

L200: Politics



Undergraduate BA 2019

Essentials

UCAS code	L200
Degree	BA
Mode of study	Full Time
Duration	3 years
Location	Durham City (www.durham.ac.uk/study/location/durham.city)
A-Level	AAA
BTEC	DDD
International Baccalaureate	37
Alternative qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other UK qualifications (www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/UKequivalencies2017-18.pdf) • EU qualifications (www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/apply/EUequivalencies2017-18.pdf) • International qualifications (www.dur.ac.uk/international/country.information/)
Contextual Offers	You may be eligible for an offer which is one or two grades lower than our standard entry requirements. Find out more (www.durham.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/contextualoffers/).
More information	Still have questions? (www.durham.ac.uk/study/askus/)
Department(s) Website	www.durham.ac.uk/sgia www.durham.ac.uk/sgia

Course Summary

Description

Teaching is at the centre of the activities of the School of Government and International Affairs where undergraduates enjoy a vibrant and challenging intellectual environment. The School places great importance on research-led teaching, which integrates new and cutting-edge research into the curriculum and introduces students to a variety of research-oriented skills and research-based projects.

Undergraduate teaching is structured around three main streams: Political Thought, Political Institutions, and International Relations. Students move from generalist courses in these areas in their early years to more specialised options in Honours Politics which explore the diverse and dynamic politics of the contemporary world. Modules in the second and third years reflect the research expertise of the School's members of staff. Such areas include, but are not limited to European Politics, Political Thought, Middle East Politics, the Politics of East Asia and International Theory.

Year 1

Compulsory modules

- Political Theory
- Democratic Political Systems
- Comparative Politics
- Researching Politics and International Relations

Plus two of the following:

- International Security, Interdependence and Organisation
- Global Regions in International Relations
- Introduction to International Relations ONE module offered by another department **OR** ONE module offered by the Centre for Foreign Language Study

Year 2

Compulsory modules

- Research Project **EITHER** Foundations of Western Political Thought **OR** Analytical Politics

Plus FOUR of the following modules which can include the one above not chosen previously. These may vary annually but in the past have included:

- International Theory
- The Politics of Pacific Asia
- International Organisations
- Global Political Economy
- Sovereignty, State and Empire
- Democracy and Democratic Theory
- Class, Nation and British Politics
- Introduction to Politics and International Relations of the Middle East
- European Politics
- One module offered by another department **OR** one module offered by the Centre for Foreign Language Study.

Year 3

Compulsory module

- Dissertation (Double).

Optional modules vary but in the past have included:

- The American Presidency
- The Ethics of Violence in International Relations
- Theories of Liberty
- Elections and British Politics
- ONE module offered by another department.

We review course structures and core content (in light of e.g. external and student feedback) every year, and will publish finalised core requirements for 2019 entry from September 2018.

Placement Year

You may be able to take a work placement. Find out more (www.durham.ac.uk/placements/).

Course Detail

To find out more about the modules available to students studying at Durham University please click here (www.durham.ac.uk/resources/faculty.handbook/degrees/frameworks/l200.pdf).

Please note: Current modules are indicative. Information for future academic years may change, for example, due to developments in the relevant academic field, or in light of student feedback.

Admissions Process

Subject requirements, level and grade

In addition to satisfying the University's general entry requirements, please note:

- We welcome applications from those with other qualifications equivalent to our standard entry requirements and from mature students with non-standard qualifications or who may have had a break in their study. Please contact our Admissions Selectors
- Grade A in a Social Science or Humanities subject at A level, or equivalent, is required
- Grade A in a Social Science or Humanities Subject at GCSE, is preferred but not required
- We do not include General Studies or Critical Thinking as part of our offer
- Typical IB score 37 to include 666 in higher level subjects. Higher level subject requirements apply, see above
- If you do not satisfy our general entry requirements, the Foundation Centre offers multidisciplinary degrees to prepare you for a range of specified degree courses
- If you are an international student who does not meet the requirements for direct entry to this degree, you may be eligible to take an International Foundation Year pathway programme at the Durham University International Study Centre
(www.durhamisc.com/?ch=uniweb&cc=signposting&cid=uniweb&utm_source=signposting&utm_medium=signposting&utm_campaign=uni)
- We are pleased to consider applications for deferred entry.

Science A levels

Applicants taking Science A levels that include a practical component will be required to take and pass this as a condition of entry. This applies only to applicants sitting A levels with an English examination board.

English Language requirements

Please check requirements for your subject and level of study (www.durham.ac.uk/learningandteaching.handbook/1/3/3/)

How to apply

www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply

Information relevant to your country

www.durham.ac.uk/international/country.information/

Fees and Funding

Full Time Fees

EU Student	£9,250.00 per year
Home Student	£9,250.00 per year
Island Student	£9,250.00 per year
International non-EU Student	£19,250.00 per year

The tuition fees shown for **home and EU** students are for one complete academic year of full time study and are set according to the academic year of entry. Fees for subsequent years of your course may rise in line with an inflationary uplift as determined by the government.

The tuition fees shown for **overseas** students are for one complete academic year of full time study, are set according to the academic year of entry, and remain the same throughout the duration of the programme for that cohort (**unless otherwise stated**).

Please also check costs for colleges and accommodation (www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation/costs/).

Scholarships and funding

www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/finance

Open days and visits

Pre-application open day

Pre-application open days are the best way to discover all you need to know about Durham University. With representatives from all relevant academic and support service departments, and opportunities to explore college options, the open days provide our prospective undergraduates with the full experience of Durham University.

Please see the following page for further details and information on how to book a place:
www.durham.ac.uk/opendays

Discover Durham Tours

Discover Durham tours offer a brief introduction to the University. The tour begins at one of our undergraduate colleges, where you will receive an introductory talk from a member of college staff, followed by a tour of the college by current students.

www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/live/visit/discoverdurham

Overseas Visit Schedule

www.durham.ac.uk/international/office/meetus

Department Information

School of Government and International Affairs

Overview

From soapboxes to statecraft, you will learn how and why nations are run the way they are.

Our expert staff will help you to develop a thorough knowledge of the structure and functions of the modern state, the history of ideas about the nature and purpose of politics, and the development of particular regions and their political systems.

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Rankings

- 6th in *The Complete University Guide 2018*.

Staff

For a current list of staff, please see the School of Government and International Affairs web pages (www.dur.ac.uk/sgia/people/).

Facilities

The School of Government and International Affairs is a concentration of research expertise in political processes and institutions, political thought, international and area studies. Small group teaching is mostly undertaken in the Al-Qasimi Building, Southend House, or in close proximity to School buildings. Large lectures normally take place in buildings on the Upper and Lower Mountjoy sites.

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