

L2T207: International Relations



Postgraduate Taught MA 2020

Essentials

Please note: 2020-21 courses may be affected by Covid-19 and are therefore subject to change due to the ongoing impact of Covid-19. Summaries of course-specific changes resulting from the impact of Covid-19 will be provided to applicants during August 2020.

For the latest information on our plans for teaching in academic year 2020/21 in light of Covid-19, please see www.durham.ac.uk/coronavirus

UCAS code	
Degree	MA
Mode of study	Full Time
Duration	1 year
Start Date	October
Location	Durham City (www.durham.ac.uk/study/location/durham.city)
More information	Still have questions? (www.durham.ac.uk/study/askus/)
Department(s) Website	www.durham.ac.uk/sgia

Course Summary

Description

This course combines a sound basis of advanced knowledge and understanding in the broader and more disparate field of International Studies with the opportunity to choose optional specialist areas of study from among those offered in the School, and other schools such as Modern Languages and Cultures. The particular interests reflected in the choice of options may then be developed through the researching and writing of a dissertation.

Throughout the course, you will gain advanced knowledge and understanding of:

- The extent to which an international community has developed and the driving forces shaping its development
- Factors determining humanitarian interventions
- The processes of globalisation in the political, economic, cultural and scientific fields
- The governance role of international organisations
- How the degree of integration of countries into the international political and economic system varies and the determinants of those variations
- Historical and/or contemporary issues and debates in the politics and political economy of specific states and/or areas and/or international institutions and organisations
- Regime analysis and the concept of soft power governance
- An appropriate topic in international politics of their choice

Core Modules

- International Relations Theory
- International Organisations
- Dissertations.

Two options (may include the following):

- Global Governance
- Global Political Theory
- Debating the European Union
- Designing Political Inquiry
- The Politics of East Asia
- International Politics of the Middle East
- Ideologies and Political Thought
- Contemporary Political Philosophy

A 20 credit language module is allowed to be taken with all the programmes as long as it is agreed with the programme director.

Admissions Process

Subject requirements, level and grade

UK 2.1 Bachelor degree, or equivalent (www.durham.ac.uk/international/country.information/). The degree should be in the field of social sciences, but we will actively consider significant relevant experience in lieu of this requirement.

Two satisfactory academic references. In cases of applicants who have significant relevant experience, one work-related reference and one academic reference would be considered appropriate.

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/postgraduate/apply

Fees and Funding

Full Time Fees

EU Student	£10,500.00 per year
Home Student	£10,500.00 per year
Island Student	£10,500.00 per year
International non-EU Student	£21,000.00 per year

The tuition fees shown 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/postgraduate/accommodation/costs/).

Scholarships and funding

www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/finance

Career Opportunities

School of Government and International Affairs

Our students go on to a wide range of successful careers including civil service and other government agencies, UN/INGOs/CSOs, journalism, media, teaching, law, banking and finance, diplomatic services and risk analysis.

For further information on career options and employability, including the results of the Destination of Leavers survey, student and employer testimonials and details of work experience and study abroad opportunities, please visit our employability web pages (www.durham.ac.uk/sgia/postgraduate/employability).

Open days and visits

Pre-application open day

www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/visit

Overseas Visit Schedule

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

Postgraduate Visits

PGVI or

www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/visit/

Department Information

School of Government and International Affairs

Overview

Durham's School of Government and International Affairs (SGIA) combines a long tradition of expertise in a wide range of fields in politics, political theory, political economy, and international relations with a depth of specialisms in regional expertise – Europe, East Asia, the Middle East and the wider Muslim world. The SGIA provides an exceptional environment for learning, training and research.

Ranking

71% of the department's research is either Internationally Excellent' (3*) or World Leading (4*) – the top two categories in *REF 2014*.

Website

www.durham.ac.uk/sgia

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