POLITICS
BA (Hons)

ARE YOU STIRLING?
WHY STUDY POLITICS?

Politics permeates every aspect of people’s lives: shaping their opinions, informing their decisions, guiding their alliances and enabling their understanding of others’ beliefs and motivations at individual, organisational and societal levels.

Studying this subject will increase your awareness of the different political systems, ideologies and policies, which impact people’s lives at regional, national and international levels.

Politics is highly regarded and students benefit from a strong research-led approach to teaching.

Our Politics courses are informed by a strong emphasis on research training and transferable skills, which will prepare you for the challenges ahead in the workplace and in the wider world.

POLITICS AT STIRLING IS RANKED 5TH IN SCOTLAND

The Complete University Guide 2017

COURSE DETAILS

Politics can be studied at Stirling as a specialist four-year Single Honours degree in Politics or International Politics or taken in combination with another subject as part of a four-year combined Honours degree. Politics can also be taken as a component of the Honours degrees in Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE) or History, Politics and Professional Education.

All Politics Students take both core and options modules.

In Semesters 1-4 students take the following Core Modules: Politics of the British Isles; Political Concepts and Ideas; International Politics; Great Political Thinkers; and Comparative Politics: Power and Representation in the Western World. Our core modules are usually taught by two lectures and one tutorial per week and provide students with a sound foundation of the key aspects of the discipline. All Single Honours Politics students and most Combined Honours students take Research Methods in Politics in Semester 6 and write a Politics Dissertation in their final year Semesters (7-8).

Honours Option Modules are offered in Semesters 5-8 and provide Politics students with a choice of modules on political theories and concepts, aspects of international politics, and British and European politics.

Modules on offer as Honours Option Modules can include (among others): Human Rights in International Politics; Global Political Economy; Global Environmental Politics; Politics of Justice, Equality and Rights; Religion and Politics Worldwide; Issues in International Politics; Scottish Politics and Government; and Middle East Politics.

REASONS TO CHOOSE THIS COURSE

1 TEACHING
You will be taught a range of core and options modules in key areas of International Politics and Politics.

2 EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS
You will develop a range of communication and research skills that will enhance your employability.

3 SCHOLARSHIP
The course is delivered by leading scholars who integrate their research into teaching.
Assessment for all these modules is through a combination of coursework and examinations. Coursework includes essays, tutorial presentations, participation in tutorials, role-play exercises and case studies, political posters and book reviews. Exams usually account for 50 percent of the grade in each module.

WHY CHOOSE STIRLING?

The University of Stirling is 3rd in the UK and 1st in Scotland for graduate employability with almost 97% of our graduates in employment or further study within six months of graduation (HESA 2016).

“Politics and International Politics were broadly similar courses until the beginning of 3rd year - and I was in two minds as to which I’d like to actually graduate in. That was the beauty of Stirling’s flexible programmes. If through 2nd year I’d have discovered my passions lay more on the international plane, I’d already have completed the necessary perquisite modules to complete that transition. Likewise, by sticking with Politics more broadly, I was still able to satisfy my curiosity for more internationally orientated studies. I had the immense pleasure of working and learning alongside some true experts in their field; doctors, professors, world-leading researchers and experts who, by the strength of their dedication and character, were able to pass on some of their knowledge to their students.”

Jamie Grant, Politics BA (Hons) student 2017

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The study of International Politics equips you with the kinds of intellectual and analytical skills that are attractive to many employers. These include the ability to critically evaluate data and information, a capacity to work independently, effective time management, an ability to organize and solve problems, and a capacity to communicate clearly, both in writing and speech.

Typical job titles of Stirling Politics graduates include: Parliamentary Researcher, Advice Worker, Campaign Junior, Welfare Officer, Teacher, Events Manager and Marketing Manager.

### TYPICAL TIMETABLE
(This is illustrative of a typical timetable)

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### OPTIONAL MODULES SEMESTER 1-4 (subject to change)
Semesters 1-4: Optional modules include topics from: Politics, Philosophy, Social Science, Aquaculture, Sports Studies, Film & Media, History, Law, French, Spanish, Education, Computer Science, Study Skills, Business Studies

### OPTIONAL MODULES SEMESTER 5-7 (subject to change)

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