

Political Science and International Relations

MA

COURSE DETAILS

- Full-time: 12 months
- Part-time: 24 months

KEY DATES

- Apply by: [29 August 2025](#)
 - Starts: 22 September 2025
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Course overview

The Political Science and International Relations MA provides training in research methods, the application of political concepts and theories, and develops an advanced understanding of politics and political science. Your employability is enhanced through skills training, alongside the chance to gain advanced work experience through our *Advanced Placement Scheme* that places students with an employer to work on a project.

INTRODUCTION

The MA offers a range of optional modules that enables you to specialise or generalise in key areas of political studies including *British Politics*, *International Relations*, and *Comparative Politics*. The MA also provides comprehensive methods training to equip you with the skills required for doctoral research, or a wide range of careers in fields such as journalism, business, the Civil Service, central government, local government, charities, and education.

If you are interested in applying for this MA, or if you have any questions whilst undertaking your programme of study, please do not hesitate to contact the Programme Lead.

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

This course is designed for graduates with a Bachelor's in Politics/International Relations or a broadly related discipline who want to advance their understanding of politics and political science.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Political science research methods
 - Advanced work experience from the opportunity to participate in the *Advanced Placement Scheme* with placements available in areas such as: local government, national charities and trade unions
 - Application of political concepts and theories
 - An advanced understanding of politics and political science
 - The ability to write a political science dissertation at postgraduate level.
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Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

STANDARD PATHWAY

On the standard Political Science and International Relations pathway, students take the compulsory module *Political Science Research Methods* and then can choose from a selection of optional 15 and 30 credit modules in semester one and a selection of optional 15 credit modules in semester two.

Students on this programme have the option to take a **Contemporary Europe pathway**, which involves different compulsory and optional modules. Please select *Contemporary Europe pathway* for information on this pathway.

COMPULSORY MODULES

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OPTIONAL MODULES

BIG DATA AND SOCIETY: FOUNDATIONS, POLITICS, AND POLICY B (COMM752)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 1

This module will be of particular interest to students interested in big data and how it is collected and used in modern society; in the politics and policy questions around social media; and in the interactions between media, platforms, and citizens. It will introduce students to the study of online media and platforms, with a particular focus on 'big' social trace data. As well as developing their understanding of how Internet-based media systems work, students will learn about the strengths and weaknesses of using big data for social science research, and engage with key online political communication policy questions.

MEDIA AND POLITICS: THEORIES AND CASES B (COMM765)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 1

The module examines a range of interconnected issues concerning the politics/media relationship. It offers a critical overview of the ways in which the media have been studied and discussed in relation to political processes and explores the key aspects of contemporary theory and research in politics and media. Part one is devoted to theories and debates about the politics and media relationship. It examines different ways of making sense of the relationship between the state, the public, and the media and questions surrounding media power and media audiences. Part two focuses on specific cases and controversies in the media-politics relations. It explores the changing relationships, representational forms, power dynamics, and impacts of media performance in selected forms of contemporary 'conflict'.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND TRANSFORMATION (POLI513)

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MODERN SLAVERY, FORCED LABOUR AND HUMAN RIGHTS (POLI521)

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EUROPEAN NATION-STATE AND POLITICS OF NATIONALISM (POLI502)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 1

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POLITICS OF THE ENVIRONMENT (ENVS525)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 1

Increasingly recognition of the environmental threats that we all face means that responding to this crisis affects the decisions we all make at a variety of different scales. This module explores the extent to which environmental concerns are taken into account in various decision-making processes involving the public (government), private and third sectors at a variety of different scales, global, European, national and local. The module is assessed by an essay and an open-book exam, which provides students with significant choice to explore those parts of the module they find most interesting.

RE-INScribing POWER AND IDENTITY IN/FROM CONTEMPORARY EUROPE (POLI505)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 1

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ADVANCED TOPICS IN ELECTORAL RESEARCH (POLI518)

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WAR WRITING (ENGL488)

Credits: 30 / Semester: semester 1

War Writing addresses the ways that wartime and peacetime are imagined by writers in the 20th and 21st centuries. We consider the topic by looking at a diverse range of texts that address war directly or indirectly. We ask our students to ask exactly what it is that war means and the ways in which writers have attempted to answer that question. We actively look to expand our definition of war writing and to include a wide spectrum of writers and writing.

GLOBAL JOURNALISM AND POLITICS (COMM748)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 2

This module will offer a cross-national comparative perspective on the state of journalism around the world, journalists' perceptions of their role in society and the contextual factors that influence journalistic roles and performance. Only 14% of people in the world live in countries with free media so it is important to appreciate that the news media might play different roles based on the nature of the political system, the respective media systems and the relevant cultural and societal differences. The extent to which the news media can act as the fourth estate is to a large extent determined by these contextual factors but also by audiences' expectations about the role of journalists in their society. A range of case studies will be used throughout the module.

MEDIA AND POLITICS: ECONOMY AND SOCIETY B (COMM763)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 2

This module explores the relationships between politics, economics, and mainstream media. The traditional, 20th century business models of news media have collapsed, prompting news organisations to make redundancies and to consider new ways of financing their activities. As a result, significant concerns have been raised about their sustainability as well as the wider role that news media (should) play in democratic societies. Furthermore, social media platforms and search engines have become the new gatekeepers, directing attention to news (and the knowledge, understandings, and attitudes shaped by news consumption) based on algorithms and audience members' self-selection into disparate groups. In this module we will be looking at the ways in which media content across a variety of platforms and channels is being shaped by economic considerations and neoliberal ideology and how this creates tension, and sometimes outright contradiction, with the public and democratic role of mass media (including social media platforms) in open societies.

POLITICS IN ACTION ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHEME (POLI500)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 2

This module provides an opportunity for students to gain credit from experience acquired in a placement, usually off campus, and outside their immediate academic context, in a setting that matches their academic and possible career/industry interests. During this placement students will have the chance to develop materials and/or undertake tasks within a practical or vocational context; to apply academic knowledge from their degree, and to develop their personal and employability skills within a working environment. Students will also be encouraged to critically reflect on their time on their placement, and tie their experiences into a broader theoretical understanding of what constitutes 'politics'.

EUROPE AND THE WORLD (POLI501)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 2

This module provides an in-depth analysis of the external policies of the EU in the current context and critically analyses the role of EU in international affairs. The module will trace the evolution of the EU as an international actor, scrutinize the EU's external action in different policy areas and its relations with its regional and global partners.

BREXIT AND BEYOND (POLI522)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 2

The module analyses the process leading to Britain's withdrawal from the European Union and the form it took (referendum and withdrawal agreement) as well as the ongoing implications for British politics, society and culture.

LITERATURE, SLAVERY AND EMPIRE (ENGL750)

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QUANTITATIVE METHODS AND WORLD POLITICS (POLI510)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 2

The module introduces students to the quantitative study of international relations, security studies and comparative politics. Much of the most important research on topics such as the foreign relations between states, public attitudes towards global issues, and violent conflict within societies is quantitative. The module provides a guide to navigating these areas of research.

Beginning at an introductory level with descriptive statistics, it will introduce students to the most frequently-used tools for the statistical analysis of politics. Using statistical software, students will replicate existing studies and familiarise themselves with some of the major datasets in the fields of comparative politics, international relations, and security studies.

By the end of the module, students should have the confidence to replicate existing research in political science, make use of quantitative datasets in the study of politics conduct their own quantitative empirical investigation. Having studied statistics in a previous university degree is not a requirement for the module as we start from an absolute beginner's level.

ANTI-COLONIAL LEGACIES IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS (POLI526)

Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 2

This module explores a series of dissident perspectives in international politics which evaluate how the study of international affairs exists as part of a continuum of empire. Examining the core features of different knowledge traditions emanating from postcolonial theory, decolonial methodologies and non-western thought, and critical positions in geography, history, sociology, and legal studies; this module situates the study of international politics with each of their epistemic stances, methodologies, and distinctive themes. We will evaluate what are often regarded to be the core concepts of International Relations theorisation (e.g., the treaty of Westphalia, liberalism, realism) and topical events like far-Right extremism, climate change, the Migrant Crisis, and the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan, with the diverse socio-political and ethical commitments that exist within the interdisciplinary field of anti-colonialism. This includes ideas of decolonization, abolitionist thought, reparative justice, and world repair.

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This module examines the different ways in which states intervene in the domestic affairs of other states or territories such as humanitarian intervention, invasion, annexation, peacekeeping, and colonial interventions. It explores how intervention has changed and developed historically, especially during and after the Cold War. It analyses whether state-practice has out-run the rules and norms that guide international state behaviour, particularly the legal framework of the United Nations and other relevant bodies of international law.

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SUMMER PERIOD

In both pathway options, the compulsory Political Science Dissertation (60 credits) is completed during the Summer vacation period.

COMPULSORY MODULES

POLITICAL SCIENCE DISSERTATION (POLI531)

Credits: 60 / Semester: summer

The dissertation will enable students to demonstrate their research skills and knowledge in a single substantive independent piece of study. Students will select their chosen topic under the umbrella of 'political science and international relations', thereby affording students with a wide range of potential topics upon which to research. The opportunity to conduct this piece of research will enable students to focus on a topic they are intellectually interested in, and so motivated to conduct the research.

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HOW YOU'LL LEARN

The modules on the programme are delivered using combinations of lectures, seminars, workshops, personal tutorials, and group tutorials. These are held on the main campus, with timetabled sessions for you to attend. On average, each module would have 2-hours face-

to-face teaching per week. For those undertaking the Advanced Placement Scheme, personal sessions are held with the Placement Scheme Director.

HOW YOU'RE ASSESSED

Students undertake a range of authentic assessments such as policy documents, presentations, reports, reflective logs, amongst others. These are included alongside essays and online examinations (depending on which optional modules students select). Students also undertake a 60-credit dissertation, which is undertaken in the second and summer semesters for submission in September.

LIVERPOOL HALLMARKS

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.

Careers and employability

Student career development is a major interest for the department and we actively encourage you to integrate career planning into your academic studies. The programme offers students the chance to discuss and develop their career options by working to secure placements and other activities that maximize employment potential.

The programme's *Advanced Placement Scheme* involves you working within an organisation on a set project in its entirety, enhancing your project management skills. Previous placements have been based in various departments within The Liverpool Combined Authority, Communications within Liverpool City Council, Trade Unions and National Charities.

The MA delivers ideal training if you are interested in an academic career in doctoral research. The MA also provides a solid foundation if you are interested in exploring a career in education, media, third sector industries, the Civil Service, central/local government, or business.

If you have a professional background in any of these (or other relevant) areas, the MA provides you with the opportunity for continuing professional development, whilst enabling you to bring your experiences to the cohort which will further enrich the programme.

Career support from day one to graduation and beyond

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Career planning

[Our Careers Studio and career coaches can provide tailored support for your future plans.](#)

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From education to employment

Employability in your curriculum for a successful transition

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Networking events

[Make meaningful connections with like-minded professionals](#)

YOUR FUTURE

Career options are wide and extensive, including working in:

- National and international political organisations
- Mental health charities
- Non-governmental organisations
- Media
- Education
- Armed forces
- Civil service
- Political parties

- Corporate organisations
 - Financial sector
 - Doctoral research.
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Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

TUITION FEES

UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)	
Full-time place, per year	£11,700
Part-time place, per year	£5,850

International fees	
Full-time place, per year	£24,100
Part-time place, per year	£12,050

Fees stated are for the 2025-26 academic year.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support.

- You can [pay your tuition fees in instalments](#).
- All or part of your tuition fees can be [funded by external sponsorship](#).
- International applicants who accept an offer of a place will need to [pay a tuition fee deposit](#).

If you're a UK national, or have settled status in the UK, you may be eligible to apply for a Postgraduate Loan worth up to £12,167 to help with course fees and living costs. [Learn more about fees and funding](#).

ADDITIONAL COSTS

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. This could include buying a laptop, books, or stationery.

Find out more about the [additional study costs](#) that may apply to this course.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

We offer a range of scholarships and bursaries that could help pay your tuition and living expenses.

We've set the country or region your qualifications are from as United Kingdom. [Change it here](#)

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POSTGRADUATE GLOBAL ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP – ACHIEVEMENT

◦ [International students](#)

[If you're an international student joining a master's course with us, you could be eligible to receive a tuition fee discount of £2,500, based on your prior academic achievement, choice of course, and you not having studied with us before.](#)

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POSTGRADUATE GLOBAL ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP – COUNTRY

◦ [International students](#)

◦ [Antigua and Barbuda](#)

◦ [Australia](#)

◦ [Bangladesh](#)

◦ [Barbados](#)

◦ [Belize](#)

◦ [Brunei](#)

◦ [Canada](#)

◦ [China](#)

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◦ [Nigeria](#)

◦ [Pakistan](#)

◦ [Saint Kitts and Nevis](#)

◦ [Saint Lucia](#)

◦ [Saint Vincent and The Grenadines](#)

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GRADUATE LOYALTY ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

- [Home and international students](#)

[If you're a University of Liverpool graduate starting this master's degree with us, you could be eligible to receive a loyalty discount of up to £2,500 off your master's tuition fees.](#)

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CHILEAN NATIONAL AGENCY FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (ANID) SCHOLARSHIP

- [International students](#)
- [Chile](#)

[If you're a Chilean student joining a master's degree, you could be eligible to apply for a 20% discount on your tuition fees with a Chilean National Agency for Research and Development \(ANID\) Scholarship. Scholarship.](#)

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CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIPS

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[If you're an international student from an eligible country, joining a one-year master's course, you could be eligible to apply for a Chevening Scholarship. If your application is successful, you could expect to have your master's fees paid, up to a maximum of £18,000, and receive additional help with living costs.](#)

CONSEJO NACIONAL DE CIENCIA Y TECNOLOGIA (CONACYT) AWARD

- [International students](#)
- [Mexico](#)

[If you're a Mexican student joining a master's degree, you could be eligible to apply for a 30% discount on your tuition fees with a CONACyT Award.](#)

FUND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES (FIDERH) AWARD

- [International students](#)
- [Mexico](#)

[If you're a Mexican student joining a master's degree and you're in receipt of a FIDERH graduate loan, you could be eligible to benefit from a 20% discount on your tuition fees with a FIDERH Award.](#)

FUNED AWARD

- [International students](#)
- [Mexico](#)

[If you're a Mexican student joining a master's degree and you're in receipt of a FUNED loan, you can apply to be considered for a 20% tuition fee discount. A total of up to 50 awards will be available to master's and PhD students per academic year.](#)

HRH PRINCESS SIRINDHORN UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL SCHOLARSHIP (THAILAND)

- [International students](#)
- [Thailand](#)

[If you're a student from Thailand joining a one-year master's degree, you might be eligible to apply to have your tuition fees paid in full and receive help with living costs. One award is available and only students who are new to the University will be considered.](#)

HUMANITARIAN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MASTER'S PROGRAMMES

- [International students](#)

[Do you have recognised status as a refugee or person with humanitarian protection outside the UK? Or are you a Ukrainian who's sought temporary protection in the EU? You could be eligible to apply for the full payment of your master's fees and additional financial support.](#)

JOHN LENNON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- [Home students](#)

[If you're a UK student, either born in or with strong family connections to Merseyside, you could be eligible to apply for a fee discount of up to £4,500. You'll need to demonstrate an active interest in global, community and environmental issues to be considered.](#)

JUVENTUDES GTO SCHOLARSHIP

- [International students](#)
- [Mexico](#)

[If you're a resident of the state of Guanajuato in Mexico joining a master's degree, you could be eligible for a 10% discount on your tuition fees with a JuventudEsGto Scholarship.](#)

KAPLAN DIGITAL PATHWAYS EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

- [International students](#)

[Completed a Kaplan Digital Pathways Pre-Master's? We're offering a £5,000 fee discount off the first year of master's study for a maximum of two high achieving students joining one of our non-clinical master's courses from an online Kaplan Pre-Master's programme.](#)

MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP

- [International students](#)
- [United States](#)

[If you're a USA student joining an eligible master's with us, you could be eligible to apply for a Marshall Scholarship. If your application is successful, your master's tuition fees will be paid in full. One Marshall Scholarship for master's study is available in each academic year.](#)

POSTGRADUATE OPPORTUNITY BURSARY

- [Home students](#)

[If you're a UK University of Liverpool graduate joining a master's degree with us, you could be eligible to receive £3,000 off your tuition fees. You must have graduated in the last two years](#)

[and received a widening access scholarship during your undergraduate studies.](#)

- **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MA POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

- [Home and international students](#)

[Joining our Political Science and International Relations MA? You could be eligible to apply for a scholarship worth £5,000. Two awards will be available in each academic year.](#)

- **SPORT LIVERPOOL PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME**

- [Home and international students](#)

[Apply to receive tailored training support to enhance your sporting performance. Our athlete support package includes a range of benefits, from bespoke strength and conditioning training to physiotherapy sessions and one-to-one nutritional advice.](#)

- **THE AZIZ FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

- [Home students](#)

[If you're a British Muslim, active within a Muslim community and dedicated to bringing positive change to society, you could apply to potentially have the full cost of your master's tuition fees covered by an Aziz Foundation Scholarship.](#)

- **TURKISH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

- [International students](#)

- [Turkey](#)

[If you're a Turkish student joining a master's degree, you could be eligible to apply for a 20% discount on your tuition fees with a Turkish Ministry of Education Scholarship.](#)

- **UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP**

- [International students](#)

[Completed a Pre-Master's at University of Liverpool International College \(UoLIC\)? We're offering a £5,000 fee discount off the first year of master's study to some of the highest achieving students joining one of our non-clinical master's courses from UoLIC.](#)

- **UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE IMPACT PROGRESSION SCHOLARSHIPS**

- [International students](#)

[If you're a University of Liverpool International College student awarded a Kaplan Impact Scholarship, we'll also consider you for an Impact Progression Scholarship. If selected, you'll receive a fee discount worth £3,000 off the first year of your master's course.](#)

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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S INTERNATIONAL ATTAINMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR MAINLAND CHINA

- [International students](#)
- [China](#)

[Are you a high-achieving graduate from the People's Republic of China with a degree from a Chinese university? You could be eligible to apply for a £5,000 fee discount if you're joining an eligible master's course. Up to 15 eligible students will receive this scholarship.](#)

Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

Your qualification	Requirements About our typical entry requirements
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Postgraduate entry requirements	We accept a 2:2 honours degree from a UK university, or an equivalent academic qualification from a similar non-UK institution. This degree should be in Politics, International Relations studies (or a closely related subject e.g. Classics, History, Philosophy, Sociology, English, Modern Languages).
International qualifications	If you hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent, but don't meet our entry requirements, a Pre-Master's can help you gain a place. This specialist preparation course for postgraduate study is offered on campus at the University of Liverpool International College , in partnership with Kaplan International Pathways. Although there's no direct Pre-Master's route to this MA, completing a Pre-Master's pathway can guarantee you a place on many other postgraduate courses at The University of Liverpool.

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