

POLITICS, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND 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. You will have access to a huge range of resources and be given the opportunity to get involved in student-focused initiatives such as the Democratic Education Network.

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 with you. Our non-hierarchical learning culture makes us a refreshing choice for studying. We believe that learning is enhanced through engagement with ideas and issues beyond the classroom so we offer a lively programme of seminars, talks, workshops and events involving academics, activists, policy makers, thinkers and employers 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.

Foundation pathway

We offer Foundations as a route onto some of our undergraduate programmes. For module information and any further details, please visit: westminster.ac.uk/foundation-courses

See also: Languages p114



90%
of our International
Relations and
Development
graduates are in
work or further
study within
six months of
graduating



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POLITICS, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION YEAR

UCAS codes:

- International Relations and Development with Foundation BA Honours LL11
- Politics and International Relations with Foundation BA Honours L292
- Politics with Foundation BA Honours L201

Campus: Central London (see map p206)

Entry requirements: A Levels – DEE/CDD; International Baccalaureate – 24 points; BTEC Extended Diploma – MPP; BTEC Diploma – MM/DM. Overseas students require IELTS of 6.0 overall, with 5.5 in each component. See also p198.

UCAS code:

- International Relations with Foundation BA Honours L251

Campus: Central London (see map p206)

Entry requirements: A Levels – DDE/CDD; International Baccalaureate – 24 points; BTEC Extended Diploma – MPP/MMP; BTEC Diploma – MM/DM. Overseas students require IELTS of 6.0 overall, with 5.5 in each component. See also p198.

Our degree courses with Foundation year offer the opportunity to prepare you for advanced study before you progress onto a full honours degree at the University of Westminster. Whether you do not feel ready for degree-level study, don't have the right qualifications, want to change your subject specialism or return to study after an absence from education, we aim to encourage a broad range of students to undertake our Foundation year in order to progress onto their full honours degree with us.

The Foundation year is designed to give you the opportunity to explore new ideas, opening up new perspectives on the key debates within your chosen field. Core modules accelerate your academic and professional development, bringing together like-minded students to think about the 'big ideas' within your discipline. You will also take modules from areas closely related to your chosen field, giving you the chance to develop a cross-disciplinary perspective on your course.

On successful completion of the Foundation year, you will be able to move on to the first year of your chosen undergraduate degree.

For module information and further details, please visit: westminster.ac.uk/politics-and-international-relations

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT BA Honours

Length of course: Three years full-time

UCAS code: LL12

Campus: Central London (see map p206)

Entry requirements: A Levels – CCC/BBB; International Baccalaureate – 27 points; BTEC Extended Diploma – MMM/DDM; BTEC Diploma – DD/D*D*. Overseas students require IELTS of 6.0 overall, with 5.5 in each component. See also p198.

For full and most up-to-date information, see course web page: westminster.ac.uk/politics-and-international-relations



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.

“Just one year in to my degree in International Relations and Development and my knowledge and understanding of the world has grown massively and my perspective has also changed. The staff who both support and engage students have been pivotal in this process.”

Rebecca Price

International Relations and Development BA Honours, student
Nationality: British

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BA Honours

Length of course: Three years full-time

UCAS code: L250

Campus: Central London (see map p206)

Entry requirements: A Levels – CCC/BBB; International Baccalaureate – 27 points; BTEC Extended Diploma – MMM/DDM; BTEC Diploma – DD/D*D*. Overseas students require IELTS of 6.0 overall, with 5.5 in each component. See also p198.

For full and most up-to-date information, see course web page: westminster.ac.uk/politics-and-international-relations



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.

“I've found the International Relations degree intellectually stimulating. The classes are very interesting, the professors have all been great, and easy to get along with. Plus, the University's location doesn't hurt in keeping things exciting. All in all, my experience at Westminster has been one worth remembering.”

Darleen Koops Isasi

International Relations BA Honours, student
Nationality: Dutch/Paraguayan

POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BA Honours

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

UCAS code: L290

Campus: Central London (see map p206)

Entry requirements: A Levels – CCC/BBB; International Baccalaureate – 27 points; BTEC Extended Diploma – MMM/DDM; BTEC Diploma – DD/D*D*. Overseas students require IELTS of 6.0 overall, with 5.5 in each component. See also p198.

For full and most up-to-date information, see course web page: westminster.ac.uk/politics-and-international-relations



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.

“Politics and International Relations BA provided an enriching academic experience and prepared me well for a Master's. The course team is committed to helping their students and very knowledgeable. The diversity of the University's student body brings international perspectives into classroom discussions.”

Shala Cachelin

Politics and International Relations BA Honours, student
Nationality: USA

POLITICS BA Honours

Length of course: Three years full-time

UCAS code: L200

Campus: Central London (see map p206)

Entry requirements: A Levels – CCC/BBB; International Baccalaureate – 27 points; BTEC Extended Diploma – MMM/DDM; BTEC Diploma – DD/D*D*. Overseas students require IELTS of 6.0 overall, with 5.5 in each component. See also p198.

For full and most up-to-date information, see course web page:

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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 London 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.

“Politics BA combines the key theoretical knowledge needed with contemporary examples that allow us to put these into practice. Westminster is very aware that employability is key and by combining practicality with theory, allow us to see how our knowledge is useful in everyday society.”

Luke Geary

Politics BA Honours, student

Nationality: British

