

PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

KEY FACTS

Programme name	International Political Economy
Award	BSc (Hons)
School	Arts and Social Sciences
Department or equivalent	International Politics
UCAS Code	4J80
Programme code	USIPEC
Type of study	Full-time
Total UK credits	360
Total ECTS	180

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Focus:

- How does a globalising market operate in the framework of the international system of states?
- To what extent are wars, conflicts and political stability linked to the underlying economic conditions?
- Does the global environmental catastrophe require an economic or political solution?
- Will the 21st century be an Asian century, or will the American age continue into the future?

Questions like these confront not only statesmen and governments, but also world business leaders and other officials around the world. The challenges of global shifts suggest that today, we need to think in a systemic and integrated way about the relationship between political processes, economic phenomena, and social traditions and institutions. City, University of London is offering this BSc in IPE to provide you with the conceptual and analytical skills that will help you address these and other questions about global capitalism, and lead a rewarding professional life in the rapidly changing global political-economic context.

International Political Economy (IPE) is an academic discipline uniquely suited to address academic issues of interdisciplinary and meet student demand for knowledge and skills related to the international political-economic phenomena of the global age. The aim of City's UG degree in IPE is to provide you with conceptual knowledge and analytical skills that will help you answer the questions about changing economic and political topography of the world.

Our Approach

The aim of this degree is to help you acquire, develop and advance analytical and conceptual knowledge of key processes, structures, institutions and agents of the world economic system.

Rather than separating disciplines according to their perceived academic niches, IPE is founded on the assumption and methodologies that treat politics, economy and society as an integrated whole. In this way, you are not alone in negotiating and working out the relationships between economics and politics, states and markets, national governments and global governance bodies. Rather, from the very first week of study, you are introduced to academic traditions that examine these phenomena in a systemic way.

We divide UG education in IPE in three distinct stages.

Year 1 (Breadth). The purpose of the first year is to introduce you to the wide range of problems in which economics and IPE deal. Insights from history of the world economy, core concepts of political economy, and quantitative skills and foundational tools of micro- and macro-economics, are what you need most at this stage.

Year 2 (Competency). The purpose of the second year is to give you the opportunity to develop skills as political economists. During the second year of study, you will become conversant not only in key qualitative and quantitative approaches to economic analysis and reasoning but apply your knowledge to the analysis of the real phenomena and problems of the global economic system.

Year 3 (Depth). During the final year of UG study you will have the opportunity to engage with specific topics and sub-field at length, so as to experience the challenge and reward of independent research and thought. Third-year modules and research projects will bring the analytical competencies developed during second year to bear on a wide range of theoretical and empirical issues covering the range of the discipline of IPE.

As a student on the BSc in IPE, you will be able to choose from a wide range of modules that are directly relevant to the study of the global economic and political issues, and which are offered by the Department of International Politics, as well as by other Departments at City (Sociology, Journalism, Languages).

Our aims are:

- To provide a specialist education in the field of international political economy.
- To enable you to develop your analytical capacities and the ability to examine and evaluate the complex structure of relationships between markets, governments, transnational actors and networks in the setting of the globalising economy.
- To provide you with a variety of conceptual frameworks for the analysis of problems of global capitalism in the 21st century.
- To enable you to investigate rapid economic changes, crises and transformations and their socio-political facets in the contemporary world.
- To enable you to develop your analytical capacities and articulate their analysis of complex issues and debates to a high level.
- To prepare you for a diverse range of careers, and help you develop contextual knowledge that will be applicable for life-long learning in a rapidly changing economic environment.

Certificate

Programme Stage One: Following successful completion of Programme Stage One or the Certificate of Higher Education in International Political Economy, you will be able to discuss underlying concepts and principles associated with the study of international political economy and interpret these within the context of your practice.

Diploma

Programme Stage Two: When you have successfully completed Programme Stage Two or the Diploma of Higher Education in International Political Economy you will have built on your previous knowledge and experience. You will have developed skills of enquiry in your subject and different approaches to problem-solving, you will also be able to identify the limitations of your knowledge.

Bachelor of Science (BSc)

Programme Stage Three: Following successful completion of Programme Stage Three or the degree you will have a coherent, systematic and detailed knowledge of the study of international political economy. You will be able to develop techniques for practice drawing on research and scholarship demonstrating your role as a reflective practitioner.

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?

The BSc in IPE aims to provide you with the analytical and conceptual skills necessary to address the dilemmas and policy issues arising in the increasingly integrated world.

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

Knowledge and understanding:

- Identify and apply concepts and theoretical approaches within IPE and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of these approaches in a wide range of different competing contexts.
- Identify, analyse and articulate the means and processes through which actors, institutions and structures of global political economy participate in and shape the core processes of economic and political life.
- Analyse the complex and changing roles of private markets, states, institutions and transnational forces and actors in the historical context of global capitalism.
- Analyse the different ways in which key economic and socio-political relationships inform, and are shaped by, national, regional, local and global structures of power and authority.
- Understand how different theoretical positions in International Political Economy tend to be associated with different historical contexts, substantive concepts, methodological positions, research strategies and underlying philosophical positions.
- Evaluate the interrelationships between evidence and theory in a wide range of different contexts.

Skills:

- Identify, incorporate and analyse complex ideas about the nature of the economic system.
- Gather, retrieve and synthesise information from a number of different primary and secondary data sources in order to understand the complexities of issues in global political economy.
- Identify, gather and test main types of empirical and statistical data characterising the international economic system.
- Identify, gather and employ types of quantitative data necessary for comparative analysis of national economic systems.
- Formulate arguments based on sound evidential and theoretical reasoning.
- Reflect on your own learning and make use of constructive feedback.
- Challenge received explanations of topics and controversies in mainstream (formal) economics.
- Unpack the systemic nature of markets and employ a variety of sources of information, to interpret the political, social, environmental and cultural dimensions of economic decisions and processes.
- Place individual economic phenomena in the wider historical context of processes of economic change and globalisation.

Values and attitudes:

- Appreciate the social and political connotations of economic processes and market mechanisms.
- Analyse the nature of the economic system as a complex web of socio-political relationships.
- Produce written materials that indicate in a precise and honest manner what is your own work and what is attributable to others.

This programme has been developed in accordance with the QAA Subject Benchmark for Politics and International Relations and Economics.

HOW WILL I LEARN?

The educational aims are achieved through a combination of lectures, interactive sessions, practical workshops and small group classes (tutorials), supported by a personal tutorial system. Lectures are used to provide commentary on and explanation of key content areas. Small group classes are used to develop understanding by inviting you to raise questions and participate in the debate and by providing guidance for further study.

You are required to undertake extensive reading and guided independent study in order to understand the topics covered in lectures and classes and to broaden and deepen your knowledge.

Lecturing and teaching is supported by a personal tutorial, mentoring and supervision system, and from your second year of study, with an organised research seminar series with outside speakers, both professional and academic.

The BSc in IPE will include an average of 10-12 contact hours per week (8-10 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 guided undertake independent study hours. Some of these hours will include use of online learning tools such as Moodle.

The BSc in IPE involves a 10000 word dissertation submitted at the end of your third year of UG study. Topics for both research projects are chosen by the students themselves, in consultation with module leaders and supervisors. The dissertation is designed to help students develop and advance their conceptual, quantitative and research skills in the field of IPE.

WHAT TYPES OF ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK CAN I EXPECT?

Assessment is by coursework (assessed essays and assignments), team projects, presentations, unseen examinations and the final year dissertation.

For the third-year dissertation, 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 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 will be provided in line with our Assessment and Feedback Policy. In particular, 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

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

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 (%)
1	4	120	10
2	5	120	30
3	6	60	60

Class **% required**

With Distinction	70
With Merit	60
Without classification	40

Diploma of Higher Education:

Programme Stage	HE Level	Credits	Weighting (%)
1	4	120	35
2	5	120	65

Class **% required**

With Distinction	70
With Merit	60
Without classification	40

Certificate of Higher Education:

Programme Stage	HE Level	Credits	Weighting (%)
1	4	120	100

Class **% required**

With Distinction	70
With Merit	60
Without classification	40

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Programme Stage 1 (Breadth)

Level 4 (120 credits): 8 core modules worth 15 credits each which introduce you to the wide range of problems in which economics and IPE deal, as well as key study and data analysis skills .

Module Title	SITS Code	Module Credits	Core / Elective	Compensation Yes/No	Level
Studying Politics	IP1040	15	C	Y	4
Introduction to Political and Economic Data Analysis	IP1041	15	C	Y	4
Principles of Economics I: Markets and Prices	IP1021	15	C	Y	4
Principles of Economics II: Countries and Systems	IP1022	15	C	Y	4
Introduction to Political Economy	IP1016	15	C	Y	4
The Making of Modern World Economy	IP1017	15	C	Y	4
Emerging Powers in a Changing World	IP1019	15	C	Y	4

Myth and Mysteries of World Politics	IP1014	15	C	Y	4
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Programme Stage 2 (Competencies)

Level 5 (120 credits): Six core modules worth 15 credits each covering employability and key issues and concepts in IPE/global economy.

- IP2051: Theories of International Political Economy
- IP2022: States and Markets in the Global Economy
- IP2031: Comparative Political Economy
- IP2039: Advanced Principles of Economics: Financial Markets and Corporate Systems
- IP2038: Analysing Political and Economic Data in the Real World
- IP2052: Practical Politics

The remaining 30 credits are chosen from a list of International Politics electives, as well as from other departments.

Module Title	SITS Code	Module Credits	Core/ Elective	Compensation Yes/No	Level
International Politics Modules					
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	C	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
Comparative Political Economy	IP2031	15	C	Y	5
Advanced Topics in Comparative Politics	IP2033	15	E	Y	5
Politics of the USA	IP2036	15	E	Y	5

Comparative Asian Politics	IP2037	15	E	Y	5
Analysing Political and Economic Data in the Real World	IP2038	15	C	Y	5
Advanced Principles of Economics: Financial Markets and Corporate Systems	IP2039	15	C	Y	5
Political Risk Analysis	IP2040	15	E	Y	5
Violent Politics: Riots, Civil wars & State repression	IP2041	15	E	Y	5
Political Psychology: Reason & Emotion in Politics	IP2042	15	E	Y	5
Theories of International Political Economy	IP2051	15	C	Y	5
Practical Politics	IP2052	15	C	Y	5
History Modules					
Fifty Shades of Red – Russia in the Twentieth Century	HI2003	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
Slavery, Colonialism and Revolution in the Caribbean	HI2012	15	E	Y	5
Sociology Modules					
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

Journalism Modules

Humanitarian Reporting	JO2206	15	E	Y	5
Data Journalism	JO2204	15	E	Y	5

Language modules (only one of the following language modules can be chosen during Y2)

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 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

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 (Depth)

Level 6 (120 credits): The Third Year has a core module, which is an independent IPE Project worth 45 credits. The remaining 75 credits are chosen from a variety of elective modules in International Politics, as well as from other Departments. You may choose up to 30 credits from outside the International Politics Department.

Module Title	SITS Code	Module Credits	Core/ Elective	Can be compensated?	Level
International Politics					
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
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 comparisons	IP3035	15	E	Y	6
Geopolitical Macroeconomy	IP3037	15	E	Y	6
Advanced Political and Economic Data Analysis <i>(running from 2021-22)</i>	IP3040	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
Latin American Politics and Political Economy	IP3043	15	E	Y	6
History					

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
Sociology					
Poverty: What Counts?	SG3074	15	E	Y	6
Global Migration Processes	SG3041	15	E	Y	6
Journalism					
International News	JO3112	15	E	Y	6
Reporting Business	JO3241	15	E	Y	6
Micro-Placements	SA3000	15	E	Y	6
Language modules (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
<p>Language for Specific Purposes: 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>Language Breadth Modules: The language is taught for general purposes. <i>Arabic and Mandarin are studied in this format.</i></p>					

TO WHAT KIND OF CAREER MIGHT I GO ON?

This degree was designed to meet increasing demand for an interdisciplinary training that prepares graduates for both the public and the private job markets. You will benefit from City's competitive advantage in the area of IPE and our close links to businesses, institutions and think tanks. Graduates will be suited to a wide range of career options, from the global corporate sector, banking and finance to Civil Service, international diplomatic corps, global media and international organizations.

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 International Political Economy 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).

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 International Political Economy 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).

- 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 ABB or 128 UCAS tariff points.
- **GCSE:** Minimum Grade 4 (B) or equivalent in GCSE English and Mathematics or Science.
- **IB:** 32 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

- EFL: grade B in GCSE (or International GCSE)
- 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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