

MA International Relations (THPL-AFM41)

Course and Award Details

Course title	MA International Relations
Route(s)	MA International Relations
Awarding body	University of Bath
Award	Masters Degree not mainly by Research
Award name	Masters - Postgraduate Taught
Course mode of delivery	Full time
Course length	1 years
Entry point	September 2024
Main location of study	University of Bath, Main Campus, Claverton Down
Course-owning school/department	Politics, Languages and International Studies

Course Description

Course Summary	Deepen your knowledge of global issues and developments that present challenges to governments. You'll explore what can cause them and potential solutions.
Course Description	Current world developments - such as security and cybersecurity threats, changes of leadership, the emergence of new powers and the evolving nature of international politics - present fresh challenges to governments, regions and the international system as a whole.

During this course, you'll study these topics in depth. You'll look closely at the politics and policymaking of major nations across the planet, as well as the interplay of power between these countries and how order is maintained and managed by institutions.

By the end of your studies, you'll have gained the analytical skills and theoretical knowledge to be able to unpack and detect the causes and consequences of specific political problems, and the different political processes that have generated them.

>Watch our webinar about this course(<https://vimeo.com/807498303>)

Learn from experts in the field

You'll learn from experts in international relations as well as staff in the wider Department of Politics, Languages & International Studies(/departments/department-of-politics-languages-international-studies/) community. Their passion, knowledge and research shape their teaching to enhance your learning experience.

Gain important career skills

This course regularly attracts students from all over the world, with many at different stages of their professional and academic lives. Because of this, you'll be part of an environment that's home to diverse opinions and experiences, which means you'll be able to learn from your peers and apply new ideas to your own study.

You'll have the opportunity to gain:

- a broad and informed perspective on current issues of international relations
- strong analytical skills and theory-informed reasoning to be able to conduct political analysis and understand current challenges and developments

- a deep insight into the world of negotiation and diplomacy and how multilateral institutions operate in the domains of trade and security
- a strong foundation for international careers in administration, diplomacy, policy formation and research
- an increased network of experts in topics such as international security, terrorism, foreign policy, the international political economy, and the politics of international law

Graduate prospects

Studying this course provides an excellent grounding for careers in international organisations, multinational corporations, public bodies and think tanks.

Graduates have gone on to successful careers in a wide range of organisations, including:

- Danish EU Research Liaison Office in Brussels, Belgium
- Enel Green Power North America Inc, USA (Director of External Relations and Communications)
- European Parliament, Spain
- World Energy Council in Berlin, Germany

Contact hours

You are expected to spend approximately 35 hours per week studying, with around 8-10 hours of this being structured classes.

This will be made up of a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials, and workshops. Some sessions may take place online. You will work as an individual and as part of small groups.

Delivery methods

The following list provides an indication of some of the learning and teaching methods used on the course:

- Research project
- Lectures
- Online resources
- Seminars
- Tutorials
- Workshops

Assessment summary

You will experience a balance of different forms of assessment designed to support your professional development. This will include coursework, essays, presentations, examinations, and a dissertation.

We can make reasonable adjustments to assessment procedures for students with disabilities. Take a look at our Disability Service's pages(/professional-services/disability-service/) for information.

Assessment methods

The following list provides an indication of some of the assessment methods used on the course:

- Coursework
- Essay
- Dissertation
- Examinations
- Oral presentation

Budgeting statement

You will need to budget at least £100 for the cost of photocopying, printing and binding. You will also need to budget for the cost of textbooks. Some courses involve visits away from campus and you may be required to pay some or all of the costs of travel, accommodation and food and drink. If you're on a placement, you're responsible for your own travel, accommodation and living costs. You should also consider the financial implications if you go on an unpaid or overseas placement.

Additional Costs

If you receive an offer, you will need to pay a non-refundable deposit of £1,000 when you accept to secure your place. This will be deducted from your tuition fee when you register.

Course Assessment Regulations

Applicable Assessment

Postgraduate Taught Assessment Regulations -

Regulations	https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/postgraduate-taught-assessment-regulations/
Exemptions from Regulations	Not specified
Course Progression Requirements	Not specified

Course Structure

Year 1

Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
AY	PL00000	Academic integrity training & test	Extra	Foundation (FHEQ level 3)	0	
S1	PL52156	Research methods in political science and international relations	Part 4 Taught Compulsory	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
S1	PL52173	Theoretical approaches of international politics and foreign policy	Part 4 Taught Designated Essential Unit	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
S1 MA International Relations S1 options CT PGT						Select 1 module from this group in this period
	PL52115	Critical approaches to international security	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
	PL52128	European Union politics in a changing world	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
	PL52133	Gender theory	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
	PL52140	International terrorism	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
	PL52166	Statecraft and geopolitics in the Indo-Pacific region	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
	PL52171	The politics of the environment	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	

S2 MA International Relations S2 options CT PGT						Select 3 modules from this group in this period
PL52114	Contemporary comparative Russian politics	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10		
PL52116	Democracy v technocracy: modernity and risk	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10		
PL52134	Gender, security and transitional justice from Global South to Global North	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10		
PL52135	Genocides, human rights violations, and transitional justice	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10		
PL52167	The global politics of cyberspace	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10		
PL52168	The politics of Asia and the world	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10		
PL52169	The politics of gender inequality	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10		
PL52170	The politics of organised crime	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10		
PL52172	The resurgence of reactionary politics	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10		
PL52174	Theories of conflict and conflict resolution	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10		
DIS	PL52149	MA in International Relations dissertation	PGT Project/Dis Compulsory	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	30	
Additional rules for module selection						
None						

Year 2

No units found

The availability of optional units is subject to constraints such as staff availability, minimum and maximum group sizes, and timetabling factors, as well as a student's ability to meet any pre-requisite rules.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, you will be able to

	Knowledge and Understanding	Intellectual Skills	Transferable Skills	Professional and Study Skills	Placement	Year Abroad
Critically review current issues of international relations		✓				
Critically appraise the world of statecraft, negotiation and diplomacy, how multilateral institutions operate in the domains of trade and security, and war and peace dynamics		✓	✓			
Develop strong analytical skills and theory-informed reasoning to be able to conduct political analysis and understand current challenges and developments			✓			
Critically engage with issues and debates surrounding international relations to progress into careers in administration, diplomacy, policy formation, political analysis and advising, and research				✓		

Alternative Courses and Exit Awards

Designated Alternative Courses (DAC) and exit awards

Exit awards:

Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma

For further information see <https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/postgraduate-taught-assessment-regulations/>

For information on possible named exit awards, please contact your Director of Studies

