## KEY FACTS

| Programme name                                                                 | BA History and Politics  
|                                                                               | BA History and Politics with Study Abroad  
|                                                                               | BA History and Politics with Integrated Professional Training  
|                                                                               | BA History and Politics with Study Abroad and Integrated Professional Training  
| Award                                                                         | BA (Hons)  
| School                                                                        | School of Arts and Social Sciences  
| Department or equivalent                                                      | Department of International Politics  
| UCAS Code                                                                     | VL12  
| Programme code                                                                | UJHIPO  
| Type of study                                                                 | Full Time  
| Total UK credits                                                              | 360  
| Total ECTS                                                                    | 180  
| Partner (partnership programmes only)                                         | N/A  
| Type of partnership                                                           | N/A  

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

The History and Politics BA (Hons) degree brings together key elements from City’s History BA and Politics BSc to help you understand politics and power, past and present. Drawing on the strengths of both disciplines, the joint degree gives you a deep understanding of politics and political processes rooted in both contemporary analysis and historical context.

You will gain a strong understanding of the major political, cultural, social and economic forces that have shaped the modern world. You will also develop a rich understanding of core aspects of the study of politics, including the characteristics of democracies and other forms of political organization, the role of political institutions in shaping politics and power, and the connection between citizens, political parties, and the media. You will take an international and global perspective on politics and power which builds on City’s strengths in international politics and transnational history. And you will examine the major theories that underpin politics, political analysis and political systems, and situate these ideas in their historical and social contexts.

This degree will train you to be a critical thinker and independent researcher. In your history modules you will apply the tools and techniques of historical research and analyse primary sources. In your politics modules you will acquire the theoretical tools and analytical skills to conduct qualitative research on the political processes that shape our world. You will take a balanced selection of electives from both the history and politics programmes, have the opportunity to take a short work placement for credit towards your degree, and bring together the skills and insights offered by the study of history and politics to develop policy positions on contemporary events. And in the final year of your degree you will conduct a major independent research project of your own design that draws on the tools and techniques of both disciplines.

Aims

The programme aims to provide you with:

- knowledge and understanding of European, non-European and transnational history
- an introduction to the main theories, analytical approaches and methods of contemporary political studies
- an introduction to political theory
- knowledge and understanding of comparative approaches to studying the development of states and institutions
- knowledge and understanding of a wide range of historical periods, and of themes within these periods
- a familiarity with and ability to apply historical research methods
- a broad understanding of diverse political institutions, political processes, ideas and issues in a variety of countries, regions, and cultures
- the ability to assess the impact of history on current events and contemporary politics
- a critical understanding of the ways that ideas and ideologies have shaped the world
- an understanding of how to apply the skills gained through the study of history and politics to the workplace
- experience of policy writing
- experience of teamwork and leadership
- excellent written and oral communication skills

Programme Stage 1

Following successful completion of Programme Stage 1 you will be able to identify and
WHAT WILL I BE EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE?

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

**Knowledge and understanding:**

- Describe, compare and analyse the history of multiple countries and regions
- Analyse historical phenomena from both a national and transnational perspective
- Define and apply the main theoretical traditions, concepts, and models in the study of politics
- Compare and contrast the impact of different political and electoral systems
- Develop the analytical and intellectual skills required to think critically about political institutions, processes and behaviors within different national, sub-national, and regional contexts
- Distinguish between, compare and apply the intellectual approaches offered by the disciplines of history and politics
- Read, analyse, and reflect critically on a broad range of historical sources and their contexts.
- Evaluate and deploy a variety of historical research methods, including the use of digital technology in historical research and preservation
- Reflect on the complexity of reconstructing the past, and the problematic and varied nature of historical evidence
- Critically examine and describe the ways that ideas and ideologies have shaped the modern world
- Assess the historical underpinnings of contemporary political and social debates and think critically about the role of history in the public sphere and contemporary world
- Apply insights from history and politics to policy making
- Relate the academic study of history and politics to employment opportunities and your professional future

**Skills:**

- Think critically and argue persuasively in academic and professional contexts using evidence from appropriate sources.
- Use qualitative research methods to understand and investigate contemporary politics
- Communicate ideas clearly and effectively in written and oral form for an academic audience
- Communicate ideas clearly and effectively in written and oral form for a non-academic audience
- Demonstrate intellectual independence, sound judgement and application of problem-solving skills.
- Develop a capacity to analyse academic texts and accurately describe theoretical hypotheses and arguments
- Manage your time, work under pressure, and meet deadlines
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the use of digital technology and the Internet as a research tool, and critically evaluate digital historical sources and historical repositories.
- Relate the skills and knowledge you gain in your degree to your personal and professional goals
- Formulate, plan, and execute a major independent research project, including setting realistic objectives, organising your time effectively, formulating questions, selecting and using appropriate research methods, and analysing and evaluating data.

**Values and Attitudes:**

- Respect and acknowledge the work of others
HOW WILL I LEARN?

You will learn through varied forms of teaching and assessment, which will include formative assignments, portfolios, and projects as well as traditional essays and examinations. You will engage with rich debates in current scholarship while also developing your applied skills in a wide range of contexts.

Your modules will be delivered through a combination of lectures, interactive sessions, practical workshops, small group classes, research seminars, and individual supervisions. Lectures are used to provide a broad overview of, commentary on, and explanation of key content areas. Small group modules will help you further and deepen your understanding of the course content by inviting you to work closely with historical materials, raise questions, and discuss key concepts and debates. Lecturing and teaching is supported by a personal tutorial, mentoring and supervision system.

You will be required throughout your studies to undertake extensive reading and independent study in order to understand the topics covered in lectures and classes, and to broaden and deepen your knowledge of the subject. Your self-directed learning will be supported in a variety of ways, including Moodle, group work, external visits, use of online resources, and showcases of creative work.

Course content will be enriched by an organised research seminar series hosted by the Centre for Modern History with outside speakers, both professional and academic, from your second year of study onward, as well as a broad range of events hosted by the Department of International Politics. Your learning will be supported in a variety of ways, including Moodle, group work, external visits to historical sites, museums or archives, the use of online resources, and opportunities to showcase your creative work.

In addition to coursework the BA in History and Politics involves a dissertation to be submitted at the end of your third year of study. You will choose your research topic yourself, in consultation with module leaders and supervisors. The research projects are designed to help you develop and showcase your research skills, your capacity for critical analysis, and your conceptual understanding of the fields of history and politics.
WHAT TYPES OF ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK CAN I EXPECT?

Assessment and Assessment Criteria
You will be assessed through a variety of formative assessments, with emphasis on both intellectual rigor and transferable skills that will become crucial in your subsequent professional life. Assessments may include essays, unseen written examinations, reading reflections, oral presentations, blogs, reflective journals, and research projects.

You will receive supervision and support in developing your research and writing skills throughout the programme. Group projects will help you develop your skills in group work, providing and receiving peer review, and presentation.

Feedback on Assessment
Feedback will be provided in line with City’s Assessment and Feedback Policy. You will normally be provided with feedback within three weeks of the submission deadline or assessment date, and this will normally include a provisional grade or mark. For end of module examinations or an equivalently 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.

City’s full policy on feedback can be found at: https://www.city.ac.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0008/68921/assessment_and_feedback_policy.pdf

Assessment Regulations
In order to pass your Programme, you must successfully complete the course’s required modules and assessments and acquire 360 credits. You will also need to pass each part of your programme in order to progress to the following stage. The weighting for each stage of your Programme is provided in the table below under the heading What Award Can I Get?

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.
## WHAT AWARD CAN I GET?

### Bachelor's Degree with Honours:

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| Class required  | Without classification |
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### Diploma of Higher Education:

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| Class required  | With Distinction |
| Class           | 5        |
| Class required  | 65       |
| Class           | With Merit |
WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Programme Stage 1 120 credits

In the first year of the programme you will be introduced to foundational elements of the study of History and Politics. The core modules in history will examine the relationship between historical events and current politics, the global history of the modern world, and the ways that historians work with a broad range of primary and secondary sources. The core modules in politics will introduce you to the principles and ideas that define the study of politics, key concepts and thinkers in political theory, and the foundations of comparative politics. In the History and Politics core module Past and Present you will examine the contributions historians can make to the study of politics, and the ways in which scholars of politics draw on the past to understand the development of institutions, societies, and power dynamics in the present.

How to choose your electives

You will choose two electives in year one. One must be an IP code elective and one must be an HI code elective.

Core modules

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<td>Puzzles of Comparative Politics</td>
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History electives

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<td>From ‘Rule Britannia’ to Brexit Britain: Britain and the World from the Nineteenth Century to the Present</td>
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Politics electives

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<td>The Making of the Modern World Economy</td>
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<td>Emerging Powers in a Changing World</td>
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Programme Stage 2

In Stage 2 of the programme you will study the ideas and ideologies that have shaped the modern world, situate these ideas in their historical context, and develop an advanced understanding of comparative politics. You will take History and Policy, in which you will develop policy positions on contemporary political and social issues. And you will also have the option to build your employability skills through a work placement module, in which you will spend two weeks in a workplace, reflect on how to apply the skills gained in your degree in a professional context, and develop vital professional skills.
### History electives

- Radicals and Reformers: Left-Wing Politics and Activism in Britain and the World since 1945  
  **HI300315**  
  E Y 6
- Revolution: Rebels and Riots in the Long Nineteenth Century  
  **HI300415**  
  E Y 6
- Comparative Empires in the Modern Era  
  **HI300515**  
  E Y 6
- Genocide and the Holocaust In History and Memory  
  **HI300615**  
  E Y 6

### Politics electives

- Politics of Forced Displacement  
  **IP301315**  
  E Y 6
- Global Governance  
  **IP301815**  
  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  
  **IP302215**  
  E Y 6
- Governance in the Global Economy  
  **IP302315**  
  E Y 6
- The Theory and Practice of Conflict and Peace  
  **IP3027**  
  15 E Y 6

### Micro-placements

- **SA3000**  
  15 E Y 6

### Language electives

- (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?

This programme equips you with a range of transferrable and employment-oriented skills, including critical analysis, time management, research, teamwork, oral and written communication, the use of digital technology, and policy writing.

As a History and Politics graduate, you can aspire to future roles in:
- Public policy and the public sector
- Politics
- Advocacy and NGOs
- International Organisations
- Education
- Publishing
- Journalism
- Law
- Consulting
- Archive management or librarianship
- Museums and the heritage sector
- The cultural and creative industries
- Research
- The corporate 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?

Undergraduate students can also undertake a period of study abroad whilst completing their programme. This is possible through the School of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS) Exchange Programme, which allows students to spend a period of study at one of our European and international partner universities. All undergraduate students in the School of Arts and Social Sciences can apply for a sandwich year studying abroad 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: BA History and Politics with Study Abroad.

Participation in the SASS Exchange Programme is through an application process. Students are encouraged to investigate the opportunities available to them within their Department in their first term 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?

The programme offers a Work Placement elective module, in which you will have the opportunity to undertake a short placement, reflect upon your experience in the workplace, and develop vital employability skills.

Undergraduate students can also undertake a one year work placement whilst completing their 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: BA History with Integrated Professional Training.

In identifying relevant placement opportunities students should consider their 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) Students should discuss their 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.

WILL I GET ANY PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION?

No
HOW DO I ENTER THE PROGRAMME?

For A-level students our standard offer is BBB.

In addition, GCSE English Language (grade 4 or 5) or equivalent are required for those students who are applying with A Levels.

For International Baccalaureate students our standard offer is 33 points overall.

For BTEC students our standard offer is DDM

In addition, GCSE English Language (grade 4 or 5) or equivalent are required for BTEC students.

We also make offers on other international, European and British qualifications that are recognised by British Universities.

For students whose first language is not English, evidence of English language proficiency is required.

RPL/RPEL Requirements

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.

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.