

# L200: Politics



Undergraduate BA 2020

## Essentials

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

## Course Summary

### Description

Teaching is at the centre of the activities of the School of Government and International Affairs and you will 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 you 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. You will move from generalist courses in these areas in your early years to more specialised options in 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 **OR** 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 2020 entry from September 2019.

### Placement Year

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

## Admissions Process

### Subject requirements, level and grade

**A level offer – AAA** including a social science or humanities subject. Grade A in a social science or humanities subject at GCSE, is preferred but not required.

**BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – DDD** and A levels as above.

**IB Diploma score – 37** with 666 in higher level subjects, including a social sciences or humanities subject.

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.
- If you do not satisfy our general entry requirements, the Foundation Programme ([www.dur.ac.uk/foundation.programme/](http://www.dur.ac.uk/foundation.programme/)) 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=uniweb](http://www.durhamisc.com/?ch=uniweb&cc=signposting&cid=uniweb&utm_source=signposting&utm_medium=signposting&utm_campaign=uniweb)).
- We are pleased to consider applications for deferred entry.

### English Language requirements

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

### How to apply

[www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply](http://www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply)

### Information relevant to your country

[www.durham.ac.uk/international/country.information/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/international/country.information/)

## Fees and Funding

The tuition fees for 2020/21 academic year have not yet been finalised, they will be displayed here once approved.

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/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation/costs/)).

## Scholarships and funding

[www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/finance](http://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](http://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](http://www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/live/visit/discoverdurham)

### **Overseas Visit Schedule**

[www.durham.ac.uk/international/office/meetus](http://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/](http://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, and international and area studies. Teaching takes place both in the Department's own rooms and in conveniently located lecture rooms.

The University Library has an excellent collection in politics as well as specialised research collections such as the European Documentation Centre. Colleges provide additional library resources as well as computing facilities.

#### Website

[www.durham.ac.uk/sgia](http://www.durham.ac.uk/sgia)

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