In all cases the department offered full support to ensure student progress.

Here is a list of current partners available to our students. This list is illustrative of the types of options that will be available in future years.

- **USA** - University of California
- **Canada** - University of Waterloo, Ontario; University of British Columbia, Vancouver; Queen's University, Ontario; McMaster University, Ontario.
- **Europe** - We have extensive partners in France, Spain, Italy, Germany, Austria, Norway, Denmark and Sweden. You can choose from among the finest universities in Europe in cities such as Paris, Madrid, Vienna, Berlin, Florence and Barcelona. Students also have the option of setting up a work placement in a European country with the approval of the department.
- **Japan** - Waseda University in Tokyo; Hokkaido University in the north of the country.
- **Australia** - As part of Warwick's alliance with Monash University, you can apply to spend an intercalated year studying in Melbourne. Half of the academic year can be spent at the Monash campus in Malaysia.
- **Hong Kong** - University of Hong Kong, Chinese University of Hong Kong, City University Hong Kong, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.
- **Singapore** - National University of Singapore (NUS); Nanyang Technological University (NTU).



'Spending a year at UCLA has impacted my university experience in a very profound way, and deciding to apply to study abroad is a choice I will never regret. As well as academic development, living in a foreign country has allowed me to mature and develop personally. Getting involved with activities outside of classes such as a dancing society, political events, and some time to enjoy the city for myself (sightseeing and cinema trips amongst other things) has helped me settle in and make the most out of my experience. Having an American roommate has been the fastest way for me to adapt to American customs and have a close friend to talk to at all times when I needed to confide in someone or just have a chat. At first I was anxious about sharing such a personal space but it turned out to be a fundamental part of the college experience.'

In terms of academics I am able to choose from an extremely wide selection of classes that are taught by a diverse range of professors with different backgrounds and interests. This has allowed me to explore my particular interests in greater detail, which I have reaped the benefits of greatly. The classes I have taken have encompassed and drawn on a plethora of disciplines; my classes last term ranged from political theories of empowerment to gender politics in the Middle East. My experience has been unpredictable, exhilarating, rewarding, and I'm sure I will appreciate it even more when I return to the UK.

Without this experience it would have been difficult to truly understand US politics and the American way of life, and I truly recommend studying abroad for anyone who may be considering it. I've also been engaged politically and took part in the Women's March Los Angeles, on the anniversary of Donald Trump's Presidential Inauguration as you can see from these photos.'

#### NAZ

BA Politics and International Studies spending an Integrated Year Abroad at the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA).

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT STYLES

### LECTURES AND SEMINARS

For each of your modules you'll have at least one lecture per week, which is then normally followed by a seminar later in the week or the following week.

Lectures are there to introduce you to a particular topic, including an overview of the key aspects and theories and give you a starting point to then prepare for discussion in your seminars. You'll be expected to delve further into the topic and expand your knowledge, using your overview as a base for further reading in books and journals.

Your seminars will be much smaller, and you'll engage with fellow students in discussion, debate or pre-set tasks which draw on the further research you have undertaken. You'll be expected to share your views about the topic and debate the issues. These weekly seminars are compulsory and you'll have your own seminar group and seminar tutor for the length of the module.

### DIGITAL RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

The teaching and learning on your PAIS programme is supported through a range of on-line platforms, all of which have been enhanced during the experience of the coronavirus pandemic. Your module guides and reading lists, undergraduate handbook, essay writing guides, module feedback, and a host of other supporting materials are all held on-line. You'll have opportunities to develop your digital skills while researching and writing

essays and other assignments that will be valuable transferable skills for your life beyond graduation.

### FEEDBACK

Feedback on your submitted assessments are an important way in which you will be able to check your essay plans, monitor your progress, get ideas on how to improve your work and clarify points you are unsure about. Research training, personal and professional development are all embedded into your degree programme. Through modules, extra seminars, skills workshops, careers presentations, 1:1 advice sessions and guest speakers, you will be able to sharpen the skills that employers and further study programmes are looking for.

### ASSESSMENTS

Our modules are normally assessed through a mixture of exams and essays, and you'll get extensive feedback to help you progress. You will have what are known as 'formative assessments' which are assessments that do not contribute marks to your final overall grade. Formative assessments will accustom you to what is required from your degree and the style of assessment. The feedback will provide you with suggestions and ideas, and help you prepare for the 'summative assessments' that determine your marks for each module. Summative assessments involve a combination of end of year exams and coursework that will make up your final grades.

## SUPPORT

### PERSONAL TUTOR

Your personal tutor will be a first point of contact for you, offering you guidance and support for general academic questions and any academic or personal difficulties you might have. They support your academic development throughout your course and you will have meetings throughout the year, so they should get to know you well. This means they have a complete picture of your strengths, experiences and skills, and will provide references for you during and beyond your time as a student.

### MODULE DIRECTORS

They will be in charge of your module content, set seminar topic areas and deliver the main lectures of your module. They can provide specific advice about the subject matter of individual modules along with advice in terms of specific essays and assignments.

### SEMINAR TUTORS

For each module, your seminar tutor, who may also be the module director, will mark your regularly submitted essays for the module and provide feedback to you on these to help you develop further. They'll also keep your personal tutor informed of your progress and be available for individual discussions and any questions you have about your module.

### DIRECTOR OF STUDENT EXPERIENCE AND PROGRESSION (DSEP)

They can offer you additional tailored support, building on support offered by your personal tutor. This might be advice on study skills, including: Essay writing or exams; which modules might suit you best; or guidance on internships, careers and postgraduate study.

### YOUR ACADEMIC LIBRARIAN AND LIBRARY HELPDESK

The library helpdesk is available to help you with day-to-day searches, borrowing and reserving items. You'll also have a specialist Academic Support Librarian to give you targeted support in your subject area. Your Academic Support Librarian will help you to develop information and research skills during your course and can offer you training in literature searching, finding and using information, referencing and avoiding plagiarism and reference management tools.

### SKILLS SESSIONS AND PROGRAMMES

These sessions are built into your core modules in the first year, so you will learn about essay writing, exam technique, critical thinking and researching independently. We also offer sessions for second and third years. And there's the possibility to take part in the 'Undergraduate Skills Programme and Academic Writing Programme', which is offered by the university. This helps you to perfect a range of skills and develop yourself further.

# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

University isn't just about studying. You'll have access to a large range of activities and opportunities organised by us and the wider PAIS community. Weekly events bring together our undergraduate students, postgraduate students, post-docs and staff members.

- **Research seminars** featuring speakers from other universities or practitioners in politics, such as former UK Cabinet Minister, Justine Greening MP.
- **The PAIS Film Club** shows contemporary and classic feature films and documentaries on political issues, with discussions and debates after the film. These discussions often include members of the department, and sometimes the directors of the films themselves.
- **The 'Big PAIS Social'** at the end of the academic year in the Copper Rooms nightclub on campus. Previous socials have featured members of our academic staff DJ-ing.
- **Undergraduate Research Assistant** positions available to apply for, which enables finalists to work alongside academics on research projects.
- **Internship opportunities** with organisations and think tanks for which students can apply, and we also have an online list of links to a range of internship opportunities related to politics and international studies previously held by our students.
- **Student Ambassador** positions available. Being an ambassador gives you the chance to represent our department at university open days, offer holder open days and school events. And you also get paid for your time.



## SOCIETIES

At Warwick, you can be involved in a wide range of societies - ranging from those that are academic in nature, to those that might relate to your hobbies or other interests. There are over 250 societies at Warwick including the Politics Society, which regularly organises events, holds socials and brings in outside speakers. The International Development Society, founded by our students, hosts a high-profile Summit Meeting each year.

### Societies of interest to PAIS students

- Warwick Politics Society
- Warwick Think Tank Society
- Warwick Economics Summit
- International Relations
- Warwick United Nations Society
- TEDxWarwick
- Warwick Public Speaking Society
- International Development Society
- STAR (Student Action for Refugees)
- Warwick Amnesty
- Warwick Against Hunger
- The Warwick Globalist
- Women for Women International Warwick
- Warwick Debating Society

## JOIN THE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH COMMUNITY

You can apply to take part in the Undergraduate Research Support Scheme (URSS). If you are successful, you'll get a bursary and skills development training to carry out your research project, supervised by an academic member of staff, as an addition to your degree.

We also offer a number of Student Research Assistantships each year that enable final year students to work across the department with academic and administrative members of staff to support research, teaching and the student experience. This is a great opportunity to add to your CV and gain an insight into how an academic department operates. The opportunities for you here are wide and varied. We encourage you to make the most out of your time at Warwick and we will support you in doing just that. All of our opportunities contribute to our graduates being highly employable and confident.

### Examples of URSS Research projects that our students have carried out:

- Bottom-up Depoliticisation: The Neo-coloniality of Hong Kong.
- The History of ISIS: Its Leaders and Political Ties with the Middle East.
- The Rise of China and the Re-orientation of Europe: A Study of the Impact of the Chinese Political Economy on Britain and Germany.
- The Role of Charities in Britain under Austerity: A Political Economy Analysis of Food Banks in Coventry.

# YOUR FUTURE CAREER

## Examples of PAIS graduates' job titles have included:

Administration Assistant, Analyst - Financial Services, Assistant Project Executive, Associate Recruitment Consultant, Cabinet Office Assistant, Charity Fundraiser, Conservative Party Chairman's Correspondence Assistant, Consultant, Customer Service Assistant, English Teacher, Graduate Charity Scheme, Human Rights Researcher, International Relations Programme Director, Journalist, Labour Party Candidate, Liberal Democrat candidate for MP, Management Consultant, Marketing Assistant, Marketing Manager, Motor Claims Adviser, National Management Trainee, Political Analyst, Special Assistant to Deputy Prime Minister, Teacher, Technical Clerk, Translator, Treasury Department Analyst, Voice and Data Analyst, Customer Services Adviser

**88% OF 2016/17 WARWICK GRADUATES IN POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES WERE IN GRADUATE LEVEL JOBS OR FURTHER STUDY 6 MONTHS AFTER GRADUATING.**

HESA Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) survey.

## Companies and organisations where PAIS graduates have worked include:

Allianz Insurance, BBC, BNP Paribas, British Chinese Project, Centre for International Governance Innovation, Chatham House, Conservative Party, Deloitte, Family and Childcare Trust, HM Treasury, International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), Johnston Press, KPMG, Labour Party, Liberal Democrats, New Statesman, New Economics Foundation, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), Royal Bank of Scotland, Teach First, Santander, UK Cabinet Office

## PAIS graduates PAIS graduates have gone onto the following the following Masters Programmes:

Global Governance, International Development, International Politics and East Asia, International Political Economy, International Security, Marketing, Migration Studies, Political and Legal Theory, Political Science and Political Economy, Security Risk Management, United States Foreign Policy. **These programmes can be studied at Warwick** and other leading universities in the UK, Europe, North America and throughout the world.

## Specifically, employers tell us that they like politics students because they:

- Have excellent research skills
- Can put together a coherent discussion
- Can analyse the points of view of others and understand their strengths and weaknesses
- Have developed communication skills, presenting and defending their ideas in both verbal discussion and writing
- Have intellectual autonomy, since much of their academic work is undertaken independently

*Our Senior Careers Consultant (assigned to us by the University's Student Careers and Skills department) will give advice and put on events and workshops, many specifically designed for students interested in politics and international studies careers.*

'After taking Government and Politics at A-Level I knew that politics was for me, but the added bonus of International Studies was what drew me to Warwick - along with the esteemed reputation of the PAIS department. Going along to an Offer Holder Open Day was when I realised Warwick was for me, as I found the staff and students to be incredibly friendly and welcoming, and I enjoyed the campus feel. The range of module options available and the vast array of study abroad options meant that my time at Warwick was truly international. I loved the second year International Development module, and that I was able to follow this up with Gender, Development and Governance modules during my year abroad in Sweden - taught in a different way, but building on the ideas fostered at Warwick. The PAIS department's commitment to offering study abroad placements at some of the best universities in the world resulted in the best year of my life, and I came back to Warwick with an extra year's worth of knowledge and experiences to apply to my final exams and essays. The extracurricular activities at Warwick were exceptional. In the summer of my first year I travelled to India through a Warwick partnership

with an education NGO, teaching English in four education centres near Delhi, and in my third year I received funding on a URSS project to do six weeks of research in Palestine. My time in Palestine really helped me make the most of my Middle East Regional Relations module in my final year. I am currently studying for an MSc in Women, Peace and Security at The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). In the summer between graduation and my Master's I worked for ten weeks at Birmingham City Council's Wellbeing Service in the Data Department, learning about how the Council works to alleviate health and social inequalities by providing free exercise classes around Birmingham.

When I arrived at Warwick I'd never lived abroad and had only travelled alone once; by the time I'd left, I'd lived in India for two months, travelled around Europe, and lived in Sweden for almost a year. My confidence in myself has grown through these experiences and through everything Warwick and PAIS gave me, and I'll always be grateful for the skills and knowledge that I have gained.'

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