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Department of Politics and International Relations

**Friendly
atmosphere**

**World-class
research**

**Culturally
diverse**

**Academic
excellence**

**“Cardiff University is one of Britain’s leading teaching
and research universities.”**

Telegraph Guide to UK Universities

**Excellent
career
prospects**

Outstanding Teaching

**International
reputation**

**Capital City
Location**

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meet our students

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Discover the Cardiff Experience

A leading university . . .

- ▶ You'll be part of a Russell Group university – one of the UK's world-class universities.
- ▶ You can choose from more than 300 degree programmes. The Cardiff University degree is known and respected worldwide with a substantial number accredited by the professions and other external bodies.
- ▶ You'll benefit from outstanding teaching in a research-led environment – Cardiff is ranked in the UK's top 5 universities for research quality.
- ▶ Staff include a Nobel Laureate and numerous Fellows of the Royal Society and other prestigious institutions.

in an outstanding city . . .

- ▶ You'll live in a friendly, compact and safe city with all your study, living and leisure needs within walking distance.
- ▶ Your money will go further at Cardiff with capital city attractions at provincial prices – including one of the lowest average costs of living for university cities.¹

with able and motivated students . . .

- ▶ You'll be at a first choice university where demand for places is strong.
- ▶ You'll be studying in an environment with able and motivated students who have high grades at A-level or equivalent.
- ▶ You'll be at an international university with students from more than 100 countries.

who have excellent career prospects.

- ▶ You can be confident of your future prospects – typically, 95% of our students were employed or had entered further study within six months of completing their studies.²
- ▶ You'll be in demand – Cardiff is among the top 25 universities targeted by employers seeking high calibre graduates.³



Notes

1. Moneysupermarket.com
Quality of Living Index 2014
2. HESA Destination of Leavers Survey 2013
3. High Fliers Research
The Graduate Market 2015

Welcome

The Department of Politics and International Relations offers a range of flexible and diverse degree programmes to suit the different expectations and aspirations of today's students.



Studying Politics at Cardiff University: Skills for Life

Over 2000 years ago, Aristotle described politics as the 'Master Science', because it examined how all things should be used or regulated for the social good. Studying for a degree in politics at Cardiff, will encourage you to explore the political implications of parliaments at the national and regional levels, of international organisations, of economic and legal orders, of security and insecurity and of morality and culture. Studying politics in our complex, globalised world is a rewarding challenge, with opportunities to explore a wide variety of subjects and sub-disciplines. Building on its traditional strength in European politics, the Department of Politics and International Relations at Cardiff University, is also home to substantial teaching and research strengths in political theory, public policy, the politics of devolution, and international relations, including international law, global ethics, security and piracy.

It is possible to study politics as a Single Honours degree, as part of an integrated honours programme with Law or International Relations or as a Joint Honours programme with a variety of humanities and social sciences subjects. However you choose to structure your time, studying with us we are certain you will face intellectual challenges that inspire you.

Our staff have a wide range of research interests all of which feature in the subjects we teach and the department has achieved considerable success in national and global rankings. The department has been climbing the University league tables, and has been ranked in the top 20 in the major University Guides (14th in the Complete University Guide; 20th in the Guardian and 13th in the Times Higher). In the Council of Higher Education postgraduate rankings it was deemed 'Excellent'. Hosting the international Political Studies Association conference in March 2013 was a marker of our global standing in the field. Having our staff working on the cutting edge of research allows us to introduce you to the most important ideas and skills that contribute to our understanding of the centrality of politics to human flourishing.

I hope you find the University and the department an exciting place to visit and that you get a sense of the energy and ambition that makes Cardiff a great place to study Politics and International Relations. I look forward to welcoming you to the Department in the future.

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This brochure will provide you with more details of our programmes. We hope that they will give you more than just a flavour of what we have to offer you. However, we are always ready to answer any questions you may have, by telephone or email, or when you come to Cardiff to visit. You will find appropriate contacts at the end of this brochure.

Important information. Please read carefully.

The University offers the information contained in this brochure as a guide only. It does not constitute a contract and is not binding on prospective students, current students or the University. While the University makes every effort to check the accuracy of the factual content at the time of publication, some changes will inevitably occur in the interval between publication and the academic year to which the brochure relates (Entry 2015). For example, degree programmes may have changed in line with market and student demand, and research development. Applicants should not, therefore, rely solely on this brochure and should visit the website for up-to-date information concerning course content, accreditation, and entry requirements for the relevant academic year when considering applying to the University.

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Cardiff: A capital city

“Cardiff is a popular student city, relatively inexpensive and with a good range of nightlife and cultural venues.”

Times Good University Guide 2014



More online at:
www.visitcardiff.com
www.cardiff.ac.uk
www.cardiff.gov.uk

Cardiff is a thriving and attractive city which is widely recognised as an outstanding place in which to live and study. It combines all the advantages of a compact, friendly and inexpensive location with the cultural and recreational facilities of a modern capital city.

Cardiff offers everything from the excitement of the city to the peace and tranquillity of the nearby coast and countryside. With its distinctive character, good quality of life, and growing national and international reputation, it hosts many high-profile cultural and sporting events, including international rugby, soccer, cricket and motor sport.

When it comes to entertainment, Cardiff is well-equipped to satisfy student needs. There is a multitude of cafes, pubs and nightclubs. The City is home to the world-renowned Welsh National Opera, it boasts prestigious concert venues such as the Wales Millennium Centre, St David's Hall and the Motorpoint Arena, as well as the iconic Millennium Stadium, the National Museum and Gallery of Wales, several theatres and the historic Cardiff Castle.

Cardiff is the location for award-winning television productions, including Dr Who, Sherlock, Torchwood and Casualty, and the Dr Who Experience in Cardiff Bay is a popular new attraction.

The city is one of the UK's best shopping destinations, a status enhanced by the opening of the £750 million St David's Dewi

Sant retail centre standing alongside pedestrianised shopping streets, indoor and outdoor markets, and a fascinating network of glass-canopied Victorian and Edwardian arcades.

Cardiff also has more urban green space than any other UK city, and offers easy access to the countryside, coast and mountains.

Lively, elegant, confident, cosmopolitan and ambitious are all words readily used to describe modern-day Cardiff. Together, the city and the University provide students with the 'Cardiff Experience', a lifestyle our students remember long after graduation.



The Millennium Stadium nestles in the heart of the city, and is home to numerous sporting events and concerts throughout the year

Don't just take our word for it...

"Modern Cardiff combines the best of the old and the new... it has a relatively small population and is fairly inexpensive to live in. Close to the campus, the city centre has an array of shops and entertainment options to cater to all tastes and budgets."

The Telegraph Guide to UK Universities

Come and see for yourself...

Cardiff benefits from excellent road and rail links with Britain's other major towns and cities. London, for example, is two hours by train, and the M4 links both the west and south of England, as well as west Wales. Travel to the Midlands and to the North is equally convenient. The journey by road from Birmingham, for example, takes only two hours. The main coach and railway stations are both centrally placed, and Cardiff also benefits from an international airport.



Cardiff is one of the UK's most successful retail centres



Cardiff Bay, the city's waterfront

Cardiff: A leading university

“Cardiff University is one of Britain’s leading teaching and research universities.”

Telegraph Guide to UK Universities 2014



Cardiff University has an international reputation for excellence in teaching and research, built on a history of service and achievement since 1883, and recognised by our membership of the Russell Group of leading research-led universities.

With attractive and compact campuses, excellent student accommodation, and a hugely popular Students' Union, all within easy walking distance of each other in a thriving city, it is not surprising that Cardiff is a university of first choice among well-prepared applicants.

We admit approximately 5,000 undergraduate entrants each year, the majority of whom are school and college leavers, and have high grades at A-level or equivalent. While competition for entry is strong, Cardiff is an inclusive university with a good record on widening participation and fair access, and we welcome applications, irrespective of background, from everyone with the potential to succeed at Cardiff University.

The University's Cathays Park campus is located in and around the impressive Portland stone buildings, parks and wide tree-lined avenues that form Cardiff's attractive civic centre. The majority of academic schools are located here - just a few minutes' walk from the city centre. The three academic schools offering healthcare courses (excluding Optometry and Pharmacy) are based at the Heath Park campus,

approximately one mile away, which is also home to the University Hospital of Wales.

Although dating from 1883, Cardiff is focused on the 21st century, and has modern state-of-the-art buildings and facilities. The University has invested substantially in its estate in recent years and most academic schools have benefited from major refurbishment, including new and well-equipped laboratories, lecture theatres, libraries and computing facilities.

International opportunities are available via our Global Opportunity Centre. These include study, work and volunteering placements in 27 EU countries as well as international exchange opportunities. All students also have the opportunity to study a language in addition to their degree through the University's Languages For All programme.

The University takes its environmental, safety and security responsibilities very seriously. It has comprehensive policies in place which are making great savings in energy consumption and, to support the safety and security of all members of the University community and their property, there is 24-hour security cover throughout the campus.



What the Guides say

“[Cardiff] University is the acknowledged leader of higher education in Wales. It is the Principality’s only member of the Russell Group of research-led universities and has two Nobel Laureates on its staff. It is our 2014 Best Welsh University.”

Times Good University Guide 2014

“The University is as confident and forward-looking as the city it’s located in, and has an excellent reputation for the quality of its teaching and research. Almost 60% of its research is ranked as world leading and it is a member of the Russell Group of leading universities.”

Guardian University Guide 2013

Living in Cardiff

As a fast developing capital city, Cardiff is a great place to be a student. It's large enough to offer you an exciting variety of activities and entertainment, but small enough for you to feel comfortable in.

Accommodation

Cardiff offers guaranteed University accommodation, good quality and value, and a range of residences to suit individual preferences and budgets.

All first year undergraduates who apply during the normal UCAS admissions cycle (ie come to Cardiff as a firm or insurance applicant) are guaranteed a single occupancy place in University residences during the first year of study. Please see our website for full details: www.cardiff.ac.uk/residences

The University is continually investing in its student residences, and the views of students are taken into account at the design stage. Unusually for a civic university, most of our residences are within easy walking distance of lecture theatres, libraries, laboratories, the Students' Union and city centre.

There are 15 different residences, providing more than 5,500 study bedrooms and students can apply for the residences which best suit their preferences, interests and budgets. Some 70% have en-suite shower and toilet facilities and all halls of residence have computer network connection points and access to Wi-Fi.

Fees depend on the facilities included and whether catered, part-catered or self-catered, but prices compare very favourably with those of other UK universities. Besides managing

University property, the Residences Office maintains close links with the private sector and provides assistance to students seeking to rent or share houses or flats.

Student Life

The Students' Union

Cardiff Students' Union is one of the biggest, best and most active in Britain. The Union recently opened a new venue called Y Plas which at night becomes a nightclub. Hosting live music, club nights, stand-up comedy, fashion shows and awards ceremonies, there's lots to keep you entertained from your first day to your last.

Other facilities include a new food court, a bank, a print shop, a hair salon and a bookshop. The Lounge offers IT and Skyping facilities, meeting rooms and a "chillout" area, as well as snooker tables and multi-faith prayer room. The Union also has its own letting agency and an Advice and Representation centre. In addition, it is home to CU TV and Xpress Radio (the students' own TV and radio stations) and more than 200 cultural, political, religious, social, sporting societies and clubs.

Jobshop

Jobshop is the Union's own student employment service and provides casual, clerical and catering jobs around the University to hundreds of students.



All study bedrooms in the halls of residence have computer network connection points and access to WiFi



The Fitness and Squash Centre is located at the heart of the main campus

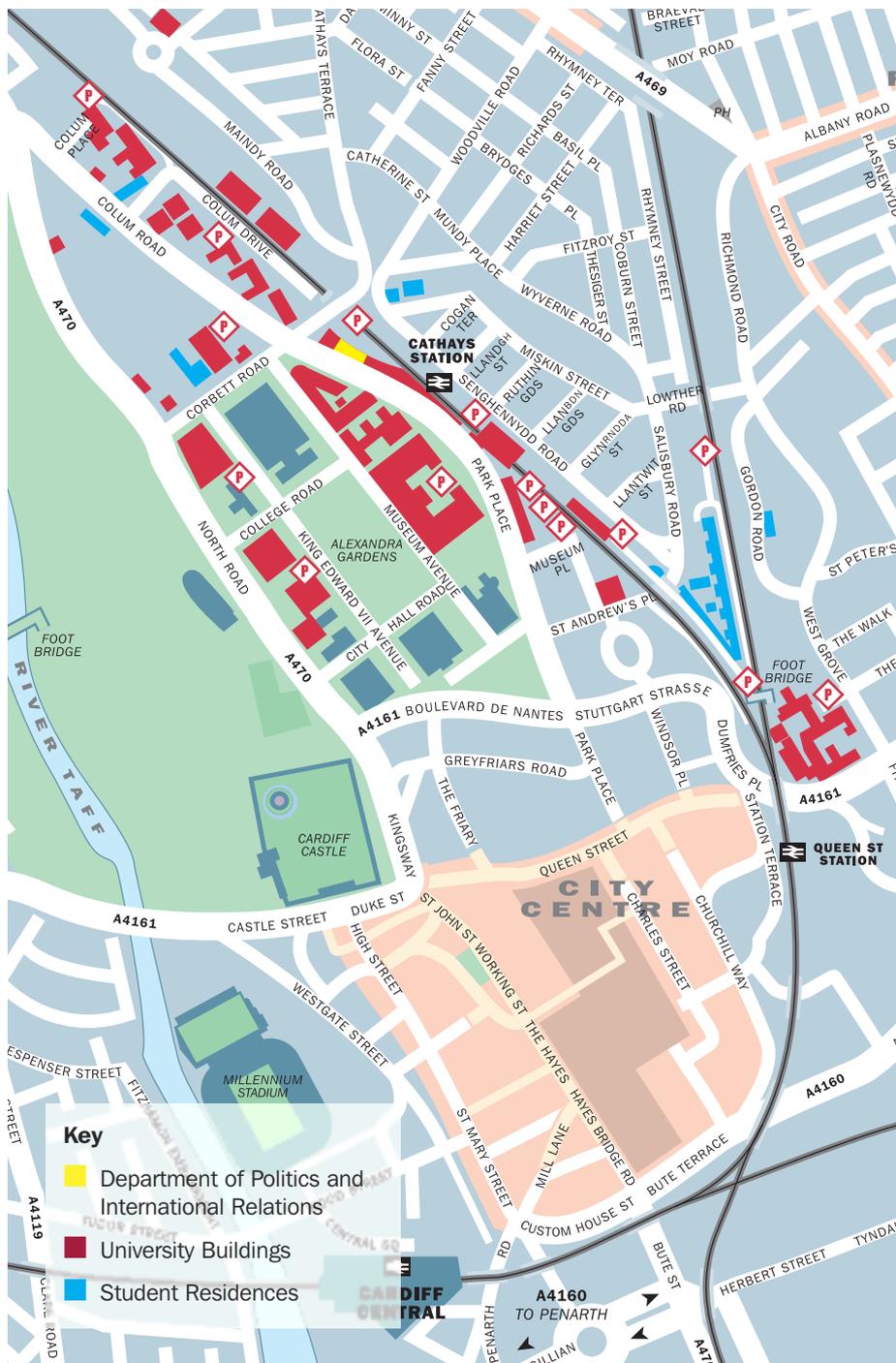


Y Plas is the Students' Union high quality nightclub

More online at:
www.cardiff.ac.uk
www.cardiff.ac.uk/residences
www.cardiffstudents.com
www.cardiff.ac.uk/thrive



Students have access to a wide range of modern facilities, including Skype booths



What the Guides say

“A place in one of the University’s 5,300 single study bedrooms is guaranteed to all first year undergraduates applying through the normal UCAS admissions cycle.”

Guardian University Guide 2014

“The cost of living for a student in Cardiff is generally lower than elsewhere in the UK.”

The Independent A-Z University Guide 2014

“The Union offers an exciting entertainment programme, a comprehensive range of student support services and 150 clubs and societies.”

The Complete University Guide 2014

How to find the School

The Department of Politics and International Relations is located at Museum Avenue - Law and Politics building, which is situated at the heart of Cathays Park Campus, a short walk from the city centre.

The buildings are very close to the Cathays railway station and is easily accessible from the University Halls of residence.

The Department



The Department of Politics and International Relations offers a range of innovative degree courses in politics, with the option of Single or Joint Honours

The new Department of Politics and International Relations recently joined with Cardiff Law School, one of the leading law departments in the UK, to form a new School of Law and Politics. The two disciplines already undertake joint research and teaching and the new structure will allow this relationship to develop further.

You can read more about the Department of Politics and International Relations on our website: www.cardiff.ac.uk/politics

The Department of Politics and International Relations brings together over 22 academic staff, and approximately 380 undergraduate and postgraduate students, located in the heart of the Cathays Park Campus, close to the Arts and Social Studies Library and Law/Legal Practice Libraries and a short walk from the city centre.

The School benefits from links with a number of centres including; The British Idealism and Collingwood Centre and the Wales Governance Centre, as well as external partners like the Welsh Centre for International Affairs.

Politics and International Relations at Cardiff University can offer you:

- ▶ A diverse range of qualifying degree combinations and modules to enable you to study the political specialism of your choice.
- ▶ A comprehensive careers and skills programme to ensure the best success for your future.
- ▶ Exciting extra-curricular opportunities to boost your employability, including taking part in the wide range of talks and seminars by visiting internationally renowned speakers, taking part in events with the Politics Society and getting involved with our Model UN.
- ▶ A friendly, diverse and supportive environment in which to study.
- ▶ An opportunity to develop a critical understanding of key aspects of political ideas and practice, along with a command of associated transferable skills.
- ▶ International exchanges and study abroad opportunities.

Politics BSc Econ (L200)

This is our core degree, and offers the maximum choice of Politics modules. One strand looks at how politics works in Britain and elsewhere, for example by investigating how public policy is made. Another analyses political ideas such as freedom, justice, democracy and human rights. You can also take modules in international relations. The programme is designed to give you a broad understanding of politics tailored to your own particular needs.

In your first year, you concentrate mainly on core modules, while in your second and third years you choose from among a wide range of option modules. See page 13 for compulsory and choice of optional modules.

For employers, this degree means that you have an excellent understanding of politics and government, plus associated intellectual and communications skills, which will be of value whether you work in government or in the private or voluntary sectors.

More information can be found here: <http://courses.cardiff.ac.uk/Undergraduate/course/detail/L200.html>

A Politics degree can be studied jointly with the following European languages: French, German, Italian and Spanish: <http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/politics-international-relations/courses/undergraduate/>

International Relations and Politics BSc Econ (L290)

This core programme focuses on the interaction of states, international alliances, non-governmental organisations and multinational companies in an increasingly globalised world. You will have the opportunity to study major issues in global politics, such as the politics of international security and the role of human rights in the world today. You will learn how to analyse the behaviour of key international actors; and how they address some of the biggest challenges facing today's world.

You must study a certain number of international relations modules, but beyond this the full range of Politics modules is available. See page 13 for compulsory modules and choice of optional modules.

Employers value the excellent understanding of politics and governance at national and international level. Graduates are especially well-placed to seek careers with an international dimension not only in government but also in international governmental organisations, transnational companies, and international non-governmental bodies.

More information can be found here: <http://courses.cardiff.ac.uk/undergraduate/course/detail/L290.html>

Politics Cardiff Bordeaux Joint degree BSc Econ (4 Year programme) (L241)

This degree programme is a joint venture between the Department of Politics and International Relations at Cardiff University and the Institute of Political Studies in Bordeaux, and places Cardiff at the cutting edge of international research and teaching collaboration. The innovative scheme allows you to obtain the BScEcon in Politics from Cardiff University, as well as the Diploma from the Institute of Political Studies in Bordeaux. This is a four-year long degree programme, with your second and fourth year spent studying in Bordeaux, and is a real opportunity for you to combine language skills with a background in the social sciences or history.

The first year of the degree programme is spent in Cardiff, and includes core courses that cover introductions to politics, government, political thought and European integration. See page 13 for compulsory and choice of optional modules. You will also study contemporary France and gain intensive language training.

The second year will be spent in the French city of Bordeaux. At the Institute of Political Studies, you will study a broad range of introductory social science courses as well as receiving training in French learning methods and the French language.

You will return to Cardiff for your third year of study, where you will follow courses on the European Union, the British Government and international organisations, Politics and the French Language, as well as an optional course.

Your final year will be spent in Bordeaux, where you will undertake a series of common core courses as well as either the professional or research pathway.

More information about the course and modules can be found here: <http://courses.cardiff.ac.uk/undergraduate/course/detail/L241.html>

Modern History and Politics BSc Econ (LV21)

An understanding of history illuminates our understanding of politics, just as a grasp of politics today helps us to understand political developments in the past. The nature of the British political system, for example, cannot be understood without reference to the centuries of political struggle that have created it, while the politics of kings and wars is a major focus of historical inquiry.

For employers, this degree means that you have an excellent understanding of politics and government in historical context, plus associated skills; you will learn to think independently and to analyse a body of material, assess its strengths and weaknesses, and present your conclusions in well-written, lucid prose, as well as verbally. This will be of value whether you work in government or in the private or voluntary sectors.

The study of history enables you to learn about the very different worlds of people in the past and to better understand the present. It gives you an insight into the process of change from ancient Greece and Rome, through the medieval period to the modern period. You may study the history of societies in diverse parts of the globe, from India and China, through Germany and France, to Britain, Wales and Cardiff. Above all you will learn to 'do history' yourself, and will thus acquire skills that employers value.

More information about the course and modules can be found here: <http://courses.cardiff.ac.uk/Undergraduate/course/detail/LV21.html>

Politics and Economics BSc Econ (LL12)

Politics is largely about economics, as well as being influenced by economics, so an understanding of economics deepens our understanding of politics. At the same time, the economy is highly regulated by the state, so an understanding of politics deepens our understanding of economics. Graduates with this degree are therefore well-placed to launch careers in both public and private sectors.

Our aim is to enable you to develop a thorough understanding of economic analysis and to encourage you to value this analysis in understanding economic problems and a wide range of social and political issues.

As Economics is a numerate subject, some modules have a quantitative element. Whilst all students undertake a module in applied statistics in the first year, for Politics and Economics students the Year 2 and Year 3 specialist econometric modules are optional.

More information about the course and modules can be found here: <http://courses.cardiff.ac.uk/Undergraduate/course/detail/LL12.html>

Politics and Sociology BSc Econ (LL32)

Combining Politics with Sociology enables you to acquire a broad understanding of society with a particular focus on politics. Our courses are taught by experts with an international reputation for their work. By the end of the course, you will be studying at the cutting edge of the discipline, learning about new ideas and methods from the very people who are developing them.

Sociology cultivates in students the 'sociological imagination' necessary to understand how individual actions and beliefs shape, and are shaped by, the social conditions of their existence, and how to apply this imagination to a wide spectrum of old and new phenomena. Expertise in the Cardiff School of Social Sciences, includes migration and ethnicity, urban life, the study of sexuality, health and the body, the construction and reconstruction of identities, the rise of consumer culture, and the profound transformations in social, cultural and private life which the processes of economic and technological globalisation have delivered. Combining Politics with Sociology enables a deeper understanding of politics by placing it in a wider social context.

More information about the course and modules can be found here: <http://courses.cardiff.ac.uk/Undergraduate/course/detail/LL32.html>

LLB Law and Politics (ML12)

The LLB Law and Politics programme is both challenging and stimulating and enables you to build the skills required for a career in law and a wide range of professions. In addition, to the foundation modules constituting the academic stage of training that is necessary to become a solicitor or barrister in England and Wales, known as the 'Qualifying Law Degree', we offer a wide selection of optional modules which cover traditional and contemporary legal subjects.

A particular strength of the Law and Politics programme, is the wealth of opportunities it provides for you to engage with cutting-edge research in law and related disciplines and use it to critique established and developing bodies of law. Across the programme, the importance of understanding law in its social context is emphasised. The programme also provides students with the opportunity to develop a critical understanding of key aspects of politics theory and modern politics.

This is a full-time, three-year Honours degree programme. Academic years consist of two semesters and you are required to pursue modules to the value of 120 credits in each year of your studies.

Modules offered by the Department of Politics and International Relations allow students the opportunity to gain expertise in political theory, European politics and international relations.

More information about the course and modules can be found here:
<http://courses.cardiff.ac.uk/Undergraduate/course/detail/ML12.html>

Politics and International Relations with a Language BA (L292)

This programme is the same as the Politics and International Relations BScEcon degree with the added opportunity to study a foreign language as well. The ability to communicate fluently in a foreign language is a considerable asset for those seeking careers in the international arena.

Like its non-language counterpart, this programme focuses on the interaction of states, international alliances, non-governmental organisations and multinational companies in an increasingly globalised world. You will have the opportunity to study major issues in global politics, such as the politics of international security and the role of human rights in the world today. You will learn how to analyse the behaviour of key international actors and how they address some of the biggest challenges facing today's world.



Students share and develop ideas in small seminar groups

In your first year, you concentrate on core modules plus your language. In your second year, you choose from among a wide range of option modules as well as continuing your language study. Your final year consists exclusively of optional modules. You must study a certain number of international relations modules over the course of your degree, but beyond this the full range of Politics modules is available. See page 13 for Politics and International Relations compulsory modules and choice of optional modules.

For employers, this degree means that you have an excellent understanding of politics and governance at national and international levels, plus a foreign language, which will be of value whether you work in government or in the private or voluntary sectors. Graduates are especially well-placed to seek careers with an international dimension, not only in government, but also in international organisations, transnational companies, and international non-governmental bodies.

A further alternative is to go on to postgraduate study.

More information about the course and modules can be found here:
<http://coursefinder.cardiff.ac.uk/undergraduate/course/detail/L292.html>

Politics and Welsh BA (QL52)

Wales is both an integral part of the United Kingdom and an ancient and distinctive nation that has recently become largely self-governing. The Politics and Welsh BA gives students the opportunity to combine governmental and political theory with the study of Welsh - a language experiencing a resurgence within Wales and beyond.

Students will be encouraged to actively pursue their own areas of interest through the highly flexible modular programmes, ensuring vital transferable skills are developed, ready for entry into the graduate job market.

More information about the course and modules can be found here:
<http://courses.cardiff.ac.uk/Undergraduate/course/detail/QL52.html>

Philosophy and Politics BA (LV25)

Philosophers investigate the nature of reality using logical reasoning rather than empirical methods. As such, philosophy is integral to the study of Politics. What, for example, does 'power' mean? What are the presuppositions of the various definitions that can be offered? What are their implications? Why should we prefer one definition over the others? Issues such as these are explored in political theory modules taught by Politics staff, but combining Philosophy with Politics enhances your ability to explore and test the basic beliefs and values that underpin our ideas about politics, and gives you sophisticated intellectual tools with which to do it. As with other programmes, you can choose from among a wide range of optional Politics and Philosophy modules in addition to taking the core of compulsory modules. See below for Politics and International Relations compulsory modules and choice of optional modules.

More information about the course and modules can be found here:
<http://courses.cardiff.ac.uk/Undergraduate/course/detail/LV25.html>

Politics and Religious Studies BA (V603)

This programme gives you the opportunity to combine the study of politics with the study of religion. Religion has been part of human experience from the earliest traces of human existence up to the present day. It has been the way most cultures have sought to express their understanding of the purpose of life and the foundation of personal and social behaviour. The study of religion is therefore rich and exciting - combined with governmental and political theory.

Through the highly flexible modular programmes on offer in both disciplines, students will develop vital transferable skills, ready for entry into the graduate job market.

More information about the course and modules can be found here:

<http://coursefinder.cardiff.ac.uk/undergraduate/course/detail/V603.html>

Social Analytics & Politics BSc (L3HW)

Our BSc in Social Analytics & Politics is a unique opportunity to combine social science modules including Sociology, Criminology, Social Policy, Education and Politics with cutting-edge training in quantitative research methods and a guaranteed work placement. The degree programme offers an exciting opportunity for students to work in an interdisciplinary social science environment and to benefit from a breadth of knowledge and expertise from the Cardiff Q-Step Centre as well as the Cardiff School of Social Sciences and Department of Politics and International Relations.

It is characterised by a core focus on the critical consumption, analysis and production of quantitative research and data within the social sciences.

You will explore socio-political issues through the analysis of quantitative data and the study of the methods used to capture such data. You will be trained in scientific method, the (quantitative) analysis of new social media, specialist software for quantitative methods and data manipulation.

Modules are selected from a bespoke pathway, allowing you to combine a thorough grounding in research design with modules from across the social sciences which reflect your own academic and career interests.

(HONS) Journalism, Communication and Politics BA (UCAS code TBC - course available from 2016/17 academic year onwards)

The overall aim of the degree is to equip students to become well informed citizens in media saturated democratic societies where politics is increasingly mediated. While

students will be able to take a number of practical modules, the emphasis of the degree is academic and analytical. They will have the opportunity to develop academic, professional and digital literacies that are invaluable in the workplace.

Students will be able to follow a learning path combining modules exploring long-lasting and current debates in journalism, media and political studies. They will be encouraged to think independently (and critically), and will acquire what are considered to be basic research skills in the social sciences. The degree will culminate in a dissertation exploring an issue linking the politics and the media.

Crucially, students will gain the ability to research, write and critique their own written projects according to highest academic standards. They will utilise modern information technology in researching and presenting their work. They will develop their ability to work both independently and in groups. Finally, they will develop and hone an awareness of the practical, mediated, and economic forces framing contemporary democratic politics.

Politics and International Relations Modules

Politics and International Relations degrees at Cardiff takes three years to complete (unless specified in programme information). Single Honours students take six Politics modules each year, while Joint Honours students take three Politics modules each year plus modules in their other subject. The exception is the four-year Cardiff Bordeaux degree, with two years each in Cardiff and Bordeaux. Law Politics students take slightly more Law than Politics modules.

The first year of your degree is an introductory year. It is the results of the second and final years of study that determine your degree classification. The degree is made up of compulsory modules as well as optional modules, allowing you to tailor your degree to reflect your specific interests. A particular feature is the option of writing a dissertation in your final year. This is highly regarded by employers because it indicates that you can do original research.

Please note that the lists of modules given here are indicative only and that modules may vary from year to year.

Year 1

Compulsory modules:

- Introduction to Government
- Introduction to European Integration
- Introduction to Political Thought
- Introduction to International Relations

Optional Modules:

- Introduction to Political Science
- Introduction to Globalisation

Year 2

- British Politics since 1945
- Influencing Public Policy
- Theory and Practice in Comparative Politics
- Politics and Policies of the EU
- Democracy in Crisis?
- International Security - Concepts and Issues
- International Law in a Changing World
- Global Justice
- Justice and Politics: Contemporary Political Theory
- Political Thought from Marx to Nietzsche
- Conducting Political Research

- O'r Groegiaid i Gymru: Athroniaeth Wleidyddol
- Credoau'r Cymry: Athroniaeth ac Athrawiaeth Gymraeg o'r Safbwynt Rhyngwladol

Final Year

- Modern Welsh Politics
- Managing a difficult democracy
- Personality and power
- Elections in the UK
- Parliamentary Studies
- Justice and the Politics of International Law
- The European Mind in the 20th Century
- Marking Changes in European Politics and Culture
- Politics Dissertation
- International Relations Dissertation
- Cyfiawnder Byd-eang: Dehongli a Gwireddu ein Dyletswyddau i'r Dieithryn Pell
- Cenedlaetholdeb, Crefydd a Chyfiawnder: Hanes Athroniaeth yr 20fed Ganrif yng Nghymru

Employability & Careers

A Politics degree provides an excellent springboard for careers in a wide range of fields.



Graduation in St David's Hall, Cardiff 2013

These include journalism, broadcasting, local government, management, publishing, law, accountancy, education, the European Union, the voluntary sector, policy research and consultancy, and the civil service. Business firms in particular are interested in recruiting Politics graduates due to their need to deal with government on a regular basis.

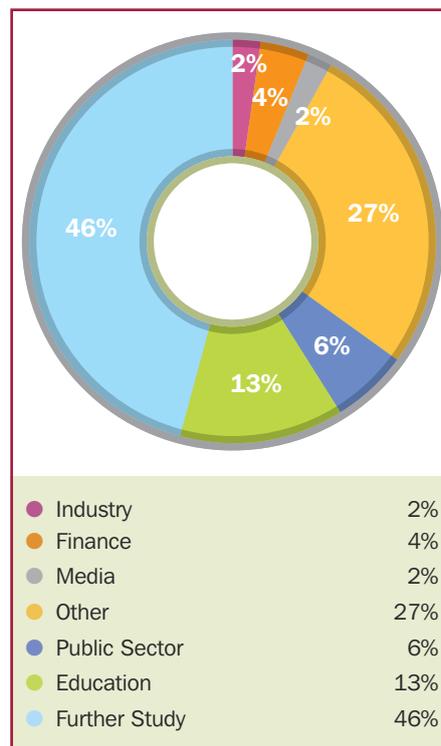
For employers, a Politics degree means that you have an excellent understanding of politics and government that will be of use whether you work in government, or in the private or voluntary sectors. It also demonstrates that you possess highly developed intellectual skills, such as the ability accurately to assess ideas and arguments on the basis of logic and evidence, and you will develop good communication skills and use information and communications technologies effectively.

What this means, is that graduates with a good Politics degree, are valued by a wide range of employers. Among the employers of recent Cardiff Politics graduates are political parties, local government, private companies and non-governmental organisations. Graduates also often go on to a Masters degree, more information on Postgraduate Study in Politics and International Relations can be found at:

<http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/politics-international-relations/courses/postgraduate-masters>

Recent Graduate destinations (2011/12)

The latest statistics show that within 6 months of graduating around 95 per cent of our graduates either have a job or are engaged in further study.



Dominique

Politics and International Relations

"Directly after graduating, with little idea of what I wanted from life, I decided to go to Israel: a place that had cropped up in my political studies at Cardiff University various times and had always intrigued. Once there I began an internship with the UN agency, UNRWA, which soon turned into a paid job. Whilst my colleagues had vastly superior experience on their side, the confidence I had gained through three years of encouragement by all the staff at Cardiff University allowed me to trust my own opinions and voice them accordingly - even though at times there was little doubt that I had been thrown in the deep end! I went on to study Human Rights MSc at London School of Economics."

Careers and Employability Service

The University offers a careers and employability service for students, graduates and postgraduates. You can access careers information, explore your options and speak to a consultant who can advise you of opportunities relating to your degree or preferred field, including advice on postgraduate degrees. The service offers guidance on preparing a CV and job applications and gives you the chance to meet and network with top graduate recruiters at Careers Fairs and events. If you are looking for work experience, the careers service can assist with planning and organising your placement.

Fiona Cumberland

BSc Econ Politics

"I'm moving to London to begin a job in political communications (lobbying), with the firm 'Good Relations Political Communications' under the Chime Group PLC. Its a graduate scheme, but the contract is permanent."

Jessica Blair

BScEcon in Politics and Modern History and MScEcon Welsh Government and Politics

"I did an BScEcon in Politics and Modern History and graduated in 2011. What I really enjoyed about the degree was the wide range of different aspects of politics on offer. For instance, I stumbled across my love for regional politics, specifically Welsh devolution, almost accidentally. After my undergraduate degree, I completed a Masters in Welsh Government and Politics, also at Cardiff University in 2013. I am now a trainee for an association of regional governments in Brussels."

Jack Hansen

BScEcon Politics and MScEcon International Relations

"The mix in the politics school between political theory and more facts based modules suited me perfectly. After leaving Cardiff I found I had a real understanding of European politics, including country profiles as well as the European Union."

Whilst at Cardiff the School had some fantastic talks which added to my learning, for example, a NATO Commander from the NATO shipping centre; a Russian diplomat to the European minister; visiting Professors and more.

After leaving Cardiff, I undertook an internship in a peace-building NGO in Nepal. Since then I have taken a job as the Student Network Co-ordinator for Student Action for Refugees. I design and run all campaigns and direct our 35 University groups. In addition to this I stay up-to-date with refugee issues to keep our network in-the-know."



Employers understand that Politics graduates possess sophisticated intellectual and analytical skills

Jessie Atkinson

BA French and Politics

"I have started a full time job in Cardiff. I'm an Events and Communications Assistant at Forum Europe, an events management company that specialises in European policy conferences and events."

Some of our less recent graduates are now in senior positions, such as Neil Bentley, who is currently Deputy Director-general, chief operating officer of the Confederation of British Industry.

Read more from our Alumni:
<http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/politics-international-relations/about-us/alumni/alumni-profiles/>

Research

The Department of Politics and International Relations provides the perfect environment for interdisciplinary collaboration, resulting in an increasing number of research centres, groups and units.

Research units

- ▶ European Governance, Identity and Public Policy
- ▶ Political Theory

Research centres

- ▶ British Idealism and Collingwood Centre
- ▶ Centre for European Law and Governance
- ▶ Wales Governance Centre

Research groups and networks

- ▶ British Idealism Specialist Group
- ▶ Gendered Research Opportunities
- ▶ International Affairs Research Group

For further information visit the Research section of the website:

<http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/politics-international-relations/research/>

Applications



There are a range of opportunities to visit the University

To be considered for entry onto one of our degree programmes you should apply online via the UCAS website using the 'UCAS Apply' facility. To use this facility you need to log onto: www.ucas.ac.uk/apply

The website will provide you with information on how to apply and explains the UCAS procedure.

Typical Entry Requirements

For detailed entry requirements and latest typical offers please see: www.cardiff.ac.uk/ugcourses

Applications Information

Typical intake: 200

Typical number of applications: 650

Equal Opportunities

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The University aims to establish an inclusive culture which welcomes and ensures equality of opportunity for applicants of all ages, ethnicities, disabilities, family structures, genders, nationalities, sexual orientations, races, religious or other beliefs, and socio-economic backgrounds.

This commitment forms part of the Equality and Diversity Policy which is available at: www.cardiff.ac.uk/cocom/equalityanddiversity/index

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All offers to study at Cardiff University are made solely on the basis of academic merit. Where applicants have specific requirements that relate to a disability or medical condition, they are encouraged to discuss these with relevant staff in order that appropriate arrangements can be made to ensure the University provides an accessible environment. Specifically, applicants are invited to contact the Disability Adviser who can provide information about the applications procedure, course delivery and access to the physical environment. Where appropriate, informal visits can be arranged in which applicants can view accommodation and meet academic staff.

The Disability Adviser can be contacted at:
 Student Support Centre
 50 Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3AT
 Tel/Minicom: +44 (0)29 2087 4844
 Email: disability@cardiff.ac.uk

Deferred Entry

The School has no objection to the possibility of deferred entry provided the intervening year is spent in a positive and worthwhile way. Application is made through UCAS in the usual way, although the UCAS application must show the deferred year of entry.

Admissions Contacts

For further information on applying, please contact:

Admissions Office

Museum Avenue
 Law and Politics Building
 Cardiff CF10 3AX

Tel: (029) 2087 4605

Email: UGPolitics@cardiff.ac.uk

Tuition Fees and Financial Assistance

The University charges an annual fee which covers all tuition fees, registration and examinations other than the re-taking of examinations by students not currently registered. Please note charges for accommodation in University Residences are additional.

Please see the following website for more information: www.cardiff.ac.uk/fees

Scholarships and Bursaries

For more information please visit the following website:

www.cardiff.ac.uk/scholarships

Useful websites for information about tuition fees and financial assistance:

Cardiff University website:
www.cardiff.ac.uk/fees

Student Support Centre website:
www.cardiff.ac.uk/financialsupport/index.html

Student Finance Wales:
www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

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www.slc.co.uk



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Some of our current students are sharing their experiences online through their Facebook pages, so if you want to know what life as a student at Cardiff is really like, then you can find out now. There is also lots of information about what is happening in Cardiff, including articles written by our students, videos, and much more.

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