



# L2KA07: Research Methods (Politics, International Relations, Security)

Postgraduate Taught MA 2021

## 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](http://www.durham.ac.uk/coronavirus)

<b>UCAS code</b>	
<b>Degree</b>	MA
<b>Mode of study</b>	Full Time
<b>Duration</b>	1 year full-time
<b>Start Date</b>	October
<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>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

This is a degree offered in collaboration with other departments in the Faculty of Social Sciences. It is designed to provide a strong all round training in research methods allied to further specialisation within the fields of politics, international relations and security for those intending to go on to register for a PhD. As such it implements the ESRC research training guidelines for '1+3' PhD students, and includes compulsory elements in a wide variety of techniques including statistics and quantitative methods, but contains less subject-specific content than the other MA courses.

## Course Structure

### Core modules:

- Ideologies and Political Thought
- Designing Political Inquiry
- International Relations Theory OR International Organisation
- Dissertation.

### Examples of optional modules:

You will choose one option (which may include the following):

- Global Governance
- Global Political Theory
- Debating the European Union
- The Politics of East Asia
- International Politics of the Middle East

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/](http://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/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/learningandteaching.handbook/1/3/3/))

### **How to apply**

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

## Fees and Funding

### Full Time Fees

<b>EU Student</b>	£21,360.00 per year
<b>Home Student</b>	£8,700.00 per year
<b>Island Student</b>	£8,700.00 per year
<b>International non-EU Student</b>	£21,360.00 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/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/accommodation/costs/)).

### Scholarships and funding

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

## **Open days and visits**

### **Pre-application open day**

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

### **Overseas Visit Schedule**

[www.durham.ac.uk/international/office/meetus](http://www.durham.ac.uk/international/office/meetus)

### **Postgraduate Visits**

PGVI or

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

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