



POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

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WELCOME TO POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT WARWICK

What is politics?

The easy answer is that it's what politicians do. But politics is so much more than that.

Politics is all around us in our everyday lives. It's in the price of the milk that we put in our coffee. It determines why and how we learn at school. It governs the hours that shops can stay open on Sundays. It regulates the speed at which we can drive our cars.

We encounter politics throughout our lives – and we probably complain about it every week around the dinner table. But, what is politics really about? Whose interests does politics serve? Where does power lie and who exercises it? Do governments protect us and provide security and safety in the world, or are they needlessly restricting how we live our lives and endangering our very existence through their policies, arguments and conflicts?

These questions, and so many more, are at the core of the academic discipline of Politics and International Studies.

What is the difference between International Studies and International Relations?

Our focus on International Studies encompasses a broader conception of political scholarship than just International Relations and takes in a wide range of sub-disciplines. We not only teach **International Relations**, but also **International Political Economy, International Security, International Development, Comparative Politics and Democratisation**. We have a broad range of modules, reflecting the research strengths of the department. These research strengths cover all manner of subjects in Politics and International Studies, from the politics of finance to questions of how to provide human security; from foreign policy to the politics of food; from classic political theory to the consequences of globalisation.

Is politics a good choice for me?

The first point is that politics isn't just for those who have studied it at A-level, or for those who want to become a politician – though you would certainly find it an ideal subject, if that's the case. If you have studied philosophy, economics, geography, literature, sociology, or history, you'll have already confronted political problems and grappled with political questions. If you want to be a lawyer, or a business leader, a journalist, or a charity worker, a consultant, or do almost any other job, then politics may play a significant role in your future career.

If you want a deeper understanding of how the political world functions, why and how decisions are made by governments, other institutions and organisations and what the consequences are of the actions taken in our name by public officials, then the study of Politics and International Studies is the subject for you. For centuries, scholars have wrestled with theoretical and empirical questions about the political, social, economic and cultural aspects of human life. By studying with us, you will critically engage with this vast body of academic literature and make your own unique contributions to knowledge in this highly contested field.

This is a great subject choice for students who are fascinated by global affairs, how states form and interact, how world issues are addressed and tackled by different nations and the significance of non-state actors ranging from terrorist networks to multinational companies.

POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT WARWICK

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

Join our academic community in which our academics conduct world-leading and internationally excellent research across a broad range of specialisms. Your course is designed and taught by academics, many of whom are members of national and international research centres, advocacy groups and think tanks, or holders of consultancy roles with national governments and international organisations.

With students and staff from around the globe representing over 40 countries, we are diverse and cosmopolitan, drawing from all backgrounds and valuing all experiences.

Innovation, creativity and a fascination with all things political defines the lively and interactive culture that you'll be part of as we take care to stretch and challenge you. Your education will be up-to-date with current developments, reflecting the ever shifting and highly contested political realm. Importantly, we'll also demonstrate how decisions made at the highest levels of government on an international scale affect our everyday lives.

During your studies, you'll select your own individual pathway, think critically and seek to make your own contribution.

We are widely recognised as one of the Top 5 ranking departments in the UK for research excellence, consistently sit within the Top 5 in university league tables and have high levels of student satisfaction.

We take your experience as a student seriously and pride ourselves on listening to our students and acting on it. You'll get the feedback and resources you need to reach your potential with highly stimulating teaching rooted in the latest academic research. Our students confirmed all of this through the National Student Survey (NSS), with 94% overall satisfaction for our core degrees in 2017. We ranked number one in the Russell Group of 24 leading UK Universities for student voice and learning opportunities; and number two for teaching, assessment and feedback, learning community and overall satisfaction.

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.

We were ranked 4th out of all UK based departments for 'research power' and 'research intensity' and 1st for 'research environment' in REF 2014. 80% of the research published by our staff in books and journal articles over a six year period from 2008, was assessed as being 'world class' or 'internationally excellent'. This is significant for you because all our undergraduate teaching is 'research-led' - that is, it is underpinned by the latest, internationally renowned research in the discipline.

We have more than 50 academic staff that teach undergraduate modules or are available to supervise final-year dissertations.


At Warwick you will find a wide range of Politics and International Studies expertise concentrated together within one department. Our strong research profile enables us to provide research-led teaching across the specialisms of our academic staff.

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. Each year our modules are reviewed and updated to ensure quality and to incorporate student feedback. 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.

You'll have opportunities beyond the classroom and to study abroad.

You'll also have access to a wide range of extra activities and opportunities organised by the department and the wider Politics and International Studies community. There are weekly events taking place that bring together our staff and students for politics related talks, conferences or film screenings. You can also gain practical experience alongside your studies as an Undergraduate Research Assistant on faculty projects or through internship opportunities with think tanks and international organisations.

We have extensive links with international universities, providing you with a range of options to add study abroad into your degree. You could spend an integrated year in the USA or Canada, or add a year of work or study in Europe, Australia or Asia into your programme.



Dr Tatiana Martins Pedro Do Coutto
Teaching fellow, PAIS

WHAT IS THE COURSE STRUCTURE? WHICH COURSE IS RIGHT FOR ME?

We offer two single honours courses: BA Politics or BA Politics and International Studies. You could alternatively choose to study one of our joint honours courses, where you can combine study of Politics and International Studies with Quantitative Methods, Sociology, or a Modern Language: French, Spanish, German, Italian or Chinese.

If you take one of our joint degrees, you will be based in two or more departments, within the Social Sciences building or very close by in the Humanities building. Whatever degree course and pathway you choose to take, you will be part of a vibrant academic community in PAIS at Warwick, giving you an excellent student experience and setting you in good stead for a successful career beyond university or acting as a superb stepping stone to further study.



Course structure

All of our courses provide a thorough grounding in politics: the key theories, issues and academic political analysis, all involving a comparative and global perspective. All programmes follow a similar ethos in their structure: to provide you with a strong foundation of knowledge in your first year, and then increasing your level of choice in the later years of your degree.

Core modules will ensure that you achieve the balance and breadth of learning appropriate for your chosen course. Optional modules will be available to you from the extensive lists in PAIS and in our partner departments if you are on a joint degree. Therefore, not only will you choose which programme to study initially, you can also then set your own path within your degree, specialising or selecting a broad approach according to your personal preferences as you go on.

If you choose to study Politics, International Studies and a modern language, you'll be required to take part in a compulsory year abroad in a relevant country either in your second or third year. You don't need to study a language, however, to have the chance to study abroad. All of our programmes give you the opportunity to incorporate **study abroad**. This will involve either adding an additional year of study or work, or by integrating study at a partner university as part of your three year degree. You can read more on these options on the study abroad pages of this brochure (see pages 18-19).

You can choose to do a **dissertation** on a topic of your choice (and department if you're on a joint degree). A dissertation is your chance to undertake original research into an area which fascinates you. What's more, you'll be supported by an academic member of staff. You'll see from the wide range of topics that our students have researched that our broad expertise offers you unprecedented choice, individuality and support if you choose this option. You can find examples of dissertation titles that our students have chosen in the boxes on the programme pages in this brochure.

POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES SUBJECT PATHWAYS

Our research falls into four clusters that reflect the major sub-disciplines within the study of Politics and International Studies. These research clusters are reflected in the **four pathways within our undergraduate degrees**:

Political Theory & Public Policy
Comparative Politics & Democratisation
International Relations & Security
International Political Economy

Each of these subject pathways has a number of optional modules in each year of study so that you can tailor your degree to the particular sub-discipline that you find the most interesting.

So, for example, if you choose BA Politics and develop a taste for International Political Economy, then you can select modules within this pathway as a specialism. This strongly prepares you to study that specialist area at postgraduate level or to enter a related career.

You can alternatively mix and match across the pathways. Modules currently offered include:

- ▶ African Politics in Comparative Perspective
- ▶ US Foreign Policy
- ▶ The Political Economy of Money
- ▶ Critical Security Studies
- ▶ The Politics of Religion
- ▶ Justice, Democracy and Citizenship

Whether you focus on a single area or take a cross-cluster approach, you will have a high degree of intellectual freedom to cross 'traditional' topic lines and explore issues that matter to you. You can also take modules in other departments.



Which course is right for you?

Your choice of course should be based on where your interests lie. You might want to focus on a single subject, or perhaps you'll prefer a combination. You may already have an interest in both areas of a joint degree, or wish to add a new subject alongside one that you have already enjoyed studying.

You may have a particular talent or interest for numbers or languages and wish to maintain this alongside your focus on Politics and International Studies. Or you may have a career path in mind, for which advanced quantitative or language skills are either necessary or an advantage.

If you choose a single honours course, you can pick modules from beyond Politics and International Studies to try out another subject or add further breadth, or you may specialise as you go on. This way you build the course that is right for you, with academic and personal development advice and support to help you decide.

BA IN POLITICS

If you are dedicated to understanding and critically engaging with the political world, exploring the theoretical and empirical approaches to political ideas, problems and issues and confronting the politics of our everyday lives, then our BA Politics course is right for you.

Political Theory and Comparative Politics provide the core of the programme, but you can choose options across the full range of Politics and International Studies modules in any of our four specialised pathways, study a language as part of your degree, or choose an approved option each year in a related discipline.

You will tackle questions relating to the nature and distribution of power, the advantages and disadvantages of different political systems and the role of ideology in determining political outcomes. You'll critique how politics works in a number of different nations and question the appropriate level to analyse politics from the individual to the global system. You'll consider how the work of political theorists can help explain the ways in which politicians intervene in questions of economy, law-making, conflict and the regulation of our daily lives.

Engaging with contested ideas such as equality, justice, freedom and human rights, you'll apply these ideas to everyday political problems such as immigration, poverty, war and climate change.

The emphasis on the integration of theory and practice is reflected in the foundation modules that you will take in the first year and in the core and optional modules taken in subsequent years. For example, questions about the nature of democracy you discuss in the Introduction to Politics first year module will then be pursued in second year modules on the politics of particular countries such as Britain or the US. You can take these even further in more specialised third year modules such as Violence and Reconciliation in Eastern Africa, or The Politics of European Union Policy-making.

Examples of undergraduate dissertations that our students have researched and written

Mental Health Care Policy in the United States:
Challenges, Opportunities and Disparities

Orientalism, Feminism and Islamism:
How Hijab has been Politicised Post-"9/11"

Brexit, a Failure of EU Democracy?: Exploring the Extent to
which the Democratic Deficit within the European Union
Influenced the Major Arguments for Leaving

#hashtag_advocacy @campaigning.com:
A Critical Analysis of the Political Uses of Twitter



BA IN POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

If you're fascinated by politics on a national and international level, then this is the programme for you. You'll critically engage with theoretical and empirical approaches to political ideas, problems and issues locally, nationally and globally. You will give an added emphasis to the international dimensions of politics.

Political Theory and International Relations provide the core of the degree, but you can tailor your course to focus on any of the main sub-disciplines in Politics and International Studies. The subject pathways open to you are: International Security; International Political Economy; Comparative Politics and Democratisation; and Political Theory and Public Policy. Language study can be incorporated into your degree and you'll also have opportunities to take options in other departments.

You will engage with core questions in political theory and how they apply to situations across the globe. You'll confront how power is distributed internationally and evaluate the different ways in which societies organise their political systems. You'll question the ideological roots of world problems and interrogate the ways in which economic imperatives affect foreign policy. You'll analyse how different actors at local, national and international levels engage politically and impact on our daily experiences.

Your studies will investigate how theoretical assumptions underpin political decisions and explore the concrete issues that are faced by individuals, governments and organisations around the world. Questions include: why states use violence; how globalisation has affected patterns of development; and whether democracy brings greater stability to societies. You'll contest terms such as 'terrorism' and whether they threaten our security.

The foundation modules you take in the first year will emphasise the integration of theory and practice. This balance is further reflected in the core and optional modules taken in subsequent years. For example, questions about the nature of threats and violence that you discuss in the World Politics first year core module, can then be pursued in second year options such as International Security. You then choose specialised third year modules such as Britain and the War on Terror, or The Vigilant State: The Politics of Intelligence.



Dr Steven Kettell
Associate Professor, Politics

Examples of undergraduate dissertations that our students have researched and written

Sewing a Narrative of Sustainability: The Politics
of Fast Fashion and the Making of Consumer Interest

Speech Acts and Special Measures: The Relationship between
Language and Domestic Counter-terrorism Policies in the UK

Whose Life Really Matters? A Critical Exploration into
Biopolitics and Black Subjectivities in the 'Black Lives
Matter' Movement

Non-proliferation in South America: Brazil and its
Nuclear Ambitions

I chose to study at Warwick after catching up with an older friend that had already experienced what the University has to offer – her passion and excitement for her PAIS degree was absolutely contagious!

Along with the wide range of modules and degree pathways, I think Warwick encourages you to be curious, innovative and inquisitive in everything you do. My favourite first year module, Nine Ideas in International Security, brings together nine new concepts and thinkers in politics and international relations to create an overview of the intricate world we live in. What I really enjoyed about that module was the amazing diversity – every week I would go into the lecture wondering what important worldwide issue I'd be learning about that day!

Another thing that I really like about the Politics and International Studies department is the advice and support you have available when thinking about your career opportunities. You are constantly reminded that your choices extend much further than becoming the predictable politician – the transferable skills I'm getting from my course have proven helpful in very different situations and roles.

Julia Bucur
BA Politics and
International Studies
Class of 2019

BA IN POLITICS, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND QUANTITATIVE METHODS

If you're dedicated to understanding and critically engaging with the political world and international relations, exploring the theoretical and empirical approaches to political ideas, problems and issues nationally and globally and you also want to give particular emphasis to how numbers, metrics, and statistical analysis help us understand and shape the world we live in, then this programme will suit you.

The degree enables you to develop a strong grounding in the discipline of Politics and International Studies, whilst also gaining advanced skills in quantitative methods. The critical analysis of political ideas and global politics is a central theme of the degree course, and you will examine a variety of theories and empirical evidence that confront contemporary and historical issues in politics and international relations.

There will be a particular emphasis on training in quantitative methods that will enable you to engage more fully with opinion surveys, government statistics, large data sets and other aspects of the fast-developing digital society.

The course is taught in conjunction with the multi-million pound Warwick Q-Step Centre that is part of a national programme designed to promote a step-change in quantitative social science training in the UK.



You will gain valuable skills from a number of added extras on this degree including a work placement based around quantitative methods and participation in an annual spring methods camp. As an additional year to your degree, you can apply to study abroad at any of our exchange partners in Europe, Australia, Hong Kong or Japan, including institutions that place a strong emphasis on quantitative analysis.

Political Theory and the study of International Relations and other sub-disciplines such as International Political Economy, Democratisation, International Security, Comparative Politics and International Development are also available as core or optional modules that you can choose as part of your degree. There is an added emphasis on the use of quantitative methods to confront political issues such as conflict, starvation, economic crisis and terrorism, as well as giving you the tools necessary to critique election polls, evaluate economic policies and predict the likelihood of security threats.



**A step-change in
quantitative social
science skills**

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BA IN POLITICS AND SOCIOLOGY

If you want to understand and critically engage with the world from a political and sociological perspective, explore the theoretical and empirical approaches to political and social ideas, problems and issues, and confront the social themes and politics of our everyday lives, then this programme is right for you.

On this joint degree, you'll be a member of both PAIS and Sociology – two closely associated departments that share the same wing of the Social Sciences building at Warwick. Although they are regarded as distinct disciplines, politics and sociology have much in common: both sociologists and political scientists are concerned with power, contestation and how communities organise themselves.

The degree allows you to get the best of both worlds across two social science disciplines. It will enable you to think critically about contemporary society in the UK and beyond: by enriching your understanding of key concepts such as gender and the state. It will also offer an important empirical dimension, linking ethical questions around the provision of public goods, like welfare or security, to the demands of social movements and policy elites.

You can focus on a range of sub-fields within each discipline, including political theory, social theory, comparative politics, gender and sexuality, race and difference, international relations, international political economy, media and culture and international development. You'll tackle questions, such as: what causes some people to be apathetic toward elections? Does surveillance of the public benefit society or does it undermine civil liberties? Why do racial, gender and class inequalities persist and how do they vary globally?

The emphasis on the integration of theory and practice in both disciplines is reflected in the foundation modules you will take in the first year and in the core and optional modules taken in subsequent years. Political and social theory provides the core of the degree but you can choose options across the full range of PAIS and sociology modules.

As the years progress, you will take a decreasing proportion of core modules and specialise your degree with an increasing proportion of optional modules. In the first two years of the degree, you will have an equal share of modules in politics and in sociology. In the final year, you can retain this equal split or give greater emphasis to either discipline.



Dr Paula Zoido-Oses
Teaching fellow, PAIS

Examples of undergraduate dissertations that our students have researched and written

Transforming Transitions: Towards a Postcolonial Critique of Transitional Justice

Is Religion a Form of Social Control?

An Exploration of Refugee Portrayal within the European Refugee Crisis

Technological Change and Capitalist Development: Embedding the Knowledge Economy in its Social Context

Will it be fun and exciting? Will I be safe?
Will I graduate feeling strong and independent?
Will I academically succeed and go onto a prosperous career?

In the midst of questions and excitement, I chose to study BA Politics and Sociology at Warwick due to the two departments' renowned reputation of excellence in academia as well as student experience.

The study of both politics and sociology are truly complementary. For me, studying topical themes in PAIS, such as 'Justice, Democracy and Citizenship', have brought fresh perspectives on politics and how we can put political theory to work on pressing real-world issues. These modules have assisted me with the understanding of my sociology modules, such as 'Class and Capitalism in a Neoliberal World', where we explored the social consequences of the current neoliberal, democratic world, and why these changes might be responsible for the urban unrest and dissatisfaction in society. Seminars with fruitful discussions and debates with students from two departments, and from multi-national and cultural backgrounds, are what have made my studies at Warwick so rich and alive.

In my third year, I took the opportunity to apply for one of PAIS's study abroad programmes at Sciences Po Paris-Reims, France. It was the best experience and I truly recommend it to you all. It is challenging in many ways, but you come out feeling independent, confident, open-minded, proud, adventurous and wild!

Not to mention student life at Warwick! It is highly dynamic and offers incredible opportunities to try new activities. Warwick is a bubble of work, research, societies, and crazy nights-out where you're surrounded by exciting, open-minded and multi-cultured people. The opportunities offered by Warwick will surprise you!

Heejin Yoon
BA Politics and Sociology
Class of 2018

BA IN POLITICS, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND MODERN LANGUAGES

We offer a suite of interdisciplinary degrees that combine the study of Politics and International Studies with the study of Modern Languages and Cultures. These innovative joint degrees give equal emphasis to developing and deepening advanced language skills, understanding the cultures and societies where that language is spoken and gaining a strong grounding in the discipline of Politics and International Studies.

Each degree is four years, featuring a year of study abroad or a work placement in a country where your chosen language is spoken. You will draw upon expertise from PAIS and the School of Modern Languages and Cultures and belong jointly to two nationally and internationally renowned departments at Warwick.

While the modules you take through most of the degree will be evenly distributed between your two home departments, in the final year you can choose to specialise and take 75% of your modules in one or other of the disciplines, or to retain an equal split.

To study the French degree, you will need to have studied French at A-level or equivalent. You can study our German, Hispanic and Italian degrees if you have a background in a modern language, (you don't need to have taken German, Spanish or Italian specifically).

BA in Politics, International Studies and French

combines understanding and critically engaging with the political world, with studying the French language and Francophone society and culture.

You'll explore the theoretical and empirical approaches to political ideas, problems and issues nationally and globally with a particular emphasis on the significance and influence of France. Sub-fields within each discipline include political theory, political systems, comparative politics, Francophone society and culture, international relations, international political economy, French literature, French cinema and international development.

Questions about the nature of political systems you discuss in the Introduction to Politics module will then be pursued in second year modules such as Themes in European Integration. These questions are then explored further in more specialised final year modules such as The Radical Right in France.

Your third year is spent studying at a partner university or on work placement in France or in another French-speaking country. University partners include: Sciences Po Paris, the Sorbonne and the IEP Bordeaux.

BA in Politics, International Studies and German

combines the study of Politics and International Studies with a specific focus on how German politics, society and culture have been central to the development of modern Europe. You'll explore approaches to political ideas and critically engage with national and global political issues, as well as improve your German language skills.

You can focus on a range of sub-fields within each discipline, including political theory, political systems, comparative politics, German and Austrian society and culture, international security, international political economy, German literature, German cinema and international development.

You'll address questions relating to the emergence and resolution of conflicts, the relationship between states and markets, the importance of international organisations and the significance of Germany in the political and cultural development of Europe.

You'll spend a year of study or work placement in Germany or Austria. Partner universities include: Konstanz, Freie in Berlin, Vienna and Salzburg.

BA IN POLITICS, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND MODERN LANGUAGES

BA in Politics, International Studies and Hispanic Studies

critically engages with the theoretical and empirical approaches to political ideas, problems and issues, with a particular emphasis on the significance and influence of the Spanish language and Hispanic societies and cultures.

Areas tackled on this degree include how political ideologies have affected the spread of culture and society globally and how theoretical perspectives can help us understand global problems from hunger and poverty to war and migration. Subjects within each discipline include foreign policy, international political economy, the foundations of the Hispanic world, political systems, culture and identity in Latin America, political theory and international relations.

University partners for your year abroad include: Complutense de Madrid, Pompeu Fabra Barcelona, or further afield in Puerto Rico or Buenos Aires. This immersion in Hispanic culture can take place in year two or three, after which you return to Warwick to complete your degree with increased fluency in Spanish.

BA in Politics, International Studies and Italian

is for you whether your fascination with Italian politics, culture and society derives from Dante, Fellini or Berlusconi. You'll find the perfect combination for you in the focused theoretical and empirical study of the political world with an intensive engagement in Italian language and culture.

Your first year of study lays the critical and linguistic foundations for your exploration of politics and the Italian language. You will build on this introduction by spending your second or third year in Italy, immersing yourself in the language and culture at one of our many partner universities across the country in cities including Rome, Florence, Milan, Pisa, Turin and Siena. Alternatively, you can arrange an approved work placement in Italy.

Sub-fields within each discipline include Italian society and culture, political theory, comparative politics, democratisation, Italian literature, international security, Italian cinema and international political economy.

Themes you develop in your first year modules will carry through to modules in the final two years such as the Politics of Globalisation, Italy Out of Italy: Italian Migrations Abroad, and Europe: Politics and Ideas.



BA IN POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES WITH CHINESE

This four-year degree gives you the opportunity to acquire Chinese language skills while receiving a thorough training in the study of Politics and International Studies. You will critically engage with the political world from national and global perspectives, exploring the theoretical and empirical approaches to political ideas, and have the opportunity to study in China for a year.

The department of Politics and International Studies has a vibrant environment of international faculty and students. We have a wide range of specialisms including expertise in the politics of East Asia.

As well as modules led by faculty who are innovative teachers and world class researchers, you will have opportunities to take part in the PAIS Film Club, to attend research seminars featuring visiting speakers, and take part in social events with students from all over the world.

The course combines the study of theory and practice in a broad range of subjects within the discipline, from political theory, to international security, to comparative politics, to international political economy, to political systems. One quarter of your degree will focus on developing your Chinese language skills, including a year spent studying at a Chinese university. You will develop an ability to understand complex theoretical positions and apply them to political problems and issues from the local to the global level. You will gain confidence to debate with colleagues, to develop independent research skills, and to make individual and group presentations.

Political theory and international relations theory will provide the core of your studies in year one with progressively more option choices throughout the years of the degree. Introductory ideas you study in year one World Politics can be built upon in more specialised modules in year two, such as International Security and the final year US Foreign Policy. Across the first two years, you will take core modules in Chinese Language at a level appropriate to your existing knowledge, before studying at a partner university in China during your third year. This will be an invaluable opportunity to learn about Chinese culture, politics and society and to deepen your language skills. There will be a further Chinese Language module in your fourth year.

Examples of undergraduate dissertations that our students have researched and written

The Asian Legacy of the Obama Administration: What was the Impact of the 'Asian Pivot' on US-China Relations?

Online Innovation in the Political Communication of Non-mainstream Political Movements in France.

Renewable Europe: An IPE Analysis of the EU's Transition into Renewable Energy

Interpreting the 'China Model': Dynamics of Regionalisation within the Political Economy of China





Spending a year at UCLA has impacted my university experience in a very profound way, and deciding to apply to study abroad is a choice I will never regret. As well as academic development, living in a foreign country has allowed me to mature and develop personally. Getting involved with activities outside of classes such as a dancing society, political events, and some time to enjoy the city for myself (sightseeing and cinema trips amongst other things) has helped me settle in and make the most out of my experience.

Having an American roommate has been the fastest way for me to adapt to American customs and have a close friend to talk to at all times when I needed to confide in someone or just have a chat. At first I was anxious about sharing such a personal space but it turned out to be a fundamental part of the college experience.

Naz Ozkan
Second year BA Politics and International Studies spending an Integrated Year Abroad at the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA).

In terms of academics I am able to choose from an extremely wide selection of classes that are taught by a diverse range of professors with different backgrounds and interests. This has allowed me to explore my particular interests in greater detail, which I have reaped the benefits of greatly. The classes I have taken have encompassed and drawn on a plethora of disciplines; my classes last term ranged from political theories of empowerment to gender politics in the Middle East.

My experience has been unpredictable, exhilarating, rewarding, and I'm sure I will appreciate it even more when I return to the UK. Without this experience it would have been difficult to truly understand US politics and the American way of life, and I truly recommend studying abroad for anyone who may be considering it.

I've also been engaged politically and took part in the Women's March Los Angeles in January 2018, on the anniversary of Donald Trump's Presidential Inauguration as you can see from these photos.

STUDY ABROAD

Extend your horizons. Broaden your mind. See the world differently.

We are part of a global network of exchange partners enabling you to spend time studying in another country during your degree or you can arrange a work placement with departmental approval.

We have long-standing agreements with universities in countries around the world, and we offer you two options for study abroad: integrated or intercalated.

Integrated - study abroad included within your three year degree

Most university degrees that incorporate study abroad will add a year to your standard three year programme - but on three of our core programmes you can integrate study abroad into your three year degree. An integrated year allows you to replace all of year two of your programme with a year abroad.

Students on BA Politics, BA Politics and International Studies and BA Politics and Sociology are eligible for the North America Exchange.

Intercalated - study abroad adding a year to your degree

This option will add one year to your degree programme. You can either study at one of our partner universities or set up an approved work placement.

The intercalated exchanges are available to students on the BA in Politics, BA Politics and International Studies, BA Politics, International Studies and Quantitative Methods and BA Politics and Sociology.

Students on our BA Politics, International Studies and Modern Languages degrees will spend a compulsory year of study or work in a country where their chosen language is spoken. Students on the BA Politics and International Studies with Chinese will spend a compulsory year of study in China.

Here is a list of current partners available to our students in **2018/19**. This list is illustrative of the types of options that will be available in future years.

Integrated country options

USA - University of California

Canada - University of Waterloo, Ontario; University of British Columbia, Vancouver; Queen's University, Ontario; Western University, Ontario.

Intercalated country options

Europe - We have extensive partners in France, Spain, Italy, Germany, Austria, Norway, Denmark and Sweden. You can choose from among the finest universities in Europe in cities such as Paris, Madrid, Vienna, Berlin, Florence and Barcelona. Students also have the option of setting up a work placement in a European country with the approval of the department.

Japan - If you're interested in Japan, you can apply for options such as Waseda University in Tokyo or Hokkaido University in the north of the country.

Australia - As part of Warwick's alliance with Monash University, you can apply to spend an intercalated year studying in Melbourne. This is a university wide placement, open to all students here at Warwick. Half of the academic year can be spent at the Monash campus in Malaysia.

Hong Kong - We have full year intercalated exchanges with the University of Hong Kong, Chinese University of Hong Kong, City University Hong Kong, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

Singapore - National University of Singapore (NUS); Nanyang Technological University (NTU)

LEARNING

For each of your modules you'll have at least one lecture per week, which is then normally followed by a seminar later in the week or the following week. Lectures are there to introduce you to a particular topic, including an overview of the key aspects and theories. Lectures give you a starting point to then prepare for discussion in your seminars. You'll be expected to delve further into the topic and expand your knowledge, using your overview as a base for further reading in books and journals.

Your seminars will be much smaller, and you'll engage with fellow students in discussion, debate or pre-set tasks which draw on the further research you have undertaken. You'll normally receive instructions, notes and tasks ahead of time so that you and your group are prepared and ready to build on the knowledge, theories and ideas from the lecture. You'll be expected to share your views about the topic and debate the issues. These weekly seminars are compulsory and you'll have your own seminar group and seminar tutor for the length of the module. The seminar tutor makes sure that you get the most from these sessions, prompting discussions, setting tasks and ensuring everyone has their say.

As you will see in the next section, you will also have a personal tutor, as well as feedback sessions and opportunities to ask questions with module directors and seminar tutors. Feedback on your submitted assessments, as well as the regular reports to your personal tutor, are an important way in which you will be able to check your essay plans, monitor your progress, get ideas on how to improve your work and clarify points you are unsure about.

Research training, personal and professional development are all embedded into 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 and further study programmes are looking for.

ASSESSMENTS

Our modules are normally assessed through a mixture of exams and essays, and you'll get extensive feedback to help you progress. You will have what are known as 'formative assessments' which are assessments that do not contribute marks to your final overall grade. Formative assessments will accustom you to what is required from your degree and the style of assessment. The feedback will provide you with suggestions and ideas to develop your analysis, style and skills, and help you prepare for the 'summative assessments' that determine your marks for each module.

These summative assessments involve a combination of end of year exams and coursework that will make up your final grades. The further you progress in your PAIS degree, the more freedom you have to choose your preferred method of assessment by selecting a balance of exams and assessed essays.

SUPPORT

Personal tutor

They will be a first point of contact for you, offering you guidance and support for your general academic questions and any academic or personal difficulties you might have. They support your academic development throughout your course and you will have meetings throughout the year, so they should get to know you well. This means they have a complete picture of your strengths, experiences and skills, and will also provide references for you during and beyond your time as a student.

Module directors

They will be in charge of your module content, set seminar topic areas and deliver the main lectures of your module. They can provide specific advice about the subject matter of individual modules along with advice in terms of specific essays and assignments.

Seminar tutors

For each module, your seminar tutor, who may also be the module director, will mark your regularly submitted essays for the module (known as 'formative assessments' because they do not contribute to your overall module grade) and provide feedback to you on these to help you develop further. They'll also keep your personal tutor informed of your progress and be available for individual discussions and any questions you have about your module.

Director of Student Experience and Progression (DSEP)

They can offer you additional tailored support, building on support offered by your personal tutor. This might be advice on study skills, including: how to do well (or how to do better) in essay writing or exams; which modules might suit you best; or guidance on internships, careers and postgraduate study.

Your academic librarian and library helpdesk

The library helpdesk is available to help you with day-to-day searches, borrowing and reserving items. You'll also have a specialist Academic Support Librarian to give you targeted support in your subject area. Your Academic Support Librarian will help you to develop information and research skills during your course and can offer you training in literature searching, finding and using information, referencing and avoiding plagiarism and reference management tools. They'll show you how to find material quickly whilst giving you the best techniques for delving into the vast array of resources to find an unusual and interesting reference.

Skills sessions and programmes

These sessions will be built into your core modules in the first year, so you will learn about essay writing, exam technique, critical thinking and researching independently. We also offer popular sessions for second and third years. There's also the possibility to take part in the 'Undergraduate Skills Programme and Academic Writing Programme', which is offered by the university. This will help you perfect a range of skills and develop yourself further.

Dr Trevor McCrisken
Associate Professor, PAIS



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

You'll have access to a large range of activities and opportunities organised by us and the wider PAIS community. There are weekly events taking place that bring together our undergraduate students, postgraduate students, post-docs and staff members.

We have regular research seminars featuring speakers from other universities or practitioners in politics, such as former UK Cabinet Minister, Justine Greening MP.

The PAIS Film Club shows contemporary and classic feature films and documentaries on political issues, with discussions and debates after the film. These discussions often include members of the department, and even the directors of the films themselves such as Ken Loach.

Towards the end of each academic year, there's also a 'Big PAIS Social' in the Copper Rooms nightclub on campus. Previous socials have featured members of our academic staff DJ-ing and playing in our department's very own 'indie rock' band!

We offer lots of opportunities for you to gain practical experiences alongside your studies. You can apply to be an Undergraduate Research Assistant, which enables finalists to work alongside academics on research projects.

We offer a number of bespoke internship opportunities with organisations and think tanks for which students can apply, and we also have an online register of links to a range of internship opportunities related to politics and international studies previously held by our students.

You can apply to become a Student Ambassador. Being an ambassador gives you the chance to represent our department at university open days, departmental open days and also at schools and colleges across the country as part of our widening participation and outreach events.

Societies

If you study at Warwick, you can be involved in a wide range of societies – ranging from those which are academic in nature, to those which might relate to your hobbies or other interests. There are over 250 societies at Warwick including the Politics Society which regularly organises events, holds socials and brings in outside speakers.

You can also help organise and participate in the Undergraduate Dissertation Conference that happens in your final year. Warwick's International Development Society, founded by our students, hosts a high-profile Summit Meeting each year.

There are also a number of PAIS students who become deeply involved in campus politics, running for and winning elections to become Students' Union officers and even the Warwick SU President.



Join the undergraduate research community

Our undergraduate students can apply to take part in the Undergraduate Research Support Scheme (URSS).

If you are successful, you'll get a bursary and skills development training to carry out your summer research project as an addition to your PAIS degree course. All students are supervised by an academic member of staff for the scheme.

Undertaking a summer research project with URSS will give you a taste of research which is invaluable if, after your undergraduate degree, you want to go on and study at postgraduate level. You'll also develop a range of skills which will add further value to your degree study.

PAIS also advertises a number of Student Research Assistantships each year that enable final year students to work across the department with academic and administrative members of staff to support research, teaching and the student experience. This is a great opportunity to add to your CV and gain an insight into how an academic department operates.

The opportunities for you here are wide and varied. We encourage you to make the most out of your time at university and we will support you in doing just that. All of our opportunities beyond the classroom contribute to our graduates being highly employable.

Examples of URSS Research projects that our students have carried out

Bottom-up Depoliticisation: The Neo-coloniality of Hong Kong.

The History of ISIS: Its Leaders and Political Ties with the Middle East.

The Rise of China and the Re-orientation of Europe: A Study of the Impact of the Chinese Political Economy on Britain and Germany.

The Role of Charities in Britain under Austerity: A Political Economy Analysis of Food Banks in Coventry.

Societies of interest to PAIS students

Warwick Politics Society
www.warwicksu.com/societies/politics

Warwick Think Tank Society
warwicksu.com/societies/WarwickThinkTank

World@warwick.ac.uk
warwicksu.com/worldatwarwick/home

Warwick Economics Summit
warwicksu.com/societies/EconomicsSummit

International Relations
warwicksu.com/societies/internationalrelatio

Warwick United Nations Society
warwicksu.com/societies/modelun

TEDxWarwick
warwicksu.com/societies/TEDxWarwick

Warwick Public Speaking Society
warwicksu.com/societies/WarwickSpeakers

International Development Society
warwicksu.com/societies/internationaldev

STAR (Student Action for Refugees)
warwicksu.com/societies/WarwickSTAR

Warwick Amnesty
warwicksu.com/societies/amnesty

Warwick Against Hunger
warwicksu.com/societies/WWFP

The Warwick Globalist
warwicksu.com/societies/17365

Women for Women International Warwick
warwicksu.com/societies/WomenforWomenIntl

Warwick Debating Society
warwickdebatingsociety.co.uk

WHAT DO WARWICK POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES GRADUATES DO?

Six months after graduating, **88%** of 2015/16 Warwick graduates in Politics and International Studies were in jobs or further study.



Examples of PAIS graduates' job titles include:

Administration Assistant, Analyst - Financial Services, Assistant Project Executive, Associate Recruitment Consultant, Cabinet Office Assistant, Charity Fundraiser, Conservative Party Chairman's Correspondence Assistant, Consultant, Customer Service Assistant, English Teacher, Graduate Charity Scheme, Human Rights Researcher, International Relations Programme Director, Journalist, Labour Party Candidate, Liberal Democrat candidate for MP, Management Consultant, Marketing Assistant, Marketing Manager, Motor Claims Adviser, National Management Trainee, Political Analyst, Special Assistant to Deputy Prime Minister, Teacher, Technical Clerk, Translator, Treasury Department Analyst, Voice and Data Analyst, Customer Services Adviser

Companies and organisations where PAIS graduates work include:

Allianz Insurance, BBC, BNP Paribas, British Chinese Project, Centre for International Governance Innovation, Chatham House, Conservative Party, Deloitte, Family and Childcare Trust, HM Treasury, International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), Johnston Press, KPMG, New Economics Foundation, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), Royal Bank of Scotland, Teach First, Santander, UK Cabinet Office

PAIS graduates go onto the following Masters Programmes:

Global Governance, International Development, International Politics and East Asia, International Political Economy, International Security, Marketing, Migration Studies, Political and Legal Theory, Political Science and Political Economy, Security Risk Management, United States Foreign Policy. These programmes can be studied at Warwick and other leading universities in the UK, Europe, North America and throughout the world.

Specifically, employers tell us that they like politics students because they:

- ▶ Have excellent research skills
- ▶ Can put together a coherent discussion. They are experienced at working out what can be inferred from the information at their disposal and can defend their conclusions
- ▶ Can analyse the points of view of others and understand their strengths and weaknesses
- ▶ Have developed communication skills, presenting and defending their ideas in both verbal discussion and writing
- ▶ Have intellectual autonomy, since much of their academic work is undertaken independently

We offer a range of advice and activities to help prepare you for life beyond your undergraduate degree:

- ▶ You will gain a wide range of transferable skills from your degree programme such as personal organisation, writing and oral communication and independent research
- ▶ Your tutors will offer advice on further study at Warwick or at other universities. They'll also be able to talk about the career paths that these courses might lead to
- ▶ Our Director of Student Experience and Progression will talk with you about personal development, internships, work experience, what to study beyond Warwick and how to decide upon and pursue a career
- ▶ Our Senior Careers Consultant (assigned to us by the University's Student Careers and Skills department) will give advice and put on events and workshops, many specifically designed for students interested in politics and international studies careers
- ▶ You can apply for one of the bespoke internships reserved for our students by organisations linked to our department
- ▶ You can use our expanding online internship list to help find a placement in the realm of politics or the media, charities, finance, business, law or a range of other professions
- ▶ You can apply to gain work experience with our department as a Student Ambassador or a Student Research Assistant, through a competitive process
- ▶ You can enhance your personal, academic and professional experience during a year abroad, either by studying or by going on a work placement
- ▶ You can learn from our alumni who return to talk about their jobs
- ▶ You can apply for a range of part-time campus jobs in student services or administration

After taking Government and Politics at A-Level I knew that politics was for me, but the added bonus of International Studies was what drew me to Warwick – along with the esteemed reputation of the PAIS department. Going along to an Offer Holder Open Day was when I realised Warwick was for me, as I found the staff and students to be incredibly friendly and welcoming, and I enjoyed the campus feel.

The range of module options available and the vast array of study abroad options meant that my time at Warwick was truly international. I loved the second year International Development module, and that I was able to follow this up with Gender, Development and Governance modules during my year abroad in Sweden – taught in a different way, but building on the ideas fostered at Warwick. The PAIS department's commitment to offering study abroad placements at some of the best universities in the world resulted in the best year of my life, and I came back to Warwick with an extra year's worth of knowledge and experiences to apply to my final exams and essays.

The extracurricular activities at Warwick were exceptional. In the summer of my first year I travelled to India through a Warwick partnership with an education NGO, teaching English in four education centres near Delhi, and in my third year I received funding on a URSS project to do six weeks of research in Palestine. My time in Palestine really helped me make the most of my Middle East Regional Relations module in my final year.

I am currently studying for an MSc in Women, Peace and Security at The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). In the summer between graduation and my Master's I worked for ten weeks at Birmingham City Council's Wellbeing Service in the Data Department, learning about how the Council works to alleviate health and social inequalities by providing free exercise classes around Birmingham.

When I arrived at Warwick I'd never lived abroad and had only travelled alone once; by the time I'd left, I'd lived in India for two months, travelled around Europe, and lived in Sweden for almost a year. My confidence in myself has grown through these experiences and through everything Warwick and PAIS gave me, and I'll always be grateful for the skills and knowledge that I have gained.



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BA Politics and International Studies 2016

NEXT STEPS

Thinking about applying?

There are a few things about the process you should know:

- ▶ All applications to undergraduate courses are made through UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service), and you will be able to apply to up to five courses
- ▶ You'll submit one UCAS form with your qualifications, predicted grades, a reference and your personal statement
- ▶ UCAS sends this to each of your chosen universities, who then decide whether to make you an offer for your chosen course
- ▶ When considering your application, we can't see which other courses and universities you've applied to
- ▶ You receive a decision via UCAS Track
- ▶ The UCAS deadline for our courses is **15 January**; we give equal consideration to all applications received before this date

You'll have one personal statement for all your courses. This is where you demonstrate your interest in the subject and tell us why you would be a great student for our course. The more thought-through your course choices, the easier your personal statement will be to write.

Of course, taking the time to research and consider your options is also advisable to find the right course and place for you. Be sure to check the typical offers and any essential subjects for each course.

You've received an offer

Once you have received a decision from all your courses, you must choose your first choice course ('firm' choice).

Unless you've already taken your exams, your offer will be conditional on you achieving specified grades. Your place at your firm choice is guaranteed if you meet these conditions at results time. Therefore your firm choice needs to be where you want and intend to go, as long as everything goes to plan.

You might also select an insurance choice in case you miss your grades for your firm choice. You will only go to your insurance if you are not accepted by your firm choice, but do meet the grades of your insurance offer.

You may want to bear this in mind when applying, and consider one or two courses with a lower typical offer to serve as a 'back up' for you.

More information

Find out more details about our courses and department by visiting our departmental website at warwick.ac.uk/pais

Browse warwick.ac.uk/ug for information about university life, including finance, accommodation and campus life at Warwick

Check out the student.blogs.warwick.ac.uk and read about daily life for our student bloggers.

Visit the university to get a feel for yourself. If you receive an offer we will invite you to come along to an Offer Holder Open Day so that you can meet us, our students and see the department. But you are also welcome to come to see campus anytime, or book onto a tour or visit day. See warwick.ac.uk/ug/visits

Entry requirements and typical offers

Check these before you apply via our website, so that you have the most up-to-date information, as these could change for the next admissions cycle. See warwick.ac.uk/ug/courses

Offers normally exclude General Studies and Critical Thinking.

For 2018 entry:

BA Politics, BA Politics and International Studies, BA Politics, International Studies and Quantitative Methods:
A-level AAA / IB 38

BA Politics and Sociology:
A-level AAB / IB 36

BA Politics, International Studies and French:
AAB including A-level French / IB 36 including 5 in HL French

BA Politics, International Studies and German:
AAB including a Foreign Language or Latin/Ancient Greek / IB 36 including 5 in Higher Level in a Foreign Language or Latin/Ancient Greek. This course offers two streams in German: Advanced (for applicants with German to A Level or IB Higher level, or equivalent) and Beginner (for applicants with no prior German qualifications or to a maximum of GCSE Level).

BA Politics, International Studies and Hispanic Studies, BA Politics, International Studies and Italian:
AAB including a modern or classical language / IB 36 including 5 in a Higher Level modern or classical language.

BA Politics and International Studies with Chinese:
AAB including some evidence of language learning ability (GCSE level or above is preferable) / IB 36 including some evidence of language learning ability (GCSE level or above is preferable).

We welcome a range of A-level equivalent qualifications from across the world, so if you are unsure what the level is for you, just get in touch by emailing: ugadmissions@warwick.ac.uk

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