

# POLITICS, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & DEVELOPMENT

The University of Westminster is recognised internationally for its innovative teaching and research in politics, international relations and development. The student experience is at the heart of everything we do. We are in the centre of one of the world's greatest cities and we use this vibrant, multicultural setting to ensure that our students discover innovative solutions to the problems facing our world. In 2016 the University of Westminster was named the most diverse university in the UK, USA, Australia and New Zealand representing 169 nationalities. As a department we also host the world-renowned Centre for the Study of Democracy ([westminster.ac.uk/csd](http://westminster.ac.uk/csd)).

## Teaching and learning

We value innovation in learning and excellence in teaching. You will be taught by some of the leading thinkers in the field, who are committed to sharing their knowledge of politics, international relations and development with you. As a student you are part of our academic community, and our non-hierarchical learning culture makes us a refreshing choice for studies in politics, international relations and development. We believe that learning is enhanced through engagement with ideas and issues beyond the classroom: we therefore offer a lively programme of seminars, talks and workshops involving academics, activists, policy makers and thinkers from different parts of the world.

## Employability

Our curriculum builds skills for employability into your learning. Our accredited internship programme will give you an opportunity to gain valuable work experience, improve your career prospects and build relationships with employers. Our students have carried out their internships at institutions and organisations like the Houses of Parliament, the London Assembly, the European Commission, the British Red Cross, the Institute of Economic Affairs and many more. We also organise regular events that bring together students and potential employers.

See also: Languages p124



**Our exchange programme** includes partner universities in countries around the world



Lecture theatre and students in the library at Regent Campus

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT BA HONOURS

**Length of course:** Three years full-time

**UCAS code:** L112

**Campus:** Regent (See p28)

**Typical offer for September 2017:** A Levels – BBC; International Baccalaureate – 28 points; Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended National Diploma – DDM in a humanities-related subject or National Diploma DM plus at least a Grade B in a humanities-related subject in one A Level. See also entry requirements on p201.



Our International Relations and Development BA Honours gives you an understanding of the global dimensions of world politics and how these are linked to economic, social and political change. It focuses on international development and the challenges associated with political and economic change in the international system. It enables you to explore questions of poverty, inequality and under-development. We consider the relationships between the global north and south and ask difficult questions about the nature of justice in international relations and global economy.

We examine different regions, cultures and territories, and consider the impact that key political, economic and social policies have had for individual states and societies and in different parts of the world, including Africa, Asia, the Middle East, China, India and Latin America. The course provides a theoretical framework for understanding the international distribution of power at the global, regional and national levels.

For module information and further details, please visit: [westminster.ac.uk/politics-and-international-relations](http://westminster.ac.uk/politics-and-international-relations)

"Not everything I learnt happened in the seminar room. Field trip destinations included Istanbul, Brussels and Tashkent in Uzbekistan. I experienced how issues that affect my generation are being perceived in a completely different way by others, making me more open to understand other people's perspectives."

**Jordi Cortes**  
International Relations and Development  
BA Honours, graduate

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BA HONOURS

**Length of course:** Three years full-time

**UCAS code:** L250

**Campus:** Regent (See p28)

**Typical offer for September 2017:** A Levels – BBC; International Baccalaureate – 28 points; Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended National Diploma – DDM in a humanities-related subject or National Diploma DM plus at least a Grade B in a humanities-related subject in one A Level. See also entry requirements on p201.



The International Relations BA Honours gives you a rich understanding of the evolution of the international system and how we understand the structure of world politics through the state, political identities and territorial claims. We ask students to critically engage with the geopolitical dimensions of contemporary politics and examine the history of world politics through different social, political and economic perspectives.

This course provides a theoretical framework for understanding the international system and the distribution of power at global, regional and national levels. You will examine patterns of global governance, consider the just use of force within international politics and examine the security practices of states against the backdrop of the 'war on terror'.

You will focus particularly on the changing dynamics of international security, political violence and the ethics of global order. Our graduates understand the world in which we live because they are able to reflect on the structures, processes and global powers within the international system.

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"The large variety of modules offered, which ranged from international security to developmental studies, truly enriched my studying experience. What is really unique at Westminster is how many students from different cultural and educational backgrounds study here: this is a highly multicultural environment."

**Mohammad Almarri**  
International Relations BA Honours, graduate

## POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BA HONOURS

**Length of course:** Three years full-time; five years part-time

**UCAS code:** L290

**Campus:** Regent (See p28)

**Typical offer for September 2017:** A Levels – BBC; International Baccalaureate – 28 points; Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended National Diploma – DDM in a humanities-related subject or National Diploma DM plus at least a Grade B in a humanities-related subject in one A Level. See also entry requirements on p201.



The Politics and International Relations BA Honours provides an integrated approach to the study of power in comparative and international politics: who, what, when and how?

We seek to understand the comparative dimensions of politics at the local, regional, national and global level. You will engage with the philosophical, theoretical, institutional and issue-based concerns relating to governance in world politics.

You will be encouraged to think about practices of states and citizens as they confront the future global challenges in terms of environmental security, identity politics, patterns of conflict and co-operation between states, and the dynamism of the political transformation in different regions of the Western as well as postcolonial world. You will develop specialist knowledge of important political actors and emerging trends in global politics, along with critical and analytical skills in the understanding of social, economic and political problems.

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"With students from more than 100 countries and lecturers working on various issues of the global arena, the University of Westminster prepared me accurately for a global career. My admission at The Graduate Institute, Geneva, wouldn't have been possible without the experience that the University provided."

**Aparajita Singh**  
Politics and International Relations BA  
Honours, graduate

## POLITICS BA HONOURS

**Length of course:** Three years full-time; five years part-time

**UCAS code:** L200

**Campus:** Regent (See p28)

**Typical offer for September 2017:** A Levels – BBC; International Baccalaureate – 28 points; Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended National Diploma – DDM in a humanities-related subject or National Diploma DM plus at least a Grade B in a humanities-related subject in one A Level. See also entry requirements on p201.



In our Politics BA Honours you will explore the relationship between government and society in regions across the world, and develop an understanding of different political systems, institutions and modes of governance and decision making. You will be introduced to political theories and ideas, which will help you to analyse and think critically about political events and topical debates.

The course offers a wide range of modules, building on the expertise and research interests of our academic staff. It provides particular focus on the study of democracy, power, political violence, political identity, citizenship and political culture. It also embeds the study of politics in a wider context by providing a foundation in international relations and development studies.

Taking advantage of our central location, we offer visits to the Houses of Parliament, the UK Office of the European Parliament, museums and other institutions of political interest, as well as inviting distinguished external speakers to the university.

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"The Politics BA at Westminster prepares you not only for your success at university, but for the real world, too. Employers want to see your experience in how things really work; this course is built with that in mind, giving you the right foundation for a career in politics."

**Christian Criscione**  
Politics BA Honours, third year