



POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

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INTRODUCING OUR DEPARTMENT

We are one of the largest and most highly regarded departments of our kind in the UK. In 2014, we were named as one of the UK's 'Big Five' politics departments by the Political Studies Association, due to our global reputation for research excellence and our dedication to teaching and learning.

You'll be joining an active academic community with a wide range of specialisms. Our faculty not only conducts world leading and internationally excellent research, but are also connected to the world of global politics. Your course and the modules you study are designed and taught by a range of scholars who teach and research but also consult with national governments and international organisations, and are members of national and international think tanks, research centres, and commissions.

Globally, as a department, we rank 42nd among all politics and international studies departments in the world, according to the QS World University Rankings 2018. Nationally, we are placed 3rd in the UK by the Times/Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018 for the third year running, 3rd by The Guardian University Guide 2018, and 4th by The Complete University Guide 2018.

In the UK Research Excellence Framework exercise in 2014 (REF2014), we were ranked number one for 'research environment' and fourth out of all UK based departments for 'research power' and 'research intensity'. Of the research published by our staff in books and journal articles over a six year period from 2008, 80% was assessed as being 'world class' or 'internationally excellent'. All of this is significant for you because it means that our 'research-led' postgraduate teaching is underpinned by the latest, internationally renowned research in this discipline.

Teaching and learning experience

Our students consistently give us excellent ratings regarding teaching and learning, organisation and management, and resources and services. In the 2017 Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) results, we achieved an 86% satisfaction rating overall. The PTES analyses a range of feedback from students on teaching quality (such as contact and feedback), course design, student satisfaction, and career development.

Our courses are up-to-date and current, reflecting the ever shifting and highly contested political realm. We offer a broad range of specialist modules across a wide range of expertise. With dozens of modules to choose from, it is possible to customise your degree according to your own intellectual pursuits, research interests and career objectives. New modules are also added as we continue to grow and new staff members arrive in the department, bringing their own expertise into the mix.

Our faculty members are recognised experts in their field and our research reputation is accordingly very high across several fields of politics, including International Political Economy, International Relations, Security, Development, Democratisation and Political Theory. Our MA (Master of Arts) programmes in politics and international studies attract a large cohort of students every year. Given the high standards we set as a department, it is no surprise that our MA students regularly go on to excel in careers in politics, development, academia, media, and high ranking positions in the private sector. We fully encourage you to take advantage of all the opportunities that are on offer.

Opportunities beyond the classroom

Not only will you enhance your knowledge of your specialist subject area whilst with us, you'll also be able to engage with a range of opportunities beyond the classroom. For example, all students are invited to attend the PAIS departmental seminar series that brings in speakers from other universities, government, the media, and international organisations. This series is the focal point of the department's research culture and activity. We also host a 'Burning Issues' seminar series especially for our MA cohort. This seminar series provides an introduction to and overview of a range of contemporary issues in politics and international studies. Many other events take place that bring together our staff and students, including politics related talks by academics and non-academic speakers from the policy world; these often include talks by PAIS MA alumni, conferences, society events and the PAIS Film Club.

According to The Graduate Market in 2017, (High Fliers), Warwick is the most targeted university by leading graduate employers in the country. Each year, employers have a presence on campus, with careers fairs, presentations and guest lectures happening on a regular basis.



THE MA EXPERIENCE

There's more to life as an MA student with us than just your modules or essays. In fact, we offer lots of opportunities for you to develop your research and careers skills, engage with the academic community in the department, and participate in university-wide activities.

Skills training

Starting a postgraduate degree can be a daunting prospect, but you'll be prepared to tackle upcoming challenges through our compulsory series of lectures in research skills. These train you in the skills you need for your course and demonstrate how these skills can be utilised in the working world after you graduate. You'll cover topics including essay writing, picking your dissertation topic, and research ethics. You can also sign up for workshops on the Masters Skills Programme run by Student Careers & Skills, which will help you develop your communication and leadership abilities.

You'll also have the opportunity to participate in programme specific reading groups in which you discuss the topics covered in your modules in greater detail with your peers (and do so in the comfort of a café on campus rather than the classroom). There are also larger departmental reading groups that relate to the department's research pathways, such as the International Political Economy cluster meetings and East Asia Study Group.

When you come to prepare for your dissertation you'll have the opportunity to engage with your peers and academics at our MA dissertation conference. At this student-organised conference you can present your dissertation plan and discuss your ideas with academics and other students to help refine and improve your proposal before writing the dissertation.

'Burning Issues' seminar series

An intellectual highlight of the MA programme is our flagship 'Burning Issues' seminar series. Delivered by a PAIS academic, these sessions showcase the strength and diversity of research in the department. Seminars vary in terms of style and format, and are shaped by events and student interest, but each one locates a burning issue in broader conceptual and/or historical context. Past topics have included the war in Ukraine; Syria, Iraq and the rise of 'Islamic State'; events in Libya, Lebanon, Israel/Palestine, Afghanistan, Kosovo, Somalia, and Nigeria; the Ebola crisis; the Arab Spring; and the Occupy movement.

Employability

Our staff can offer advice and support on jobs and internships. We have online listings of internship opportunities and we are sometimes approached by organisations which offer dedicated internships exclusively available for applications from PAIS students. These bespoke internships have been with various partner institutions in the UK and abroad, and in the past have included the development-centred organisation BasicNeeds and the International Spy Museum in Washington, DC. In addition, you can apply for a research assistantship within the department, working closely with a member of staff to assist with research and administrative duties.

Events and societies

We host a number of events featuring staff members and guest speakers, including our departmental seminar series, the focal point of research culture and activity in the department. Past presentations have covered topics including 'Twisting Arms and Sending Messages: Terrorist Tactics in Civil War', 'Chasing Kleptocrats' Loot: The International Campaign Against Grand Corruption', 'Europe's Incoherent Ethos: Hospitality, Hostility and the 'Migrant' Crisis', and 'International Election Observers and the Credibility of Elections'.

You can further interact with students and academics through the PAIS Film Club. The film club is designed to help you consider feature films and documentaries as sources for the study of politics and international studies by drawing on themes featured in our programmes and research pathways.

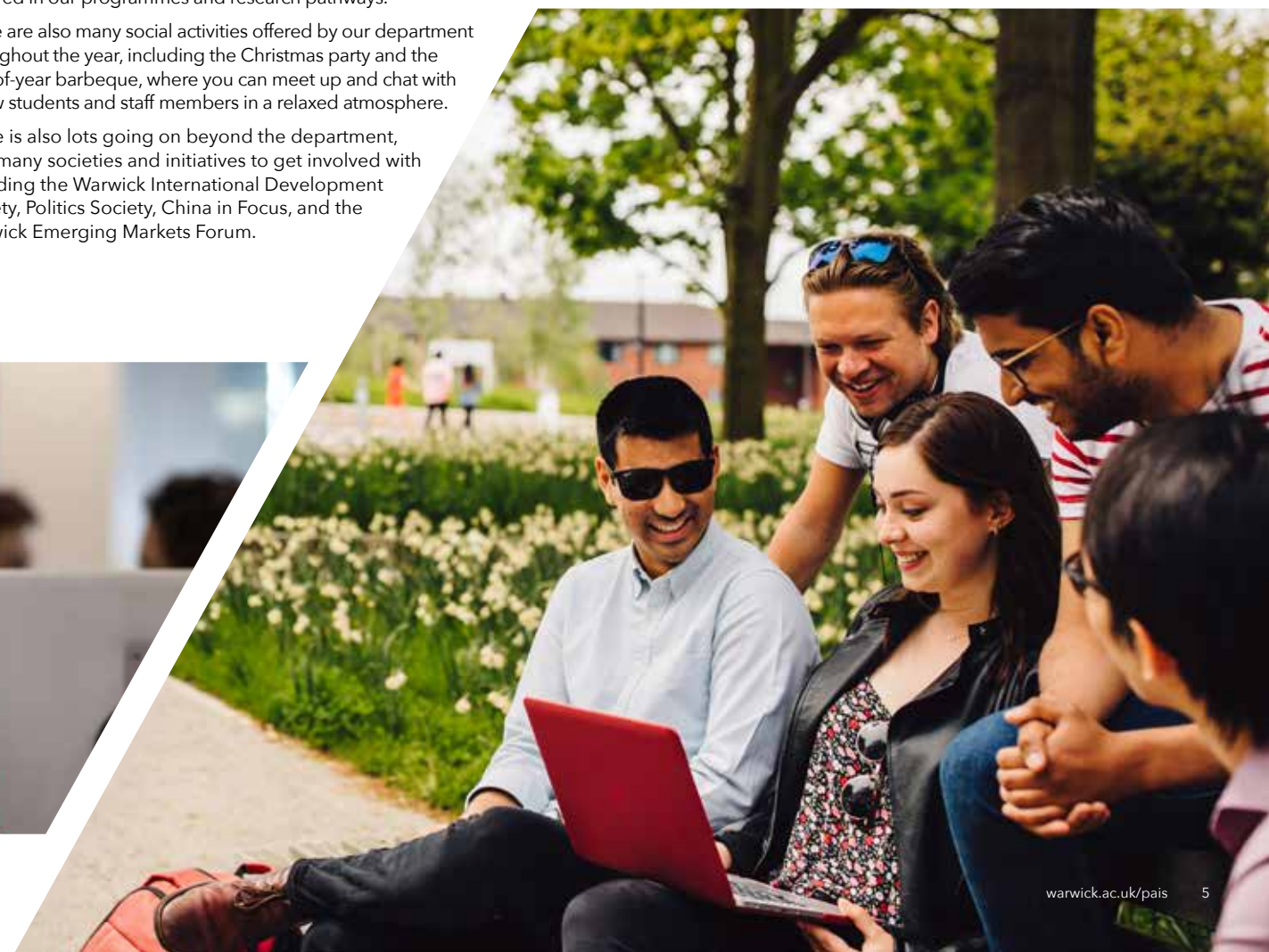
There are also many social activities offered by our department throughout the year, including the Christmas party and the end-of-year barbeque, where you can meet up and chat with fellow students and staff members in a relaxed atmosphere.

There is also lots going on beyond the department, with many societies and initiatives to get involved with including the Warwick International Development Society, Politics Society, China in Focus, and the Warwick Emerging Markets Forum.

Personal and subject support

If you need help finding research materials at Warwick, we have our own dedicated Academic Support Librarian on hand to assist you. The Academic Support Librarian can take you through the process of accessing key electronic resources including online journals and databases, as well as guidance on referencing and other research techniques.

However, if you're experiencing any academic or personal difficulties during the course of your MA for which you want advice and guidance, your personal tutor is your first point of contact. They will also provide you with any references you need, so we suggest meeting with them at least once a term so they can get to know you better.



HOW WILL I STUDY?

All of our MA programmes can be studied on a full-time basis over 12 months or a part-time basis over 24 months, starting in October each year.

The taught component of your programme is structured around core modules, which will give you a strong foundation in your chosen discipline. You'll then have the freedom to select from our range of optional modules. To complete your MA, you'll undertake a dissertation.

Research training, personal development, and professional development are embedded in your degree programme. Through modules, extra seminars, skills workshops, careers presentations, 1:1 advice sessions, and guest speakers, you will be able to sharpen the skills that employers are looking for. Warwick also provides additional support through the Student Careers & Skills office to help you build your CV and enhance your employment prospects ahead of graduation.

Course structure

Please note: for information on the structure of a Double Degree, please see pages 10-13, as our Double Degrees have slight variations to our regular MA programmes.

Whichever MA programme you choose, you'll be required to take 120 CATS (credits) in taught modules. Our modules are either 20 or 40 CATS (in other words, they are either taught across one or two terms). If you pass the taught element of your course, you'll then be able to complete a dissertation (worth 60 CATS).

Each of our courses has at least one core module; these are normally worth 40 CATS. Your programme's core module will deliver specialist material that is specific to your chosen course.

If you undertake the MA in International Development, International Political Economy, International Politics and East Asia, International Relations, International Security, Political and Legal Theory, or Public Policy, you are required to take 40 CATS of designated specialist modules in addition to your 40 CATS core module, and the remaining 40 CATS are made up of PAIS modules of your choice.

If you are studying for the MA in US Foreign Policy or International Politics and Europe, you take a 40 CATS core module and 80 CATS of PAIS modules of your choice.

If you take the MA in Politics, Big Data and Quantitative Methods programme, you will have 60 CATS of core modules and 60 CATS of optional modules.

We offer a wide range of modules across the broad areas of expertise offered in our department. Have a look at the table on page eight for a list of current options available.

Mode of study and assessment

If you study full-time, you will take your core and optional taught modules during the autumn and spring term, splitting these evenly across the two terms. This works out to a commitment of 60 CATS per term (three two-hour seminar sessions per week per term plus independent research). You'll begin planning your dissertation with your academic advisor in term two, then research and write the dissertation in term three and the summer, submitting by the September deadline.

If you choose to study part-time, you will study 80 CATS of taught modules in your first year, splitting these evenly across the autumn and spring terms. You'll then study 40 CATS in the autumn and spring terms of your second year. This works out to a commitment of 40 CATS per term (two two-hour seminar sessions per week per term plus independent research) in year one, and 20 CATS per term (one two-hour seminar session per week per term plus independent research) in year two. Your dissertation will be undertaken in the summer vacation period of your second year.

Our taught modules are 100% assessed by research essays (coursework) throughout the year.

Your dissertation will be a piece of independent, original research of 10,000 words (worth 60 CATS). You'll be assigned an academic advisor to help guide your research. You will also have the opportunity to participate in a dissertation conference enabling you to present your research to your peers and see what they're working on too.



Teaching style

Debate and discussion are at the heart of our teaching style, and most modules are taught via a two-hour seminar per week.

Seminars give you the opportunity to interact with leading scholars, as well as with your peers, to explore a set topic each week. Every seminar will be based on the extensive guided reading that you will do each week. However, there is no strict pattern to how sessions are run; you will experience a variety of teaching methods tailored to each specific topic and teacher. This may include mini-lectures followed by discussion, Q&A sessions, organised debates, peer presentations, policy briefs, small group work, hands-on method classes in laboratories (specific to the MA Politics, Big Data and Quantitative Methods), and other projects.

In addition to your seminars, you will have access to your module tutors during 'Advice and Feedback' hours. These designated hours give you the opportunity to sit down with your tutor on a 1:1 basis in order to seek further guidance on your essays, ask for feedback on your marks, or simply follow up on seminar discussions.



TABLE OF MODULES

Module Name	No of Cats (credits)	International Development	International Political Economy
Theories and Issues in International Development	40	C	O
Theories and Issues in International Political Economy	40	O	C
International Relations of the Asia-Pacific	40	O	O
Europe and the World	40	O	O
Theories and Issues in International Relations	40	O	O
Concepts and Theories of International Security	40	O	O
Advanced Quantitative Research	20	O	O
Big Data Research: Hype or Revolution?	20	O	O
Fundamentals in Quantitative Research Methods	20	O	O
Normative Analysis	40	O	O
Theories and Traditions in Public Policy	40	O	O
United States Foreign Policy and National Security	40	O	O
Citizenship, Migration and Cultural Diversity	20	S	O
Comparing Rising World Powers	20	S	O
Contemporary Challenges in Global Economic Governance	20	O	S
Critical Issues in the Politics of Global Finance	20	O	S
East Asian Development Policies	20	S	S
East Asian Development: National and Regional Perspectives	20	S	S
Examining Rising World Powers	20	S	O
Explanation in Social Science	20	O	O
Global Justice and Future Generations	20	O	O
International Relations and Security of the Middle East	20	O	O
Issues and Actors in Global Economic Governance	20	O	S
Issues and Cases in the Politics of International Trade	20	O	S
Issues in International Development	20	N/A	S
Issues in International Political Economy	20	O	N/A
Issues in International Relations	20	O	O
Justice and Equality	20	O	O
Moral and Political Philosophy	20	O	O
Politics of the Rise of Global Finance	20	O	S
Qualitative Methods	20	O	O
Secrecy and Spies: British Intelligence in the Modern World	20	O	O
The CIA and Covert Action	20	O	O
The EU as an International Actor: Engaging with the Neighbourhood	20	O	O
The EU in International Affairs: Concepts and Themes	20	O	O
The Global Food System	20	S	S
The Global Politics of Nuclear Weapons	20	O	O
The Nuclear Question	20	O	O
The Politics of International Trade: National, Regional, and Global Perspectives	20	O	S
Theories in International Political Economy	20	O	N/A
Theories in International Relations	20	O	O
Theories of and Actors in International Development	20	N/A	S
Transitional Justice and International Development	20	S	O
United States Foreign Policy	20	O	O
United States Security Policy	20	O	O

This module list is for the **2017/18** academic year and is illustrative of the modules that might be offered in future years. This table shows the core modules that you must take for each programme (C). It lists specialist modules (S) from which you must take 40 CATS (normally two modules) for MA programmes with this structure. It also shows the optional modules which can be taken (O) for each programme.

International Politics & East Asia	International Politics & Europe	International Relations	International Security	PAIS, Big Data and Quantitative Methods	Political & Legal Theory	Public Policy	US Foreign Policy
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O	O	S	S	O	O	O	N/A
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DOUBLE DEGREES

Our extensive Double Degree programmes give you the opportunity not only to study in PAIS at Warwick, but also with one of our renowned international partners. The Double Degree programmes enable you to follow one of our regular MA programmes for one year as well as a Masters programme at a partner university for one year, culminating in a joint dissertation of 15,000 words. You will emerge with a Masters from each university.

We have carefully selected our Double Degree partners according to their international reputation, standards of teaching and research, and the way in which their emphasis and approach complement the way we study politics and international studies here at Warwick. You will study your subject from two pedagogically and culturally different approaches, strengthening your academic versatility and enhancing your outlook and adaptability as a global citizen.

Some of our partners also offer opportunities for undertaking internships or work placements alongside your studies, so you'll be able to apply practically the personal skills and academic knowledge you'll develop on the Double Degree while gaining valuable work experience.

American University, Washington, DC, USA

On the **Double Masters in Politics and International Service** with American University, you'll have the chance to experience what studies are like at two of the world's best politics and international studies departments on both sides of the Atlantic. The School of International Service (SIS) at American University ranks amongst the top 10 schools of international relations globally in 2018, according to Foreign Policy magazine. During year one with us, you will follow any of our MA programmes, and you'll customise your degree through selecting the modules you find most interesting. During year two at SIS, you will follow the Master of International Service. Your Double Degree will culminate in a capstone project where you will synthesise the knowledge and methodologies learnt from both universities into one piece of unique research. You'll also have opportunities to take up an internship with a governmental or non-governmental organisation in Washington, DC, as well as have the possibility of a one year work permit in the US beyond your degree programme.

Balsillie School of International Affairs, University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

The **Double MA in Global Governance** draws upon the excellence in teaching and research of both PAIS and one of Canada's leading schools of international affairs. This Double Degree programme has a strong ability to promote vigorous engagement across boundaries of discipline and practice. You'll choose between two routes, either carrying out the first year of your studies at Warwick before proceeding to Waterloo in your second year, or beginning with the first year at Waterloo and then completing the second year at Warwick. You'll have the opportunity to spend the equivalent of one academic term as an intern working on global governance issues in the public or private sector, at a research institute, or for a non-governmental organisation, including CIGI (Centre for International Governance Innovation) that is affiliated with the Balsillie School.

University of Konstanz, Germany

Building on a strong history of Erasmus student exchange at the undergraduate level, the University of Warwick and University of Konstanz have created a **Double MA in Politics and International Studies**. This collaborative programme combines our theoretical-analytical approach with the analytical-practical approach characteristic of the Politics and Public Administration department at Konstanz.

The Double Degree is based on the two year MA in Politics and Public Administration programme at Konstanz and any one of our taught MAs. The year spent with us replaces one year of study at Konstanz. All of the core and a wide range of optional courses at Konstanz will be taught in English, so while knowing German is desirable, it is not essential to undertaking this programme of study. During or after your studies in Konstanz you will also have the opportunity to take advantage of the Konstanz Internship Database that has hundreds of opportunities both in Germany and further afield.





Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain

Combine a year of study in the heart of England and a year studying by the sea in Catalunya at two of Europe's leading politics departments through either of two exciting pathways offered jointly by Warwick and the Political and Social Sciences Department at Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF):

Double MA in Politics and International Studies: During your year at Warwick, you can choose from 10 specialisms by following any of our MA programmes. During your year at UPF, you will follow the Master of Research in Political Science.

Double MA in Political & Legal Theory: If you want to really specialise in the theoretical and philosophical aspects of politics, then you have the opportunity to follow a double theory-philosophy programme by taking the MA in Political & Legal Theory at Warwick as well as the Master in Political Philosophy at UPF.

With either Double Degree option you'll have the choice of starting at Warwick and completing your degree at UPF, or starting at UPF and finishing at Warwick. The programme is taught in English at both institutions.

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

With one year spent studying at Warwick and the other in the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) at Nanyang Technological University (NTU), the **Double MA in Politics and International Studies** gives you the chance to live and study in two culturally diverse countries and regions whilst gaining two Masters degrees from globally respected European and Asian universities.

You'll spend the first year in PAIS on your chosen MA specialism, with the department's expertise in the political and methodological aspects of the subject providing you with a foundation for a focus on Asian Studies, International Political Economy, Strategic Studies or International Relations at RSIS in your second year.

Double Masters in Journalism, Politics and International Studies, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia

If you're interested in entering the exciting intellectual crossroads of politics, international studies, and the media, then the **Double Masters in Journalism, Politics and International Studies** is the programme for you. Born from the Alliance between Warwick and Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, this programme partners our department with the School of Media, Film and Journalism, (MFJ), at Monash, in order to bridge the disciplinary connections between both subject areas.

On this programme, you can either start at Warwick or Monash. You follow the taught portion of a single MA with us and the taught portion of the Master of Journalism in MFJ, (starting in July if you study at Monash first), and then combine your cross-disciplinary training in a final joint dissertation or journalism project. You will also have the chance to participate in combined virtual workshops and conferences.

While at Monash you will not only study the academic discipline of journalism but also receive practical training. There will also be opportunities for media or politics and international studies based internships during the course of the programme.



My decision to choose Warwick for what I thought would be my only Masters course was influenced by the University's reputation, the range and quality of optional modules, and the scholarships on offer (one of which I was fortunate enough to secure). The PAIS department spurred on my academic interests, challenged my intelligence, and put my work ethic to the test. It was a rewarding process and the majority of the staff that I interacted with were outstanding.

I happened upon the Double Masters Degree programme by attending a departmental talk on a whim and will be forever grateful that I did. The opportunity to study abroad should rarely be taken lightly and the relationship that Warwick has with multiple institutions across the globe should be taken advantage of. For those who wish to live abroad at some point, a Masters course is a great way to do it. You'll be injected into a structured routine, with plenty of support, and a classroom full of like-minded people. The assistance given by the PAIS department was excellent, especially the Double Degree Course Director and the Postgraduate Coordinator.

The Balsillie School of International Affairs at the University of Waterloo is a truly unique postgraduate experience. Between the building and environment you'll learn in, the facilities, the relationship with the Centre for International Governance Innovation, (a leading Canadian think tank), and the staff-to-student ratio, the MA Global Governance programme is far from the average Masters course. One of the best attributes of the programme is the stepping stones that it provides to the professional sphere.

Immediately after concluding the Double Masters Degree programme, I began my career in Toronto, Canada. Through the professional network that I established during an internship semester as a Threat Intelligence Analyst, I was offered the opportunity to interview for a Crime Risk Analyst position. I secured the role and am now working as an embedded consultant, managed by Control Risks, a global risk and strategic consulting firm.

Josh Darby MacLellan
Double Masters Degree Programme
with the University of Waterloo, Canada, 2017
MA International Security and MA Global Governance

MA IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

International Development is a multidisciplinary framework for assessing and analysing political, social and economic development of postcolonial nation-states. Emerging from the discipline of Economics, it soon drew attention of political scientists, lawyers and sociologists who wanted to know how new nations addressed the major problems facing them in the post-World War II and Cold War landscape.

The major debates engaged in by development studies, as it came to be known, focused on growth versus inequality, efficiency versus democracy, state versus market led development, and modernity versus tradition. The practice of development was also framed within these debates and was institutionalised through the Bretton Woods System, the various UN institutions, and governmental and non-governmental policies and initiatives.

The continuing importance of these debates can be seen today as we discuss how inequality, political instability and economic development are linked. Do market shocks reshape political as well as economic frameworks? Is economic growth a good measure of human development? Is modernity the goal that is worth aspiring to in the context of environmental crisis? Why does gender justice matter for development? Why does poverty persist in a world of plenty?

This programme will introduce you to these debates and questions. Theoretical work and empirical work are not separate exercises. Practical problems stimulate theory construction, and theories inform the way that we handle substantive issues. Theory that lacks bearing on practice is irrelevant. Action that lacks theoretical clarity and coherence is confused and ineffective.

All of our MA programmes are worth 180 CATS in total. As part of this course, you will be required to take one core module (40 CATS). You then select 40 CATS (normally two modules) from a list A of specialist modules for this course, and a further 40 CATS from our extensive range of optional modules. Please see table on page eight for our current list of modules. If you pass the taught modules, you will move on to the second phase of the MA programme and complete a dissertation of 10,000 words (60 CATS).

CORE MODULE: Theories and Issues in International Development (40 CATS)

Theories of and Actors in International Development (20 CATS)

This module explores major theories of and approaches to the study of International development in an accessible but rigorous way. We will cover major development theories, from modernisation to postcolonial and postdevelopment, and explore how these help better understand the issues of international development. The role of governance institutions – the state, regional bodies and international development bodies such as the World Bank – will be critically evaluated. The module will help you to assess relations of structure and agency in the politics of social change and present arguments in written as well as verbal forms through student-led seminar teaching.

Issues in International Development (20 CATS)

This module explores definitions, measurements, chronologies and explanations of issues that are critical to international development, such as environment and climate change, poverty and trade, democracy and the role of NGOs. It will assess the workings of governance at both international and national levels for addressing these issues, and through it you will develop skills to draw links between academic political analysis and policy practice and to evaluate policy alternatives in respect of key problems of international development. Through student-led seminars, the module will help you develop sophisticated arguments in written and verbal form.

Please note: for students on the MA in International Development, you will take both parts as a 40 CATS core module. For students on other PAIS MA degrees you will have the option of selecting one or both of these as 20 CATS modules.

AVAILABLE IN 2017/18 FEATURED SPECIALIST MODULE

The Global Food System (20 CATS)

Why are hundreds of millions of people going hungry at the same time as similar numbers are considered overweight? Who really benefits from the vast amounts of money made in producing and selling food around the world? Will there be outbreaks of violence as people seek to secure resources needed to feed themselves in the future? And who can really change the 'business as usual' approach to the way food and agriculture is governed? These are some of the key questions we will address on this module and which will point us towards the politics of the global food system.

This module explores how these diverse areas are intertwined and exposes the global links between national food and farming economies. Its aim is to provide you with a critical introduction to debates around food and agriculture, and to offer an empirically-rich field in which to explore ideas about poverty, power and politics. It begins by outlining the cross-border connections that constitute a global food system, before discussing three concepts – security, justice and sustainability – and some of the issues they are linked with.



MA IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

What is power? And where does it lie? What is the relationship between politics and economics and how should we understand the relationship between states and markets? How will global capitalism, and the nexus of regulatory institutions within which it is embedded, transform social, political and economic relations in the 21st century? What is the future of the state, the market and civil society in this changing world?

International Political Economy, (IPE), is a field of enquiry concerned with the distribution of power, wealth and agency in a rapidly changing and contested global context. With such a diverse range of interest, IPE encourages a plural and often eclectic approach to study. Throughout the course, you will be introduced to the principal theoretical currents in IPE – like realism, liberalism and constructivism – as well as more critical approaches – such as Marxism, feminism and postcolonialism. You will be equipped to use these theories to engage with a range of important issues in IPE, including finance, production, consumerism, and the environment.

Our MA in IPE is a truly global programme and often attracts students from all over the world. You'll benefit from an engaging intellectual environment and the ability to choose from a selection of cutting-edge options in trade, finance, development, and global governance.

What's more, our department boasts leading figures in the IPE discipline and we host regular high profile events run through our Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation (CSGR).

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CORE MODULE: Theories and Issues in International Political Economy (40 CATS)

Theories in International Political Economy (20 CATS)

Is the single European market a free trade agreement or an example of regional protectionism? Has the left/right axis of politics been replaced by the choice between pro- and anti-globalisation agendas?

This module aims to provide robust and critical knowledge of key concepts and theoretical debates in international political economy, ranging from mainstream systemic approaches like realism and liberalism, through to more every day and cultural approaches like feminism and postcolonial IPE. The module aims to develop an ability to analyse, compare and critically evaluate fundamental assumptions and arguments in IPE and IPE-related literature.

Issues in International Political Economy (20 CATS)

With the globalisation of digital technologies like smartphones and social media, why do national borders persist in the global economy? Should finance be regulated, and if so, how and by whom? What role do national interests play in free trade agreements? Is Trump an economic nationalist or does the media overstate his capacity to affect policy change?

We'll aim to provide robust and critical knowledge of key concepts and issues in international political economy, ranging from mainstream concerns like trade and finance, through to more critical issues like the environment or resistance. You'll develop an ability to analyse, compare and critically evaluate fundamental assumptions and arguments in IPE and IPE-related literature.

By the end, the module will give you the ability to construct, substantiate and defend a critical argument in a clearly defined issue area within IPE theory.

Please note: for students on the MA in International Political Economy, you will take both parts as a 40 CATS core module. For students on other PAIS MA degrees you will have the option of selecting one or both of these as 20 CATS modules.

AVAILABLE IN 2017/18 FEATURED SPECIALIST MODULE

Contemporary Challenges in Global Economic Governance (20 CATS)

What are the contemporary political challenges for global economic governance, and how might they be resolved? We live in an age of economic crises, the causes and consequences of which are beyond the scope of individual national governments to resolve on their own. How do international organisations and other key actors seek to govern critical transnational problems through global economic governance?

Through case studies that focus on how key actors respond to critical transnational problems, you will be provided with the knowledge and tools to address these questions. This module will equip you with an understanding of the key challenges and controversies that shape the contemporary dynamics of global economic governance.

Previous topics covered include the International Monetary Fund and economic crises, the World Bank and changing development paradigms, the United Nations and global development goals, the World Trade Organization and deadlocks in global trade negotiations, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, (OECD), and tax havens, global environmental governance and climate change, global benchmarking of country performance, global labour standards, and moral hazard in the world economy.



MA IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND EAST ASIA

How will East Asia accommodate the rise of a more economically and militarily assertive China? Is the US declining as a superpower in the region, or will it maintain its regional dominance? Does Japan still have designs upon regional economic leadership, and will it come to play a bigger military role in the region? How does a 'non-state' conduct international relations?

Our MA in International Politics and East Asia gives you the opportunity to approach and answer these questions from a disciplinary basis. This is not a traditional area studies course on East Asia, but rather a disciplinary degree that focuses on the region for its case studies and thus offers unique advantages: strong disciplinary expertise combined with genuine regional expertise.

East Asia's emergence as the most dynamic region in the global political economy continues despite a series of crises since the early 1990s. If anything, the crises reinvigorated the study of the international relations and political economy of East Asia. Instead of just focusing on business and economics, the crises highlighted the politics of international economic relations, the impact of globalisation on the region and existing development paradigms, and the need for greater regional cooperation to cope with future economic shocks.

Our IPEA programme is one of the leading postgraduate programmes of its kind. We have amongst the greatest concentration of disciplinary based East Asia experts in the UK and Europe, and we are home to the Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation, researching issues of Asia-Pacific and East Asian regionalism.

All of our MA programmes are worth 180 CATS in total. As part of this course, you will be required to take one core module (40 CATS). You then select 40 CATS (normally two modules) from a list of specialist modules for this course, and a further 40 CATS from our extensive range of optional modules. See the table on page eight for our current list of modules. If you pass the taught modules, you will move on to the second phase of the MA programme and complete a dissertation of 10,000 words (60 CATS).

CORE MODULE: International Relations of the Asia-Pacific (40 CATS)

What makes the Pacific Asia region tick? Does East Asia face greater challenges from 'traditional' or 'new' security issues? Can China rise peacefully and what would this mean? This module aims to elucidate how the international relations of Pacific Asia, and the growth of regionalism and regional cooperation, are shaped. In pursuing this goal, the module engages a range of issues including security, development, institutions, the roles of great powers, as well as the importance of the wider global context. We have an outstanding international reputation in this area with world leading researchers. In addition, we attract a number of internationally renowned researchers to give guest lectures and seminars relating to this field. This module is an excellent choice if you're interested in Asia, international security, regions and international relations.

This module explores a number of cutting-edge research topics and is supported by the ongoing research work within the department. By choosing this module, you will be challenged by the dynamism of a region that is amongst the fastest growing in the world. This module aims to give you the tools to effectively interrogate the challenges facing the region through interactive and engaging seminars, readings, guest lecturers, and group tasks.



AVAILABLE IN 2017/18 FEATURED SPECIALIST MODULE

East Asian Development: National and Regional Perspectives (20 CATS)

This module introduces you to the study of East Asian development focusing on both the Northeast and Southeast Asian regions. You'll examine how and why this part of the world has, in general, experienced such impressive economic growth and considers the social transformations that have accompanied this important global shift.

We'll look first at the historical and cultural factors that have influenced economic change in the region. Then the module turns to consider how various scholars have identified the state, specifically the 'developmental state', as central to the region's economic transformation. Finally, the economic transformation of Asian economies is located within an analysis of the changing regional political economy - specifically the rise of regional political institutions and frameworks such as such as The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

The module will therefore introduce you to various approaches to the study of East Asian development, enable you to make meaningful comparisons between the development trajectories of states in Northeast and Southeast Asia, and enable you to situate an understanding of Northeast, East, and Southeast Asian development within a regional context.

MA IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND EUROPE

How does the EU organise itself as an actor in the world system? To what extent does it bypass the foreign policy and external relations interests of its component member states? Does the EU represent a novel and distinctive presence on the international scene, particularly in comparison with the US? Is the EU endangered by 'Brexit'?

Our International Politics and Europe (IPEU) programme analyses European politics explicitly in the context of international relations and international political economy. Our department is an international centre for research on international relations and European politics, with staff at the cutting edge of research in these areas. The programme is attractive if you're keen to understand past and present international relations of Europe, and the European Union (EU) amidst times of crisis and in a constantly changing world.

The combined study of international relations and the EU makes this programme distinct from many other European Studies programmes. In addition, the migrant crisis in Europe and the 'Brexit' decision by the UK, provides a timely opportunity to explore the global presence of the EU and how it is shaped by growing political and economic challenges at home and abroad. In this regard, the MA in IPEU examines the EU, its significance for the world system and the various ways in which it engages with the global political economy. You'll be given a disciplinary grounding in both international relations and international political economy through the core module 'Europe and the World'.

All of our MA programmes are worth 180 CATS in total. As part of this course, you will be required to take one core module (40 CATS). You'll then have the freedom to select two to four modules (80 CATS) that appeal to you from our extensive range of optional modules, (see table on page eight for our current list of modules). If you pass the taught modules, you will move on to the second phase of the MA programme and complete a dissertation of 10,000 words (60 CATS).

AVAILABLE IN 2017/18 FEATURED OPTIONAL MODULE

Citizenship, Migration and Cultural Diversity (20 CATS)

Citizenship is a contested concept. Many theorists agree that to be a citizen of a state is to enjoy various moral rights and to be under various moral duties, but they disagree about what rights a person must enjoy to be a full citizen of a state, what duties a person incurs as a citizen, and what rights of access there should be to citizenship.

The module explores these normative issues mainly, (though not exclusively), in the context of debates about the ethics of immigration controls and the normative significance of cultural diversity.

First, it introduces students to some different normative theories of citizenship, including liberal and republican theories, and engages in a critical evaluation of them. Second, it considers whether states have a moral right to exclude and, if not, what immigration policies are morally justified. Third, it distinguishes various normative approaches to cultural and religious diversity, including assimilationism, integrationism and multiculturalism, and invites students to assess the strengths and weaknesses of these contrasting approaches. Fourth, it examines a number of different policy areas, such as the public funding of faith schools, the legal accommodation of cultural diversity, and citizenship tests, in the light of the different theories of citizenship introduced earlier and the different normative approaches to cultural and religious diversity.

CORE MODULE: Europe and the World (40 CATS)

The EU as an International Actor: Engaging with the Neighbourhood (20 CATS)

Current international events have intensified focus on the European Union's foreign and security policies. The EU, in response to challenges within its own borders, in its wider region and beyond, published its Global Strategy for European Foreign and Security Policy in 2016. The British referendum result and 'Brexit' has also challenged the EU's identity as a strategic actor in international affairs.

This module explores the evolution of the EU as a foreign policy and security actor and the debates about its evolving identity. We'll assess the utility of conceptual and theoretical schools of thought in understanding how integration has evolved in security and defence, and in critically engaging in the debates relating to the EU's identity as a global power in the 21st century. We'll apply theoretical debates to practical examples of the EU's capabilities in relation to what has been labelled by many as the EU's 'most successful foreign policy tool' in enlargement, the EU's neighbourhood policy, and the EU's fitful relationship with Russia.

The EU in International Affairs: Concepts and Themes (20 CATS)

The EU faces an increasingly complex array of international challenges in the 21st century. This module will explore the ability of the EU to address such challenges and assess the nature and implications of EU policies in a number of strategically important areas of the world.

It will analyse the difficulties that the EU has faced in developing a truly common foreign and security policy and in establishing itself as an effective international actor, examine the conceptual debates relating to whether the EU has moved from being a civilian and normative power towards assuming a more military power identity, assess the implications of the Lisbon Treaty provisions and, in particular, the European External Action Service which sits at the core of the EU's diplomatic identity.

Please note: for students on the MA in International Politics and Europe, you will take both parts as a 40 CATS core module. For students on other PAIS MA degrees you will have the option of selecting one or both of these as 20 CATS modules.

Dr Oz Hassan
Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, PAIS

MA IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Is there any concept of justice in relations between states? Do states remain the dominant actors in the international system with its current profusion of transnational corporations, international organisations, and regional blocs?

Our MA in International Relations is one of the foremost programmes in Britain and Europe for the study of International Relations (IR). It will enable you to tackle the big issues facing global decision-makers, from war to poverty, from security to the complexities of environmental degradation, from inequality to the study of global elites. Traditionally, the discipline of international relations has been concerned with issues of war and peace, focused on explaining and understanding the behaviour of states in their relationships with each other, in the international states-system. More recently, however, IR has broadened and deepened as a discipline and is now much more than the study of war, peace, and states.

On this MA programme, you will learn the key theoretical approaches in IR, from realism to postcolonialism, making theory accessible and understandable and equipping you to evaluate theoretical positions in light of pressing issues in contemporary political life. IR also incorporates within its theories an understanding of the role of a range of other actors besides states, including NGOs, private enterprise, and international bodies. You will use this pluralist theoretical framework to study international cooperation, identity politics, migration and ethics.

Those who work at the highest levels in business, government, or the voluntary sector increasingly need to tackle these issues, and the MA in International Relations programme offers you the opportunity to do so.

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CORE MODULE: Theories and Issues in International Relations (40 CATS)

Theories in International Relations (20 CATS)

On this module you'll receive an advanced introduction to IR theory and the key ideas and approaches that scholars working in the discipline use to understand and make sense of the practices of international politics. You'll be familiarised with the key theoretical approaches, from realism to postcolonialism, making theory accessible and understandable.

International Relations scholars also theorise international cooperation, identity politics, global governance, ethics, and civil society. As such, IR also incorporates within its theories an understanding of the role of a range of other actors besides states including NGOs, private enterprise, and international bodies. A distinctive feature of IR at Warwick is its plurality, openness to competing worldviews, and emphasis on the relationship between theory and practice. We also have particular strengths in critical, interpretive, sociological, pragmatist, and poststructuralist perspectives.

Issues in International Relations (20 CATS)

This module will familiarise you with theoretical approaches to key issues and practices in contemporary IR and evaluate those theoretical positions in light of pressing issues in contemporary political life. We'll animate IR theories through a thematic and issue-based approach.

Our aim is to critically evaluate the efficacy of different theories (e.g. realism, liberalism, Marxism) by exposing them to key issues and case studies. Through this we'll promote critical engagement with a wide range of theoretically-driven IR empirical literature. We ask if theories are changing and/or need to be refined in the light of the changing nature of economic relations and security challenges. The focus is on developing theoretical purchase on the themes and issues we address, such as humanitarian intervention, international terrorism, environmental degradation and the changing nature of warfare.

Please note: for students on the MA in International Relations, you will take both parts as a 40 CATS core module. For students on other PAIS MA degrees you will have the option of selecting one or both of these as 20 CATS modules.



Dr Madeleine Fagan
Assistant Professor, Politics

AVAILABLE IN 2017/18 FEATURED SPECIALIST MODULE

International Relations and Security of the Middle East (20 CATS)

This module aims to explore the reasons for instability and insecurity in the Middle East through up-to-date case studies. Towards this end, we will discuss some of the key crises and conflicts currently afflicting the Middle East, which may include the conflicts in Syria, Iraq, Yemen and Israel-Palestine, the Lebanese political crisis and the rise of so-called Islamic State.

Amongst the major factors considered as possible drivers of conflict and crisis, we will consider religion and identity, regional geopolitical dynamics, external actors and historical legacies of state formation. Throughout this module, you'll be encouraged to utilise international relations theories to analyse the topics and to reflect upon the degree to which these theories are useful in the Middle East context.

MA IN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

What does security mean? Which issues should be considered security issues? What role does security play in contemporary political life? Can security be achieved, and how, in both practical and philosophical terms?

International security is a field of study concerned with questions about war and peace, life and death, safety and survival. Traditionally, its terrain has focused on concerns about the stability of the state system, the use of force, nuclear proliferation, military strategy, intelligence and the distribution of resources. Today, however, concerns about climate change, migration, poverty, health, privatisation, organised crime and international terrorism are also on the agenda. Our MA in International Security is one of the most comprehensive international security graduate programmes in the country, taught by staff at the innovative forefront of international security research.

Take this course and you'll be able to choose from a broad range of cutting edge modules with a diverse thematic and geographic focus. On this programme, we'll support students to organise a series of graduate conferences on international security, while the department also regularly hosts high profile speakers and organises public debates through its International Security research group.

All of our MA programmes are worth 180 CATS in total. As part of this course, you will be required to take one core module (40 CATS). You then select 40 CATS (normally two modules) from a list of specialist modules for this course, and a further 40 CATS from our extensive range of optional modules. See the table on page eight for our current list of modules. If you pass the taught modules, you will move on to the second phase of the MA programme and complete a dissertation of 10,000 words (60 CATS).

CORE MODULE: Concepts and Theories of International Security (40 CATS)

What is security? Whose security counts? And how is security enacted? This module will introduce you to key theories of security in international relations, and you'll explore wide-ranging approaches to the analysis of security. Through this module, you'll be provided with an advanced introduction to various theories of 'security' in international relations.

What's more, you'll reflect on the analytical and normative implications of different theories and approaches, and you'll engage different approaches through relevant case studies. The module contrasts traditional and critical approaches to security, and encourages reflection on the political and ethical implications of the traditional assumption that security means the preservation of state sovereignty and territorial integrity. In introducing you to a range of different ways of conceptualising security in international relations, it points to the importance of recognising that security is highly contested and contestable, and emphasises and critiques the Euro or western-centric tendencies of security studies.

The module introduces security as a concept and the nature of debates around security, before examining traditional and critical approaches to security (e.g. realism, strategic studies, feminism, post-structuralism), concluding with an analysis of core 'images' of security (e.g. clash of civilisations, risk society).

AVAILABLE IN 2017/18 FEATURED SPECIALIST MODULE

The Global Politics of Nuclear Weapons (20 CATS)

Alongside their biological and chemical equivalents, nuclear weapons are arguably the most destructive technology human beings have ever invented. And yet, the prospect of fighting and 'winning' a limited nuclear war is still being actively debated in government, military, and scientific circles.

In this module we examine the politics of nuclear weapons not as a static 'field' of inquiry, but as a series of cross-cutting and overlapping narratives engaged in an ongoing struggle for dominance before a global audience. We examine the science of nuclear power, the historical context leading to the creation of the first atomic bombs and their use against Japan, and the proliferation of nuclear weapons and evolution of nuclear strategy. We then turn to an analysis of the politics of restraint, exploring public reactions to this seductive yet terrifying technology, and the subsequent emergence of a nuclear 'taboo', efforts to regulate and control the use and proliferation of nuclear weapons, and the rise and impact of the anti-nuclear movement. Finally, we discuss contemporary concerns such as terrorism, the resilience of critical infrastructure, and the politics of fear.



MA IN POLITICS, BIG DATA AND QUANTITATIVE METHODS

Big data and quantitative methods are transforming political processes and decisions in everyday life. Local, national and international administrations are making 'open data' available to wider audiences; giant, world-level web organisations are putting more and more services in synergy, and some private companies and governments are developing strongly ideological projects in relation to big data. All of these issues involve data in text, image, numeric and video formats on unprecedented scales. This means there is a growing need for trained specialists who will have the capacity to compete and/or collaborate with strictly business or technique-oriented actors on the basis of sound knowledge from political and international studies.

In contrast to degrees such as Data Science or Data Analytics, where the focus ends up being almost exclusively on data practices and computational tools, our MA in Politics, Big Data and Quantitative Methods provides you with knowledge and understanding of the implications of different approaches to issues concerning big data and public policy. Warwick has considerable expertise in quantitative methods, located in our department, along with the department of Sociology, the Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies (CIM) and the Q-Step Centre.

Given that a noteworthy part of big data is social data, this MA programme seeks to attract students from a variety of social science-related disciplines; you do not need a background in statistics to be eligible for the course. Graduates of this degree will be able to both engage technically with data released at a new scale, and to keep a critical expertise on their relevance and quality; skills which are increasingly required in the competitive global job market.

All of our MA programmes are worth 180 CATS in total. As part of this course, you will be required to take three core modules, each worth 20 CATS. You will also choose 60 CATS in optional modules that appeal to you from our extensive offer (see table on page eight). If you pass the taught modules, you will proceed to composing a dissertation of 10,000 words (60 CATS).

You will also be invited to two intensive training events: the Spring Methods Camp, featuring internationally renowned speakers on a rotating yearly topic, and Specialist Master Classes, 1/2-day bespoke workshops on cutting-edge quantitative methods with leading experts in their field.

CORE MODULES

Fundamentals in Quantitative Research Methods (20 CATS)

This module will introduce you to academic quantitative literature, secondary data acquisition and management, and the use of applied statistics in the social sciences; it will also prepare you to attend further statistical training and make use of statistics in research works, such as your MA dissertation or a future PhD. This is not an abstract statistics module, but a comprehensive approach to social and political numbers. It includes example data from diverse fields of social sciences, in particular surveys on attitudes and opinions.

The exercises and essays in this module will be based on a selection of datasets, such as the British Social Attitudes Survey, the European Social Survey, the World Values Survey, and the International Social Survey Programme. We will explore topics including basic statistical concepts, descriptive statistics, probability and inference, relationships between two variables, test statistics, introducing a third variable, and various regression models.

Unlike most modules, Fundamentals will include an hour lecture in addition to a two hour, small group seminar each week.

Big Data Research: Hype or Revolution? (20 CATS)

Big data is said to be transforming science and social science. In this module, you will critically engage with this claim and explore the ways in which the rapid rise of big data impacts on research processes and practices in a growing range of disciplinary areas and fields of study.

In particular, the module considers the following questions: what is big data? To what extent is 'big data' different to other kinds of data? What key issues are raised by big data? To what extent is big data transforming research practices? How are the 'nuts and bolts' of research practice, (e.g. ethics, sampling, method, analysis), transformed with big data? To what extent are core concepts relating to research practice, such as comparison, description, explanation and prediction, transformed? To what extent can we critically engage with big data? How is big data transforming the 'discipline'?

You will also examine how we might use big data research as a way to resist and/or shape global transformations, how big data might impact on the future of social science, and what challenges lie ahead for social science research given the impact of big data.

Advanced Quantitative Research (20 CATS)

This module will introduce a selected set of advanced statistical techniques commonly used in quantitative research. You will cover three advanced methods such as Bayesian analysis, multilevel modelling, and agent based simulation. These advanced methods allow you to answer questions such as how does the social or political context influence how people behave? How can we combine results from previous research in a principled way? How can we identify causal effects?

To gain hands-on experience with answering these questions with social science data of varying complexity, you will apply these methods to existing small and large scale data sets. The expectation is that by the end of the module you will understand the basic principles of the advanced statistical methods covered, appreciate the context in which the methods are best applied, and have had practical experience of applying these methods to real-world data.



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Professor Matthew Watson, Professor of Political Economy, talks with Dr Vincenzo Bove, Reader in Politics, International Studies and Quantitative Methods

MA IN POLITICAL AND LEGAL THEORY

Normative issues - questions of right and wrong, of just and unjust, of good and bad - often arise in, and motivate, the study of social, legal and political institutions and policy. How should these institutions be arranged? By what moral criteria should we assess policy options? How should we act as individuals, citizens, politicians or judges?

If you want to study political, legal and moral philosophy to an advanced level and to consider how normative analysis might be applied to address matters of public concern, then this programme is for you. It will enable you to acquire knowledge and understanding of central normative conceptions, the debates they have generated, and their implications for different approaches to public policy, institutional design and the law.

Our MA in Political and Legal Theory is a fully interdisciplinary course. Unlike other programmes of this kind that offer a range of modules taught within various contributing departments, the core module for Political and Legal Theory will be taught in our department in collaboration with the School of Law and the Philosophy department. This interdisciplinary approach is supported by the close cooperation fostered by the Centre for Ethics, Law and Public Affairs, which is situated in our department and which includes members from Law, Philosophy and Sociology.

This programme also provides an advanced education in normative issues that will prepare you for doctoral study that includes normative inquiry, giving you a wide range of experience that will be attractive to employers.

All of our MA programmes are worth 180 CATS in total. As part of this course, you will be required to take one core module (40 CATS). You then select 40 CATS (normally two modules) from a list of specialist modules for this course, and a further 40 CATS from our extensive range of optional modules; you are also encouraged to consider taking optional modules that have a strong focus on political and legal theory and are taught in the departments of Law, Sociology, and Philosophy. See the table on page eight for our current list of modules. If you pass the taught modules, you will move on to the second phase of the MA programme and complete a dissertation of 10,000 words (60 CATS).

Core module: Normative Analysis (40 CATS)

Taught by a team drawn from three departments - Politics and International Studies, Law, and Philosophy - this interdisciplinary survey module provides an advanced and wide-ranging introduction to the main theoretical perspectives and substantive topics.

The first term offers a comprehensive survey of key approaches to normative theory. You'll start by looking at impartial consequentialism, (should we aim simply to maximise the good?), deontology, (are there rights and duties that constrain the pursuit of the good?), contractualism, (is it helpful to think about the social arrangements people would have agreed to?), and contractarianism, (what is the relation between morality and the coordinated pursuit of individual self-interest?). Then you'll move on to consider methodological issues such as the relationship between normative principles and empirical facts, the action-guiding role of ideal theory, the idea that we assess normative claims by a process of reflective equilibrium, and the philosophical relevance of studying the history of political thought.

The second term looks at a range of more specific conceptual and substantive issues such as the nature of political authority, whether democracy is necessary or sufficient for political legitimacy, the relationship between law and morality, and the justification of civil disobedience, of punishment, and of criminalisation. You'll also explore some of the key questions that arise in the study of social and political justice, including questions concerning gender and justice and the nature and justification of human rights.

If you have a particular interest in understanding the moral aspects of the social, economic, political and legal phenomena that you're studying, then this module will be of interest to you.

AVAILABLE IN 2017/18 FEATURED SPECIALIST MODULE

Global Justice and Future Generations (20 CATS)

People alive today can and do affect the kind of world that future generations will inherit. Issues like climate change, population size, resource depletion, and even the accrual of public debt will affect who will exist, how many people will exist, and what kind of world they will live in. Given this, it is important to consider what members of one generation owe to future generations.

How, if at all, should we include future people in our deliberations about what to do? How should we weigh their interests against our own? What obligations, if any, do those alive owe to those who will come after them? Does thinking about the future require a new kind of moral and political theorising? Or can we employ and revise existing normative theories? Is there an optimal population size, and related, can restrictions on people's right to procreate ever be justified? Can democracies provide adequate protection to the interests of future people? Does the existence of historical wrongdoing affect our obligations to the future, in particular with respect to the burdens of climate change mitigation?

This module will address these questions from a normative perspective, studying the many issues that political philosophers have argued over.



MA IN PUBLIC POLICY

Why do bad ideas become policy and good ideas languish for years? Does democracy get in the way of policy, or is the policy profession itself anti-democratic? Can citizens even have much influence on policy in a globalising, networked world? Governments are facing more, and more complex, demands every day. Their ability to deliver on those demands is increasingly circumscribed. If we want to make a difference in the world, we need to understand the limits and possibilities of policymaking in modern democracies.

This programme combines an understanding of descriptive and normative theory with the practice of policy analysis and our world leading work on transnational policy making. You will identify and analyse the main traditions of policy studies, the core concepts of policy analysis, and theories of policy change. By combining the core module with other topical modules in our department, you will be able to specialise your policy analysis expertise through the lens of a particular region or area of development, political economy, security, gender and democratisation. This programme is ideal if you want to pursue advanced conceptual studies in politics, and if you want to give those studies an applied focus.

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Core module: Theories and Traditions in Public Policy (40 CATS)

Public Policy has undergone rapid transformations as a field of study over the past two decades. Once seen as the preserve of national and local governments, nowadays we also talk of policy made by networks of 'governance' that transcend national borders, government departments and traditional hierarchies, as well as the larger scale forces that constrain and drive policy. This module introduces you to the historical development of policy studies as a field of interdisciplinary social inquiry but one that is also fundamentally oriented towards practical application, policy analysis and professional development.

The main objective of this module is to develop an advanced understanding of approaches to the study of public policy. The concern is to identify and analyse the scholarly currents and traditions of policy studies, core concepts in policy analysis and the main theories of policy change and innovation.

AVAILABLE IN 2017/18 FEATURED SPECIALIST MODULE

Issues and Cases in the Politics of International Trade (20 CATS)

Why do so many people in the world go hungry when there is more than enough food for all? Why do so many people have little or no access to vital medicines? What is the best strategy through which to seek sustainable national economic growth and social development? How might we as a global community try to halt and reverse climate change? What is the appropriate balance between a free and open global economy and national security?

These are some of the questions explored in this module, which examines the crucial role of international trade policy in shaping key fundamentals of the contemporary human condition.

In terms of theory, we consider the merits of the case study as an appropriate methodology through which to study the politics of international trade. Empirically, we'll examine a selection of key issues on the contemporary agenda, including agriculture, intellectual property, services, human rights and labour standards, development, security, and climate change. You'll build historically informed, detailed analyses of the contemporary politics surrounding each issue, and reveal the major tensions arising from both the substance of negotiations and the interaction of the structures and processes governing international trade.

MA IN US FOREIGN POLICY

What are the main sources of US foreign policy making? What is the balance between power and principle in US foreign policy? What are the main threats to US national security and how are they confronted? Why is the US fighting international terrorism and can it ever be defeated?

As a leading global power, the United States and its foreign affairs have a significant impact upon international relations, both in terms of policy and academic scholarship.

This significance has grown in the years since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and the subsequent 'war on terror' in ways that have been reflected in the development of the academic literature and in the increased level of interest in the subject area. With a high concentration of US foreign policy experts in our department, we are in a unique position to bring cutting-edge, in-depth knowledge and discussion to postgraduate study in this field. This programme focuses on US foreign policy in the context of national security as well as wider aspects of the country's foreign policy and its impact in areas of the economy and international relations.

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Core module: United States Foreign Policy and National Security (40 CATS)

US Foreign Policy (20 CATS)

With Donald Trump in the White House promising an 'America First' foreign policy based on the principle of 'peace through strength', what does he really mean? This module examines the making of US foreign policy and analyses some of the key global issues confronting the United States in the 21st century. The module aims to deepen your understanding of who makes US foreign policy, how, why, and with what consequences. The module considers different conceptual approaches to analysing US foreign policy, examines the role of both values and interests, and explores the institutions, processes, and domestic politics of US foreign policy making and implementation. The module engages with a number of key issues in contemporary US foreign policy, including the US response to the perceived threat of international terrorism, questions concerning US military interventions and the use of force, the role of the US in regions such as the Asia-Pacific, and the debate over the nature and strength of 'American leadership' in world politics. A particular focus is on the issue of American 'grand strategy' and how this has developed under the influence of different presidencies.

US Security Policy (20 CATS)

US President Donald Trump has said he 'will never, ever apologise for protecting the safety and security of the American people.' But what is security and how does US security policy relate to ideas about American grand strategy and geopolitics? This module engages critically with the centrality of 'security' in US foreign and defense policy by drawing on insights from the study of international security. Particular attention is given to the role of security in determinations of American grand strategy and the subsequent policy outcomes and developments in a number of security areas. After an analysis of traditional US concerns over defense and military security, we will turn the bulk of our attention to how the United States has confronted so-called new security challenges such as homeland security, counterterrorism, cybersecurity, environmental security, human security, and the role of identity and culture in US national security. The module concludes by pointing to the future opportunities, challenges, and constraints the US faces in the governance of international security.

Please note: for students on the MA in US Foreign Policy, you will take both parts as a 40 CATS core module. For students on other PAIS MA degrees you will have the option of selecting one or both of these as 20 CATS modules.

AVAILABLE IN 2017/18 FEATURED OPTIONAL MODULE

The CIA and Covert Action (20 CATS)

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is a vital instrument in the defence of US national security, yet it attracts enormous controversy. Having been pilloried for its faulty intelligence that led to the invasion of Iraq in 2003, it has since been criticised for its use of so-called 'black sites' and enhanced interrogation techniques. Meanwhile, through films like the Jason Bourne series, Hollywood has popularised the view that the CIA has mindless - if often bungling - assassins roaming the world.

This module poses a series of interesting and important questions. What role has the CIA played in the protection of US national security? How far has the CIA gone beyond its chartered responsibilities and undermined American core values? To what extent has the CIA operated as a rogue elephant? Which Presidents have been effective users of the CIA? And finally, what does the public have a right to know about the CIA? From start to finish, you will pay particular attention to the use of covert action; attempts by the CIA to influence the world through inter alia psychological warfare, propaganda, and coups d'état.

You'll be given a thorough understanding of the place of the CIA in history, culture and international relations. Close attention will be given to the fine lines that exist between national security and civil liberties, secrecy and openness, and privacy and security. Covert action is also a central element of this module. You'll study a whole range of covert actions from economic warfare to paramilitary operations and assassination.



STUDENT PROFILES

Hear what some of our former MA students have to say about why they chose to study at Warwick and their chosen MA programme.

Danai Leventi MA in International Political Economy

Warwick is a challenge and that's the reason why I chose it in the first place. Studying in PAIS challenges you intellectually, socially and personally; you learn how to push yourself and your limits, challenge your understanding of the world and build character. You are constantly encouraged to question everyday reality by critically assessing various aspects of global systems and understanding the motives of action associated with power relations and the inherent social, economic and political aspects. It is an incredibly rewarding process which shapes you and your life judgements.

PAIS has the ability to connect its students to a supportive community, thus creating a stimulating approach to learning. The seminar groups are small allowing discussion and engagement, while students constantly learn from each other. You have the chance to socialise with intelligent people from all over the world, with whom you share concerns and a world vision. The strong sense of campus culture also allows you to connect with other PAIS students, with the PG Hub and the Terrace Bar as the main meeting points.

Less than 6 months after the submission of my dissertation, I found myself working at the European Investment Bank in Luxembourg, where I could still feel the effect that Warwick had on me. It did not take me long to realise how I had developed a critical approach towards office responsibilities, while my IPE courses transformed me to be an independent thinker with a strong eagerness to act and shape the European economic and political framework.



Yasmine Zarhloule MA in International Relations

Studying an MA International Relations at the University of Warwick has been an amazing experience! Coming to university in the UK as an undergraduate in the PAIS department was a very big step in my life. As an international student I was mostly worried about having to study and live in a country I had never visited before. Luckily, the diverse campus life at Warwick, its international outlook and the support I received have allowed me to settle in smoothly. This experience would have not been the same without the academics and the staff I had the chance to work with, and who were very supportive and always available for a chat.

I enjoyed my time as an undergraduate student so much that I decided to stay on for my MA. I've continued to learn about new things while exchanging ideas and opinions with people coming from different parts of the world. The range of modules that the department offers is diverse and has allowed me to have an in-depth understanding of issues I am genuinely interested in. I also had the opportunity to take courses from external departments such as Global Security & International Law, which complemented my other choices and gave me a broader picture of the current political climate. Working closely with leading academics, both in my studies and in the part-time research assistant scheme, is another quality that makes PAIS an outstanding place to study International Relations at postgraduate level.



Giovanni Dalle Nogare MA in International Security

The reason why I chose the University of Warwick for my MA is because of its excellence in teaching and in research, and the reputation of the PAIS department. After reading a lot online, I knew that it was going to be the best choice for me.

Before joining Warwick, I completed my BA in PPE in LUISS University of Rome. During my undergraduate degree, I developed a passion for security studies, which is the reason why I enrolled on the International Security course, here at Warwick. I have taken three modules, and my favourite one is my core module, Concepts and Theories of International Security. What I really enjoyed here is the seminar-based approach which ensure the possibility of debating amongst students and teachers, not to mention the multicultural pool of students that populate the university.

Besides academia, I very much enjoyed the variety of events that Warwick has organised for its students, (lunches, social events, balls, etc.), and the bond that I have created with many of my course-mates throughout the year.

Thanks to Warwick I developed many transferable skills that will prove essential for my life after university: critical thinking, time management, academic writing and research abilities.

Overall, I definitely enjoyed my time here, and I would surely do it again!



MODULES

The next four pages provide some examples of 20 CATS modules available to students in the 2017/18 academic year in addition to those already featured. These examples are illustrative of what might be on offer in future years.

Issues and Actors in Global Economic Governance

How is authority exercised by the key institutions and actors in global economic governance? Who writes the rules that govern the global economy? How and why the global political economy is governed, by whom, and for whose benefit, are fundamental issues that impact upon global economic stability, growth, and development.

This module examines the evolving institutional architecture and the key conceptual issues in the contemporary practice of global economic governance. Through a focus on the main actors and issues in global economic governance, you will be provided with the knowledge and tools to address these questions. This module will equip you with an understanding of the contemporary actors, forums, and institutions that provide the main pillars of global economic governance.

Previous topics covered include the different transnational roles played by states, international organisations, club forums, and civil society actors, as well as the sources of change, global policy agendas, rising powers, and political legitimacy in global economic governance.

The Nuclear Question

In spite of major nuclear accidents on three continents and in three different decades, (Three Mile Island in 1979, Chernobyl in 1986, and Fukushima in 2011), support for nuclear power continues to be government policy in parts of Europe and in North America, whilst Asia has become the centre of the commercial nuclear world. The merits of nuclear power may be hotly debated, but it is here for the foreseeable future.

The 'nuclear question' is conceived as a series of debates about history, science, politics, economy, culture and society, animated by nuclear technology. We examine the origins of the technology and its evolution from a weapon of mass destruction into a commercial source of electricity. We explore the rise of the anti-nuclear movement and its impact. We analyse the development of a 'market' for nuclear power, its contemporary characteristics, future prospects and national, regional, and global regulation. We also scrutinise the question of nuclear safety and the growing controversy regarding the disposal of nuclear waste. Finally, we discuss the national and local politics surrounding the environmental and socio-economic impact of nuclear facilities, their operation, decommissioning, and legacy.



Secrecy and Spies: British Intelligence in the Modern World

For most of the 20th century, the British intelligence community operated completely in the shadows. Heads of agencies were not named, the doors to the intelligence archives remained firmly closed, and parliamentary discussion about espionage was strictly forbidden. Any MP who dared to ask a question about intelligence risked being made a pariah; it was not only against the national interest to mention intelligence in the House, but ungentlemanly.

Today, however, the picture is very different. In 2009, both the Security Service (MI5) and the Secret Service (SIS/MI6) celebrated their centenary by publishing large authorised histories. A further watershed was achieved in 2013 when Britain's three top spy chiefs, (MI5's Andrew Parker, SIS's John Sawyers, and GCHQ's Iain Lobban), spoke at an unprecedented televised hearing to respond to allegations made by National Security Agency (NSA) whistleblower, Edward Snowden.

The main aim of this module is to critically examine the role and significance of the British intelligence community in national security policy making.

The Politics of International Trade: National, Regional, and Global Perspectives

Who are the key actors in international trade? How do they interact with one another, where does this interaction take place, and how has this changed over time? Who sets the rules of international trade, and what happens to those who break them? These are some of the key questions that underpin this module, which, at its heart, is an exploration of the nature, location, and operation of power in the contemporary global political economy.

Empirically, you'll examine the trade strategies of several key actors in international trade, including the United States and the European Union. We also explore the phenomenon of the so-called 'emerging powers' and ask whether countries such as China, India and Brazil are challenging the fundamental ideals of the existing system or simply trying to make more room for themselves within it. Finally, you'll examine how the World Trade Organization has attempted to manage relations between its members, and with what level of success. We'll consider the debate between protectionism and free trade in the context of overlapping national, regional, and global geo-economic strategies.



MODULES

Critical Issues in the Politics of Global Finance

Global finance is big business. Around \$5 trillion is traded in the foreign exchange markets each day. In this world order, capital moves from one location to another, increasingly unhindered by government controls. Bond rating agencies issue judgements on the bonds of foreign governments, affecting their cost of borrowing and the lives of millions.

This module examines the world of contemporary global finance from a political perspective. The module enables you to recognise the profoundly political nature of financial relationships and to understand how finance interacts with other areas of life.

The module will focus in particular on the origins, analysis and consequences of financial crises. Topics covered include manias, panics and crashes, the problem with banks, rating agencies, war finance, and emerging markets.

Informed by a mix of international political economy and social theory, the module focuses on the analysis of global financial politics, with fundamental questions about power, hegemony, social control, and the evolving dynamics of capitalism amongst its central concerns.

East Asian Development Policies

This module seeks to enable you to make meaningful comparisons between the conduct of public policy across a range of states in both Northeast and Southeast Asia. You will focus on a number of different policy areas that have played important roles in the economic development of East Asian states.

These policy areas, (which include industrial policy, agricultural policy, gender and development, and trade policy), are analysed in relation to broader debates about the rise and possible decline of the Asian developmental state, and the incursion of more neoliberal compatible approaches to policy making in the region. You will focus on a wide range of country case studies, providing you with a comprehensive overview of economic development policymaking in East Asia.

Comparing Rising Powers

While rising powers have often been treated together through groupings like the BRICS, (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa), they might have as much to divide as unite them. At the same time, many of these states have hit bumps in the road; slowing economic growth, domestic political uncertainty, and regional contestation. This module will compare the goals and behaviours of several rising powers, as well as asking what impact they have in their own regions. Is a large power's rise more likely to bring benefits or conflict in its neighbourhood? Does China seek to rise peacefully? Will Brazil remain the "country of the future?" Can South Africa claim the mantle of regional leadership? Does democracy matter in India's international trajectory? Is Russia rising or revanchist? And what does the growing power of these countries mean for their smaller neighbours? This module will be of interest to students interested in international relations theory, in comparative foreign policy, and in comparative regionalism.

The module will explore and compare several states that have often been termed rising powers. It will evaluate their trajectories, as well as their impact on regional and global international systems. It draws largely on international relations theories and frameworks of comparative foreign policy analysis, to contextualise rising powers and examine their particular paths.

Justice and Equality

The ideal of equality has been elaborated and defended by the world's leading political philosophers over the past four decades. This module examines some of the most prominent accounts of equality, whether it ought to figure in our practical deliberations, and if so, how. It is designed to develop your skills in the identification, interpretation and evaluation of relevant texts in contemporary political philosophy.

In the first half of the module you will study some of the leading proponents of egalitarian justice in recent political philosophy; John Rawls, Ronald Dworkin, G. A. Cohen, Elizabeth Anderson. This will help you gain an understanding of the key questions concerning the nature, importance and site of egalitarian justice. The second half of the module will cover various debates concerning the scope and implications of equality. What is the relationship between equality, principles of non-discrimination and affirmative action? Should a policy of universal basic income be adopted? Do egalitarian principles apply globally or only within political communities? What are the implications of equality for climate change and our duties towards future generations?



WHAT DO WARWICK POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MA GRADUATES DO?

In 2014/15, **98%** of Warwick Politics and International Studies MA graduates were in employment or further study.

Examples of PAIS MA graduates' job titles include:

Business Analyst and IT Training Consultant, Civil Servant (Fast Stream), Corporate Affairs Intern, Fundraising and Communications Assistant, General Election Mobilisation Assistant, Human Resources (HR) Business Assistant, Insurance Broker, Investment Banking Intern (Corporate Finance), Junior Programme Manager, Lecturer, Localisation Sales Executive, Market Research Executive, Markets Analyst, Research and Strategy Analyst, Policy and Public Relations (PR) Officer, Privacy Analyst, Producer, Project Associate, Public Servant, Reporter, Research Analyst, Research Assistant, Risk Analyst, Self-Employed Company Director, Self-Employed Logistics Manager, Volunteer.

Companies and Organisations where PAIS MA graduates work include:

ABI (Association of British Insurers), Apple Daily, Canon Collins Trust, Civil Service, DataGuidance, FAST-NU (National University of Computer and Emerging Science), Government Knowledge, KPMG, Labour, Latitude Global Volunteering, Ministry of Defense, Optimum Technology Transfer, Pembroke Managing Agency, Radio Television Suisse (RTS), Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), TED University, Risk Advisory Group.

Further study:

Several of our MA graduates each year decide to continue with their academic studies as PhD students at Warwick or other renowned universities in the UK and around the globe.



Valentin Pereda-Aguado
MA in International Security, 2010

External Consultant for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

After graduation I decided to go back to Mexico City and look for employment in institutions involved in addressing some of Mexico's most pressing security challenges.

After a round of interviews I was offered a position as the Deputy Coordinator of a new project at the Regional Headquarters of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The aim of the project was to create alliances between the UNODC and Latin American National Statistics Offices, in order to conduct crime surveys.

I was then offered a new position at the advisory board of Mexico's Public Security Minister. I assisted a special team of advisors designated to create the Center for Research and Studies in Security, a small, public think tank aimed at financing and promoting academic research on subjects related with public security in Mexico.

I then became an International Liaison Officer at the Mexican Ministry of the Interior within the department in charge of coordinating the reform of Mexico's Criminal Justice System. This experience led me to a new position working as an External Consultant for the United States Agency for International Development's Rule of Law Program. While this work involves travelling on a regular basis to some of the cities with the highest murder rates in the world, and the strongest presence of transnational criminal organisations, the opportunity to conduct fieldwork within the institutions in charge of addressing crime-related issues is most rewarding.

My advice for anyone thinking of applying to Warwick is to give yourself plenty of time to arrange plans and funding. Choose the right course for you and you won't be disappointed.



Robert Zammit
MA in International Relations, 2008

Assistant Private Secretary to the Governor at the Bank of England

I'd always wanted my Masters degree to feel like an issue of The Economist – a vibrant mixture of economics, politics, security studies, and above all, a critical approach to international relations. Luckily, the Warwick MA allows you to pick and choose; I pursued modules in political finance, international relations theory, and critical security studies.

I'm currently working as Assistant Private Secretary to the Governor at the Bank of England, and no two days in Governor's office are the same. My job is simply to ensure that the Governor is never unprepared. He could be walking into a dinner with the Chancellor, a chat with chief executive officers of the UK's biggest banks, or on a plane to China to sign a swap agreement with the People's Bank; my job is to make sure he knows the right things and speaks to the right people at the right time so he can make the right decisions. The exposure to different strands of economics and politics is extraordinary. Most of all, I'm proud to say I work with people much smarter than me. You learn by simply sitting in the same room as your colleagues, as well as being challenged on a daily basis to think up new solutions to the many issues we face.

My only advice to people considering work in public service is to ask themselves a simple question: 'Do you want to make policy, or do you just want to read about it in the news?'

NEXT STEPS

Once you have decided which MA programme is right for you, you can begin preparing your application. There are three basic questions to ask before you submit your application:

- ▶ Do I meet the entry requirements?
- ▶ Do I have all of the necessary documents to hand?
- ▶ Will I be able to submit my application in time?

Once the answer to these questions is 'yes,' you can head to the Warwick website and submit your application electronically:
warwick.ac.uk/pgapply

Entry requirements

There are four entry requirements that you must meet in order to be eligible for our MA programmes:

1. **An upper-second class (2:1) honours degree or equivalent.** Your undergraduate degree should be in the area of politics and international studies or a closely related subject. However, all serious applications from other disciplines will be considered.
2. **A strong academic reference.** When you apply, you will be able to supply your referee's contact details, and we will request a reference from them directly. If you graduated more than two years ago, you may supply a professional referee instead, if you are no longer in touch with your undergraduate tutors.
3. **A good statement of purpose.** This personal statement is your opportunity to explain why you would make a great MA student. Typical statements are one to two pages long and you should include:
 - a. Your motivation. Why this particular MA, and why Warwick?
 - b. Your background. How has your education, extracurricular activities, and/or professional experience prepared you for rigorous postgraduate study in this area? This is particularly important if your undergraduate degree is not in the area of politics.
 - c. Your expectations. How does this degree fit into your future plans and what do you hope to gain from it?

4. **Fluency in English.** If English is not your first language, you must have an IELTS score of 7.0 with no more than two components at 6.0/6.5 and none below 6.0. If your previous education was in the UK or another English speaking country, you may be exempt from this requirement, but please enquire to be certain. Please also note that taking a pre-sessional English course at Warwick or elsewhere is not normally sufficient to replace an IELTS score at the required level.

Supporting documents

In order to make a decision on your application, we will need to see some documents that demonstrate you meet the above requirements. You should supply these electronically in the first instance; if you receive an official offer, Admissions will tell you precisely which original hard copies are required to secure an unconditional offer. When you submit your application, you will receive a link where you can upload the following documents for review:

1. **Transcript.** If you have not yet finished your degree, you can send us an interim transcript and simply state in your application what your final classification, GPA, or average is expected to be.
2. **Reference.** As mentioned previously, we will contact your referee directly, but if they do not respond in a reasonable timeframe we may contact you and ask that you remind them to submit your reference.
3. **Statement of purpose.** You can paste your statement into the space provided on the application form; if it's too long to fit in the allocated space, upload it as a pdf or Word document.
4. **English test (if applicable).** You do not need to supply your IELTS certificate straight away; however, please ensure you arrange to take your English test sooner rather than later so that you can secure an unconditional offer in time to apply for your visa, (if needed), and start your course on time.

Timings

We review applications on a rolling basis, so you should submit your application as soon as you are ready. We will normally make a decision on your application within four working weeks of receiving all necessary documents.

Overseas candidates must apply no later than **31 July**; while there is no deadline for Home/EU candidates, we strongly recommend applying by **31 July** as well, in order to ensure enough time is left to sort out logistics, such as accommodation.

If you plan to apply for funding, please read the scholarship criteria carefully; if you need an offer in order to apply for funding, please allow enough time for your MA application to be processed. Deadlines and details about scholarships available can be found at **warwick.ac.uk/mapolitics/funding**

Double degrees

If you are applying for one of our Double Degree Programmes, then please refer to the webpage of that individual degree for information on how to apply:
warwick.ac.uk/mapolitics/doubles

Further information



- ▶ Further information about fees and funding, including scholarships available for MA students can be found on our fees and funding webpages:
warwick.ac.uk/mapolitics/funding
- ▶ If you have any questions about your eligibility or about the application process, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at **paisspg@warwick.ac.uk**
- ▶ Find out more detail about our course and department by visiting our departmental website: **warwick.ac.uk/pais**
- ▶ Visit the university:
[See warwick.ac.uk/pg/visits](http://warwick.ac.uk/pg/visits)



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