

Addendum to the Programme Specification

4555 BSc Politics

This Addendum has been produced to highlight the key changes made to the existing Programme Specification as a result of the University's response to the Covid-19 Pandemic. You should read it in conjunction with the relevant Programme Specification from the year you started your programme.

[Programme Specification for entry in 2020-21](#)
[Programme Specification for entry in 2019-20](#)
[Programme Specification for entry in 2018-19](#)

University level information

In view of COVID-19, the University has had to make changes to some elements of programme delivery for 2020-21. These changes have included the method of delivery, such as face-to-face and online, and the number of modules available.

The University aims to provide as much of a face-to-face component to your education as prevailing conditions at the time allow, combined with its new blended approach that will develop active independent and group online learning.

As the COVID-19 pandemic develops, the University's response to this and other issues may likewise need to evolve. The University will consult with student representatives as necessary and appropriate and will communicate changes to you as soon as practicable so that you have the information you need to understand how a change may impact you and what steps you need to take next. The University remains committed to supporting you as you learn.

Programme Information

The University is making best efforts to work with partner Institutions to provide study abroad opportunities in 2020/21, although we are aware that the current national and international situation may impact on study abroad and exchange opportunities throughout the 2020-21 academic year and beyond

Programme Structure

Where optional modules have been specified, the following is an indicative list of available optional modules, which are subject to change each academic year. Please note that, in some instances, modules have limited spaces available.

Year 1 – Part 1

| Semester 1 | | | | Semester 2 | | | |
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| Modules | ECTS | CATS | Module type | Modules | ECTS | CATS | Module Type |
| PAIR1002 Political Systems | 7.5 | 15 | Core | PAIR1001 Introduction to International Relations | 7.5 | 15 | Core |
| PAIR1004 Political Ideas | 7.5 | 15 | Core | PAIR1005 Introduction to Political Inquiry | 7.5 | 15 | Core |
| PAIR1007 Crises of the 21 st Century | 7.5 | 15 | Comp | STAT1003 Introduction to Quantitative Methods | 7.5 | 15 | Comp |

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| PAIR1011 A (Dis)United Kingdom | 7.5 | 15 | Comp | | | | |
| | | | | Please ensure that for this group you choose a Semester 2 module | | | |
| | | | | You must select between 0 and 7.5ECTS/15CATS from the following | | | |
| | | | | You may select modules from LANGXX15 | | | |
| | | | | PAIR1012 Politics Book Club | 7.5 | 15 | Option |
| | | | | PAIR1013 Imagining European Futures | 7.5 | 15 | Option |

Part 2

| Semester 1 | | | | Semester 2 | | | |
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| Modules | ECTS | CATS | Module type | Modules | ECTS | CATS | Module Type |
| | | | | PAIR2010 The Struggle for Democracy | 7.5 | 15 | Comp |
| Research Methods Options: You must select 15CATS/30CATS from PAIR 2002, PAIR 2004 and STAT2009. | | | | | | | |
| STAT2009 Research Methods in The Social Sciences | 7.5 | 15 | Optional | PAIR2002 Political Thinking | 7.5 | 15 | Optional |
| | | | | PAIR2004 Research Skills in Politics & International Relations | 7.5 | 15 | Optional |
| Depending on your choice of Research Methods Options, and ensuring your modules are equal across semesters, you must select between 15ECTS/30CATS and 22.5ECTS/45CATS in Semester 1 and between 7.5ECTS/15CATS and 15ECTS/30CATS from Semester 2 from the following; | | | | | | | |
| PAIR2018 Partisans, Public Opinion and Elections: Understanding the Political Mind | 7.5 | 15 | Optional | PAIR2026 Democratic Theory | 7.5 | 15 | Optional |
| PAIR2051 Power and Ethics Before Machiavelli | 7.5 | 15 | Optional | PAIR2011 American Political Thought | 7.5 | 15 | Optional |
| PAIR2052 Ethics of Public Policy | 7.5 | 15 | Optional | PAIR2050 Contemporary Theories of Justice | 7.5 | 15 | Optional |
| PAIR2016 Public Policy Analysis | 7.5 | 15 | Optional | PAIR2054 Dilemmas of Leadership | 7.5 | 15 | Optional |
| | | | | PAIR2048 Gender, Power and Politics | 7.5 | 15 | Optional |
| | | | | PAIR2042 Reinventing Democracy: Innovation, Participation and Power | 7.5 | 15 | Optional |
| You may select between 0 up to 15ECTS/30CATS from the following | | | | | | | |
| LANGXX30 | | | | | | | |

Part 3

Please note: Year 3 PAIR modules cannot be taken if the corresponding module was taken in year 2 of your programme.

| Semester 1 | | | | Semester 2 | | | |
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| Modules | ECTS | CATS | Module type | Modules | ECTS | CATS | Module Type |
| PAIR3003 Dissertation in Politics and International Relations | | | | | 15 | 30 | Core |
| You must select between 15ECTS/30CATS and 22.5ECTS/45CATS from Semester 1 options and between 15ECTS/30CATS and 22.5ECTS/45CATS from Semester 2 options | | | | | | | |
| PAIR3021 Chinese Politics | 7.5 | 15 | Optional | PAIR3026 European Security Governance | 7.5 | 15 | Optional |
| PAIR3027 Partisans, Public Opinion and Elections: Understanding the Political Mind | 7.5 | 15 | Optional | PAIR3033 Democratic Theory | 7.5 | 15 | Optional |
| PAIR3040 Democratisation in Global Politics: why do some regimes thrive and others flounder? | 7.5 | 15 | Optional | PAIR3039 Comparative Party Politics | 7.5 | 15 | Optional |
| PAIR3028 Diaspora in Transnational Politics | 7.5 | 15 | Optional | PAIR3062 Children and Human Rights | 7.5 | 15 | Optional |
| PAIR3057 Ethics of Public Policy | 7.5 | 15 | Optional | PAIR3063 American Political Thought | 7.5 | 15 | Optional |
| PAIR3014 Globalisation and World Politics | 7.5 | 15 | Optional | PAIR3015 Contemporaries Theory of Justice | 7.5 | 15 | Optional |
| PAIR3050 Power and Ethics Of Machiavelli | 7.5 | 15 | Optional | PAIR3059 Critics of Empire: Radical and Revolutionary Political Thinkers of the Global South | 7.5 | 15 | Optional |
| PAIR3025 Public Policy Analysis | 7.5 | 15 | Optional | PAIR3005 Development and International Relations | 7.5 | 15 | Optional |
| PAIR3030 The Politics and Governance in the EU | 7.5 | 15 | Optional | PAIR3052 Dilemmas of Leadership | 7.5 | 15 | Optional |
| PAIR3025 Public Policy Analysis | 7.5 | 15 | Optional | PAIR3061 Gender and Power Politics | 7.5 | 15 | Optional |
| | | | | PAIR3060 Politics and Protest | 7.5 | 15 | Optional |
| | | | | PAIR3038 Reinventing Democracy: Innovation, Participation and Power | 7.5 | 15 | Optional |
| You may select between 0 up to 15ECTS/30CATS from the following | | | | | | | |
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