

## PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION – UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

### KEY FACTS

Programme name	Politics
Award	BSc (Hons)
School	School of Arts and Social Sciences
Department or equivalent	Department of International Politics
UCAS Code	L200
Programme code	USPOLS
Type of study	Full Time
Total UK credits	360
Total ECTS	180

### PROGRAMME SUMMARY

#### Focus:

- How is political power distributed in different societies around the world?
- Why are some countries becoming democratic while democracy is failing in others?
- In what ways does violence shape contemporary politics and political behaviour?
- How do policymakers, politicians and societies analyse and manage political risks?
- How has the influence of business groups, labour organizations, and social movements evolved in recent decades?
- How has globalization reshaped state and market institutions in different countries?
- How do political institutions influence the level of inequality in different countries?
- When do social protests against governments emerge and when do they succeed?

City, University of London is offering the BSc Politics to provide you with the theoretical tools, analytical skills, and empirical evidence that will help you address these and other key questions that are central to understanding politics in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

This programme will train you to understand and to analyse the key political problems and issues that face states and societies across the world in a systematic and comparative way. Issues of uneven economic growth and rising inequality, political violence, civil war and a shifting balance of global economic and political power require a form of analysis that is both theoretically rigorous and empirically informed. The programme is geared to producing graduates who have the understanding, skills and experience to be attractive to a range of governmental, corporate, academic (postgraduate studies), non-governmental and international organisations engaged in addressing these challenges and opportunities. The degree programme will equip you with the tools they need to be competitive in a world where strategic thinking is prized, sensitivity to risk and uncertainty valorized, and analytical rigor coveted.

Building upon a long-standing scholarly tradition of academic studies in the discipline

of politics, the BSc Politics will introduce you to the key debates and perspectives associated with the study of politics such as the characteristics of democracies and alternative political regimes; the functioning and diversity of key political institutions; the connection between citizens, political parties, and the media; the relationship between domestic political systems and economic outcomes; the intersection between political processes at the national and global level.

At the same time, the BSc Politics recognizes how in today's increasingly interconnected world, understanding the central issues and trends that characterize 21<sup>st</sup> century politics requires students to look beyond the borders of any single nation and to adopt a global perspective.

A distinguishing feature of the BSc (Hons) Politics is that it integrates the study of national and international politics, exploring how domestic politics influence global phenomena. You will be taught by leading academics how contemporary states, governments and societies operate. The BSc Politics will also give you the skills to compare national experiences in different countries, which will greatly benefit your knowledge of present-day politics. Apart from theoretical and analytical skills, the programme will give you the opportunity to improve your employability skills. Activities such as micro-placements at think tanks and other organizations, drafting policy reports and media editorials, coupled with professional support to steer your future career are carefully designed to boost your career trajectory.

The BSc Politics will challenge you to apply the key theories and approaches that characterize the study of politics to explore the diversity of political processes and political systems across different countries and regions of the world. From this perspective, you will benefit from the location of this programme within a department with a strong international focus, such as the Department of International Politics at City, University of London. The breadth of expertise in terms of geographical contexts and issue areas that characterize the Department of International Politics will make your undergraduate studies a very enriching experience.

On successful completion of this programme you will have developed a deep understanding of the main forces which are shaping the functioning of politics across the world, and will have acquired a wide range of transferable skills suitable both for a diverse range of careers in the public and private sector as well as for further study and life-long learning.

### Aims

This programme's aims are:

- 1) To provide you with a high quality, challenging, and up-to-date education in Politics reflecting rapid political change in an increasingly complex and globalized political world.
- 2) To introduce you to the main theories, analytical approaches and methods of contemporary political studies, including a number of sub-disciplines which include political violence, policy analysis, comparative politics, and international relations.
- 3) To provide you with broad coverage of the diversity of actors, institutions, processes, ideas and issues that shape politics in a variety of countries, regions, and cultures.
- 4) To enable you to develop the analytical skills required to examine and critically

assess the complex structure of relationships in the context of 21<sup>st</sup> century politics.

- 5) To prepare you for a diverse range of careers in the public and private sector, as well as for further study and life-long learning.

### Progression

- Year 1 (Introduction): The purpose of the first year is to establish your first contact with the academic study of real-world politics by introducing you to the main issues, concepts, and theoretical perspectives in the discipline of politics and related sub-disciplines such as comparative politics and political theory. You will also begin to appreciate the diversity of political systems in various national and regional contexts that will be covered in this degree programme. During this year, you will also begin to gain some of the skills required to succeed in your study, such as the tools to write appropriately constructed essays, to interact in small group seminars, to make oral presentations, and to produce and analyse quantitative data.
- Year 2 (Consolidation): During the second year you will consolidate the skills and body of knowledge gained in the first year to then analyse comparatively politics in a variety of industrialised and developing nations, and emerging powers. In parallel, a number of elective modules geared towards studying fundamental political phenomena will consolidate your knowledge of political violence, political risk analysis, and the role of religion in contemporary politics. In addition, to the core and elective modules offered by the International Politics Department, you will be able to access a selection of modules offered by other Departments in the School of Arts and Social Sciences of relevance to the study of Politics.
- Year 3 (Specialisation): During the final year of undergraduate study you will have the opportunity to use the knowledge and skills accumulated during the first two years of your degree to specialise on topics and sub-fields of your interest. First, through the production of a sustained piece of independent research on a subject of your choice within the study of politics/comparative politics (Final Year Dissertation Project, 10,000 words long), as a means to allow you to experience the challenge and reward of independent research and thought.  
Second, besides the dissertation, you will be entirely free to choose elective modules in the areas that interest you the most. In particular, elective modules in the third year will expect you to build upon the knowledge developed in previous years to bear at length on a wide range of theoretical and empirical issues in the diverse yet increasingly interconnected world of politics.

### Micro-Placements module (SA3000)

The Careers and Employability Service and the School of Arts and Social Sciences are working together to offer most students within the School the option to undertake professional level work experience opportunities as part of the Level 6, 15-credit bearing Micro-Placements module (SA3000). The placement opportunity is short and not related directly to your area of study and will support the development of key employability skills whilst enabling you to gain valuable work experience. Placements

on the module are competitive and are subject to availability. All eligible students will be contacted and invited to express their interest during Term 1 of Level 5 (Year 2), with formal module selection taking place at the end of Level 5.

### **WHAT WILL I BE EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE?**

**On successful completion of this programme, you will be expected to be able to:**

#### Knowledge and understanding:

1. Demonstrate fundamental knowledge of the main theoretical traditions, concepts, and models in the study of Politics. (Year 1)
2. Identify key differences in the political systems and institutions of a range of countries across the world, and have an appreciation of how these affect, and are affected by, local, regional and global, economic, cultural, religious, social and institutional forces (Years 1-2).
3. Demonstrate understanding of the utility of qualitative and quantitative research methods in understanding and investigating contemporary politics (Years 1-3).
4. Develop systematic knowledge of the role of political violence and its consequences on modern societies (Years 1-3)
5. Develop the critical and intellectual abilities required to think critically about political institutions, processes and behaviours within different national, sub-national, and regional contexts (Year 3)

#### Skills:

1. Develop a capacity to analyse academic texts and describe accurately theoretical hypotheses and arguments (Year 1)
2. Communicate ideas clearly and effectively, both in writing and orally (Years 1-3).
3. Work under pressure, manage your own time and meet deadlines (Years 1-3)
4. Develop the necessary transferable skills required for personal and professional development, and for successful employment or further study (Years 1-3)
5. Critically evaluate the strengths and limitations of arguments and information from a number of different primary and secondary data sources in order to understand complex political phenomena (Year 2)
6. Construct, analyse and evaluate different forms of argument on sound evidential and theoretical reasoning and advance these effectively in writing on and discussion (Years 2-3)
7. Develop a capacity for independent study and research, including a critical awareness of research design and capacity to effectively apply qualitative and quantitative methods of political analysis (Year 3)

#### Values and attitudes:

1. Demonstrate respect and engage with those who do not share your own political values (Years 1-3)
2. Demonstrate a habit of reflection and independent study (Years 1-3).
3. Produce written materials that indicate in a precise and honest manner what is your own work and what is attributable to others (Years 1-3).
4. Reflect on and manage effectively your own learning and make use of constructive feedback (Years 1-3).

## **HOW WILL I LEARN?**

The educational aims are achieved through a combination of lectures, interactive sessions (such as practical workshops and small group classes), and use of online learning tools. Lectures are used to provide commentary on and explanation of key content areas. The interactive sessions are used to develop understanding of these areas by inviting you to raise questions and participate in the debate and by providing guidance for further study. Acquisition of knowledge and understanding is also promoted through other interactive activities and independent study. You are expected to have read in advance of the seminars and, when required, to complete the tasks/exercises assigned in advance. The latter may include oral presentations of your essay plans, and group activities designed to study the concepts explained by the lecturers in a more practical manner. Online resources, primarily Moodle, City's e-learning platform will be a key resource for tracing useful information (i.e. reports, reading lists, news clippings, discussion forum, questions and answers on key debates or essays etc).

The BSc Politics will include an average of 10 contact hours per week (8 teaching face to face hours and two office hours with module leaders and tutors). This amounts to around 200 contact hours during the academic year. In addition, you will be expected to undertake extensive reading and independent study in order to broaden and deepen your knowledge, understand the topics covered in lectures and classes and to prepare yourself for the interactive sessions where you will be invited to ask questions and to participate in in-depth discussions with other students and teaching staff. Lecturing and teaching is supported by a personal tutorial, mentoring and supervision system, and by an organised research seminar series with outside speakers, both professional and academic.

The BSc Politics involves a 10,000 word dissertation submitted at the end of your third year of undergraduate study. The topic is chosen by you, in consultation with module leaders and your research advisor supervisor. This research project is designed to help you advance your conceptual and analytical knowledge in the field of Politics as well as transferable skills that will become an asset when entering the professional world or embarking in further studies.

## **WHAT TYPES OF ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK CAN I EXPECT?**

The attainment of the intended learning outcomes will be assessed throughout a variety of summative and formative assessments. Assessment is by coursework (assessed essays and assignments), unseen examinations, oral presentations, role-playing exercises, research projects, and other types of assessment methods. Throughout the programme you will receive continuous written feedback, both on formative and summative assessments.

First year students will be assessed primarily through a combination of unseen exams and different types of essays (such as book reviews, country reports and critical reviews). Second year students will be assessed through exams, essays (such as extended essays, research proposals) and oral presentations. As part of the third year independent dissertation project, you will receive supervision and the

opportunity to develop research methods and writing skills.

Assessment Criteria are descriptions, based on the intended learning outcomes, of the skills, knowledge or attitudes that you need to demonstrate in order to complete an assessment successfully, providing a mechanism by which the quality of an assessment can be measured. Grade-Related Criteria are descriptions of the level of skills, knowledge or attributes that you need to demonstrate in order to achieve a certain grade or mark in an assessment, providing a mechanism by which the quality of an assessment can be measured and placed within the overall set of marks. Assessment Criteria and Grade-Related Criteria will be made available to you to support you in completing assessments. These may be provided in programme handbooks, module specifications, on the virtual learning environment or attached to a specific assessment task.

### Feedback on assessment

Feedback both in summative and formative forms of assessment will be provided in line with our Assessment and Feedback Policy. Students will receive continuous formative feedback. For summative assessments you will normally be provided with feedback within three weeks of the submission deadline or assessment date. This would normally include a provisional grade or mark. For end of module examinations or an equivalent significant task (e.g. an end of module project), feedback will normally be provided within four weeks. The timescale for feedback on final year projects or dissertations may be longer. The full policy can be found at:

[https://www.city.ac.uk/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0009/452565/Assessment-and-Feedback-Policy...pdf](https://www.city.ac.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0009/452565/Assessment-and-Feedback-Policy...pdf)

### Assessment Regulations

In order to pass your Programme, you should complete successfully or be exempted from the relevant modules and assessments and will therefore acquire the required number of credits. You also need to pass each Programme Stage of your Programme in order to progress to the following Programme Stage.

For how each Programme Stage of your programme is weighted, please see 'What Award Can I Get?' below.

The Pass mark for each module is 40%.

If you fail an assessment component or a module, the following will apply:

1. Compensation: where you fail up to a total of one sixth of the total credits of a Programme Stage at first or resit attempt, you may be allowed compensation if:
  - Compensation is permitted for the module involved (see the What will I Study section of the programme specification), and
  - It can be demonstrated that you have satisfied all the Learning Outcomes of the modules in the Programme Stage, and
  - A minimum overall mark of no more than 10% below the module pass mark has been achieved in the module to be compensated, and
  - An aggregate mark of 40% has been achieved for the Programme Stage.

Where you are eligible for compensation at the first attempt, this will be applied in the first instance rather than offering a resit opportunity.

If you receive a compensated pass in a module you will be awarded the credit for that module. The original component marks will be retained in the record of marks and your original module mark will be used for the purpose of your Award calculation.

2. Resit: where you are not eligible for compensation at the first attempt, you will be offered one resit attempt.

If you are successful in the resit, you will be awarded the credit for that module. The mark for each assessment component that is subject to a resit will be capped at the pass mark for the module. This capped mark will be used in the calculation of the final module mark together with the original marks for the components that you passed at first attempt.

If you do not meet the pass requirements for a module and do not complete your resit by the date specified you will not progress to the next Programme Stage and the Assessment Board will require you to be withdrawn from the Programme.

If you fail to meet the requirements for a particular Programme Stage or the Programme, the Assessment Board will consider whether you are eligible for an Exit Award as per the table below.

If you would like to know more about the way in which assessment works at City, please see the full version of the Assessment Regulations at:

[http://www.city.ac.uk/\\_data/assets/word\\_doc/0003/69249/s19.doc](http://www.city.ac.uk/_data/assets/word_doc/0003/69249/s19.doc)

## WHAT AWARD CAN I GET?

### Bachelor's Degree with Honours:

Programme Stage	HE Level	Credits	Weighting (%)	Class	% required
1	4	120	10	I	70
2	5	120	30	II upper division	60
3	6	120	60	II lower division	50
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### Ordinary Degree:

Programme Stage	HE Level	Credits	Weighting (%)	Class	% required
1	4	120	10	With Distinction	70
2	5	120	30	With Merit	60

3	6	60	60	Without classification	40
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Diploma of Higher Education:

Programme Stage	HE Level	Credits	Weighting (%)	Class	% required
1	4	120	35	With Distinction	70
2	5	120	65	With Merit	60
				Without classification	40

Certificate of Higher Education:

Programme Stage	HE Level	Credits	Weighting (%)	Class	% required
1	4	120	100	With Distinction	70
				With Merit	60
				Without classification	40

**WHAT WILL I STUDY?**

**Programme Stage 1**

Level 4 (120 credits): 6 core modules plus 2 elective modules (all modules are 15 credits).

During the first year the core module “Introduction to Politics” establishes your first contact with the academic study of real-world politics, while the core module “Studying Politics” will guide towards developing key study and writing skills in the context of the study of political concepts. Two additional core modules will present you with key issues, concepts, and theoretical perspectives in the study of the sub-disciplines of comparative politics (“Puzzles of Comparative Politics”) and political theory (“Introduction to Political Theory”). These core conceptual modules are complemented by the core “Emerging Powers in a Changing World” module where you will begin to appreciate the contribution that countries like China, India and Brazil, commonly known as emerging powers, make to what are often Western-centric understandings of how politics works. This module on emerging powers will be your first contact with one of the key characteristics of the BSc Politics; that is, an emphasis on the study of political processes and structures in a variety of regional and national contexts in order to challenge Western-centric understandings of how countries and regions work politically speaking.

During this year you will also begin to gain some of the skills required to succeed in your studies, such as the tools to write appropriately constructed essays, to interact in small group seminars, and to convey in oral format complex arguments (typically in the form of presentations).



Finally, a core methodological modules (“Introduction to Political and Economic Data Analysis”) will familiarise you with the bases of quantitative methods of analysis in social sciences.

In addition to these six compulsory modules you will need to choose two modules among a variety of electives offered by the International Politics Department and other Departments in the School of Arts and Social Sciences of direct relevance to the study of Politics.

<b>Module Title</b>	<b>SITS Code</b>	<b>Module Credits</b>	<b>Core/ Elective</b>	<b>Compensation Yes/No</b>	<b>Level</b>
Introduction to Politics	IP1030	15	C	Y	4
Puzzles of Comparative Politics	IP1031	15	C	Y	4
Introduction to Political Theory	IP1032	15	C	Y	4
Emerging Powers in a Changing World	IP1019	15	C	Y	4
Introduction to Political and Economic Data Analysis	IP1041	15	C	Y	4
Studying Politics	IP1040	15	C	Y	4
International Relations Theories	IP1015	15	E	Y	4
Introduction to Political Economy	IP1016	15	E	Y	4
Politics and Power in World History	IP1018	15	E	Y	4
The Making of the Modern World Economy	IP1017	15	E	Y	4
Principles of Economics I	IP1021	15	E	Y	4
Principles of Economics II	IP1022	15	E	Y	4
From ‘Rule Britannia’ to Brexit Britain: Britain and the World from the Nineteenth Century to the Present	HI1005	15	E	Y	4
History and Theory of Psychology	PS1004	15	E	Y	4
Media History and Politics	SG1005	15	E	Y	4
Contemporary Issues in Media Studies	SG1006	15	E	Y	4
Criminology	SG1019	15	E	Y	4
Criminal Justice	SG1023	15	E	Y	4
Researching Society: Qualitative Methods	SG1027	15	E	Y	4

<b>Language modules</b>					
Any Language breadth module at level 1 (beginner level)	LA1XXX	15	E	Y	4
Any Language for specific purposes module at level 1 (beginner level)	LA1XXX	15	E	Y	4
Any Language breadth module at Level 2 (intermediate level)	LA2XXX	15	E	Y	5
Any Language for specific purposes module at Level 2 (intermediate level)	LA2XXX	15	E	Y	5
Any Language breadth module at Level 3 (upper intermediate level or higher)	LA3XXX	15	E	Y	5
Any Language for specific purposes module at Level 3 (upper intermediate level or higher)	LA3XXX	15	E	Y	5
Any Language for specific purposes module at Level 4 (advanced)	LA4XXX	15	E	Y	6
<p><u>Language for Specific Purposes:</u> The language is taught in the context of your main subject in Media/Journalism/Social Sciences.  <i>French, German, Spanish, Russian are studied in this format.</i></p> <p><u>Language Breadth Modules:</u> The language is taught for general purposes.  <i>Arabic and Mandarin are studied in this format.</i></p>					

## **Programme Stage 2**

Level 5 (120 credits): 1 core module plus 7 elective modules (all modules are 15 credits).

During the second year, you will consolidate your understanding of the key theories, approaches, and concepts that are central to the analysis of political processes from a comparative perspective through the core module “Advanced Topics in Comparative Politics”. Moreover, a variety of elective modules will allow you to complement the skills and knowledge acquired through this core course with the study of the politics of a number of industrialised and developing nations, and emerging powers.

In addition to this core modules you will be able to choose seven elective modules. Of these, at least 4 (60 credits) will have to be chosen from a list of modules pertaining to the field of politics/comparative politics with the purpose of building your specialised knowledge in the subject field you are studying. The core elective modules include (15 credits each):

IP2031 Comparative Political Economy  
 IP2037 Comparative Asian Politics  
 IP2040 Political Risk Analysis  
 IP2041 Violent politics: riots, civil wars and state repression

IP2042 Political Psychology: Emotion & Reason in Politics

The remaining electives can be chosen from a broader selection of modules in related areas offered by the Department of International Politics, other departments in the School of Arts and Social Sciences, and one Language Module.

Module Title	SITS Code	Module Credits	Core/ Elective	Compensation Yes/No	Level
<b>International Politics Modules</b>					
Advanced Topics in Comparative Politics	IP2033	15	C	Y	5
Comparative Political Economy	IP2031	15	C/E	Y	5
Comparative Asian Politics	IP2037	15	C/E	Y	5
Political Risk Analysis	IP2040	15	C/E	Y	5
Violent Politics: Riots, Civil wars & State repression	IP2041	15	C/E	Y	5
Political Psychology: Reason & Emotion in Politics	IP2042	15	C/E	Y	5
Transnational Social Movements	IP2019	15	E	Y	5
Advanced Theories of Global Politics	IP2020	15	E	Y	5
States and Markets in the Era of Globalization	IP2022	15	E	Y	5
Security Studies: Conceptual Approaches	IP2024	15	E	Y	5
Security Studies: Contemporary and Emerging Issues	IP2025	15	E	Y	5
Foreign Policy Analysis: Theories and Issues	IP2026	15	E	Y	5
Foreign Policy Analysis: Instruments and Practice	IP2027	15	E	Y	5
Religion and Politics in the Age of Global Change	IP2028	15	E	Y	5
Analysing Political and Economic Data in the Real World	IP2038	15	E	Y	5
Advanced Principles of Economics: Financial Markets and Corporate Systems	IP2039	15	E	Y	5
Theories of International Political Economy	IP2051	15	E	Y	5
Practical Politics	IP2052	15	E	Y	6

<b>History Modules</b>					
Fifty Shades of Red – Russia in the Twentieth Century	HI2003	15	E	Y	5
Ordering the World: International Thought in the Twentieth Century	HI2004	15	E	Y	5
The American Century: The United States in the Twentieth Century	HI2006	15	E	Y	5
Cultures of Benevolence: Philanthropy and Civil Society from 1601 to the Present	HI2009	15	E	Y	5
The Making of Modern Japan	HI2010	15	E	Y	5
India in the Eighteenth Century	HI2011	15	E	Y	5
<b>History Modules</b>					
New Media Challenges	SG2016	15	E	Y	5
Understanding Social Change	SG2021	15	E	Y	5
Contemporary Social Theory	SG2028	15	E	Y	5
Sociology of Race and Racism	SG2030	15	E	Y	5
<b>Journalism Modules</b>					
Humanitarian Reporting	JO2206	15	E	Y	5
Data Journalism	JO2204	15	E	Y	5
<b>Language modules</b> (only one of the following language modules can be chosen during Y2)					
Any Language breadth module at level 1 (beginner level)	LA1XXX	15	E	N	4
Any Language for specific purposes module at level 1 (beginner level)	LA1XXX	15	E	N	4
Any Language breadth module at Level 2 (intermediate level)	LA2XXX	15	E	N	5
Any Language for specific purposes module at Level 2 (intermediate level)	LA2XXX	15	E	N	5
Any Language breadth module at Level 3 (upper intermediate level or	LA3XXX	15	E	N	5

higher)					
Any Language for specific purposes module at Level 3 (upper intermediate level or higher)	LA3XXX	15	E	N	5

Language for Specific Purposes: The language is taught in the context of your main subject in Media/Journalism/Social Sciences.

*French, German, Spanish, Russian are studied in this format.*

Language Breadth Modules: The language is taught for general purposes.

*Arabic and Mandarin are studied in this format*

### **Programme Stage 3**

Level 6 (120 credits): One core module (45 credits) and 5 elective modules (total equivalent of 75 credits).

In the Third Year, you will be able to apply the skills you have acquired during the first two years to the production of a sustained piece of independent research on a subject of your choice within the field of politics/comparative politics while also improving your employability skills (Final Year Dissertation Project – IP3017).

Besides the dissertation, you are entirely free to choose five elective modules in the areas that interest you the most and in doing so, specialise within the wider field of politics/comparative politics. Elective modules in the third year will allow you to use the knowledge developed in previous years to engage at length with a wide range of theoretical and empirical issues of your interest within the diverse yet increasingly interconnected world of politics.

You may choose up to 30 credits from outside the International Politics Department.

<b>Module Title</b>	<b>SITS Code</b>	<b>Module Credits</b>	<b>Core/ Elective</b>	<b>Can be compensated?</b>	<b>Level</b>
<b>International Politics</b>					
Final Year Dissertation Project	IP3017	45	C	Y	6
The Global Politics of Forced Migration	IP3013	15	E	Y	6
Advanced Topics in International Political Economy	IP3016	15	E	Y	6
Global Governance	IP3018	15	E	Y	6
International Politics of the Middle East	IP3019	15	E	Y	6
American Foreign Policy	IP3020	15	E	Y	6
The Global Political Economy of Development	IP3021	15	E	Y	6

Political Change in Europe	IP3022	15	E	Y	6
Governance of the Global Economy	IP3023	15	E	Y	6
Global Money and Finance	IP3024	15	E	Y	6
Global Ethics: Power and Principle in World Politics	IP3025	15	E	Y	6
The Theory and Practice of Conflict and Peace	IP3027	15	E	Y	6
Technology, Money, Power	IP3033	15	E	Y	6
Political Economy of Global Inequality	IP3034	15	E	Y	6
Ethnicity and Nationalism: Global Perspectives	IP3035	15	E	Y	6
Geopolitical Macroeconomy	IP3037	15	E	Y	6
The Multinational Corporation: Governance, Politics, Ethics	IP3041	15	E	Y	6
Sexuality and Gender in World Politics	IP3042	15	E	Y	6
Practical Politics	IP2052	15	E	Y	5
<b>History</b>					
Radicals and Reformers: Left-Wing Politics and Activism in Britain and the World since 1945	HI3003	15	E	Y	6
Revolution: Rebels and Riots in Modern History	HI3004	15	E	Y	6
Comparative Empires in the Modern Era	HI3005	15	E	Y	6
Genocide and the Holocaust in History and Memory	HI3006	15	E	Y	6
Disruptive Divas. Riot Grrrls and Bad Sistas: A History of Women in Popular Music	HI3009	15	E	Y	6
<b>Sociology</b>					
Poverty: What Counts?	SG3074	15	E	Y	6
Global Migration Processes	SG3041	15	E	Y	6
<b>Journalism</b>					
International News	JO3112	15	E	Y	6
Reporting Business	JO3241	15	E	Y	6
<b>Language modules</b> (only one of the following language modules can be chosen during Y3)					

Any Language breadth module at Level 2 (intermediate level)	LA2XXX	15	E	Y	5
Any Language for specific purposes module at Level 2 (intermediate level)	LA2XXX	15	E	Y	5
Any Language breadth module at Level 3 (upper intermediate level or higher)	LA3XXX	15	E	Y	5
Any Language for specific purposes module at Level 3 (upper intermediate level or higher)	LA3XXX	15	E	Y	5
Any Language for specific purposes module at Level 4 (advanced)	LA4XXX	15	E	Y	6
Foreign Language for Media (Advanced – Portfolio)	LA3500	15	E	Y	6

Language for Specific Purposes: The language is taught in the context of your main subject in Media/Journalism/Social Sciences.

*French, German, Spanish, Russian are studied in this format.*

Language Breadth Modules: The language is taught for general purposes.

*Arabic and Mandarin are studied in this format.*

### **TO WHAT KIND OF CAREER MIGHT I GO ON?**

Beyond providing access to the discipline-specific body of knowledge associated with the study of Politics, the programme places emphasis on gaining a number of core skills relevant for both the public and private sector job markets as well as further education (postgraduate degrees). Graduates will be suited to a wide range of career options, from political organisations, policy development, careers in government, research institutions, the media and communication, civil society, teaching as well as a range of careers in the private sector.

If you would like more information on the Careers support available at City, please go to: <http://www.city.ac.uk/careers/for-students-and-recent-graduates>.

### **WHAT STUDY ABROAD OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE?**

As an Undergraduate student you can undertake a period of study abroad whilst completing the programme. This is possible through the SASS Exchange Programme, a year of study at one of our European and/or international partner universities via a sandwich year, which is undertaken between completing Programme Stage 2 and

entering Programme Stage 3, extending the degree to four years.

The resulting degree title awarded would be: BSc Politics with Study Abroad.

Participation in the SASS Exchange Programme is through an application process. You are encouraged to investigate the opportunities available to you within your Department in your first year at City.

Information and support for this programme is provided by the SASS Exchanges Team ([SASS.Exchanges@city.ac.uk](mailto:SASS.Exchanges@city.ac.uk)).

### **WHAT PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE?**

As an Undergraduate student you can undertake a one year work placement whilst completing the programme. This is possible through joining the Integrated Professional Training Programme, which is a sandwich year that is taken between completing Programme Stage 2 and entering Programme Stage 3, extending the degree to four years.

The resulting degree title awarded would be: BSc Politics with Integrated Professional Training.

In identifying relevant placement opportunities you should consider your long-term plans for employment; whether the work placement proposed is relevant to final year modules; whether it might provide experience on which a project could be based.

Information and support for this programme is provided by the SASS Placements Team ([SASS.Placements@city.ac.uk](mailto:SASS.Placements@city.ac.uk)).

- 1) You should discuss your plans with the relevant Department Placement Officer at the earliest opportunity, preferably during the autumn term of their second year.
- 2) The work placement must extend over a minimum of 9 months and a maximum of 12 months (including holidays allowed by the employing body). The Placement should normally run between the 1st September and the 31st August in the following year.
- 3) The placement must be approved by City as providing suitable supervision and training.
- 4) Participant students are required to pay an administrative charge to cover the School's costs associated with the work placement. This will be in the form of a reduced tuition fee for the placement year, which will cover continued enrolment with City and access to all of its facilities.



## HOW DO I ENTER THE PROGRAMME?

### Entry Requirements

- **'A' Level:** Grades BBB or 120 UCAS tariff points. A-Level General Studies and A Level Critical Studies are not accepted
- **GCSE:** Minimum Grade 4 (C) in GCSE English and Mathematics or Statistics.
- **IB:** 30 points including 5,5,5 from three Higher Level subjects (no specific subjects required).

### Other UK qualifications:

- BTEC National Diploma (DDM required)
- Cambridge Pre-U Principal Subjects
- Advanced Diploma (plus appropriate A Levels)
- Scottish Advanced Highers
- Welsh Diploma (plus appropriate A Levels)

### International Qualifications

We accept a wide range of international qualifications for direct entry to our programmes.

### English Language Requirements

- IELTS 6.5 overall with a minimum of 6.0 in each component
- PTE Academic: 58 overall with a minimum of 51 in each component

### Second-year transfers

We accept students transferring from other universities for second year entry on a case-by case basis. If you wish to apply for second-year entry please be aware that you must:

- Currently be studying on a course in an equivalent subject area.
- Have achieved grades equal to the entry requirements for first-year entry (A Levels, international qualifications, foundation years, access courses, etc).
- Have covered sufficiently similar content to that of our first year students.
- Be gaining or have gained at least a 2:1 in every module in your current first year. You must provide official documentation of this as evidence (e.g. university transcript).

If you feel you meet these requirements then please apply through UCAS as early as possible (transfer students normally apply when their first semester exam results are published) and we can then assess your eligibility. Please be aware you will need to select your 'point of entry' as year two.

Please note: For direct second-year entrants the overall degree classification will be based on the marks obtained at City, University of London only, with the weighting of 33/67 between the second and third year. Marks previously obtained will not be used in the degree classification.

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