

Department of Politics and International Relations and Philosophy

About the department

The School of Politics & International Relations and Philosophy (PIRP) has quickly developed an outstanding reputation for teaching and research in exciting areas of the discipline. The Department offers a range of modules that reflect its strengths in global and transnational politics; international relations and international law; European politics and culture; gender, multiculturalism, and post-colonial studies; political communication, AI and truth; democratic theory and practice including elections and young people's politics; and contemporary Anglo-American and post-Nietzschean political philosophy.

The department aims in its teaching and research to combine close analysis of contemporary events and issues with informed theoretical reflection appropriate to a globalized, conflicted and ever-changing world.

Entry requirements

The modules listed below are open to all Study Abroad, International and European Exchange students, subject to any required previous knowledge or qualifications, as stated in the module outlines below.

Each module is either 15 or 30 UK credits and starts in either the Autumn Term (September) or the Spring Term (January).

The information contained in the module outlines on the following pages is correct at the time of publication but may be subject to change as part of our policy of continuous improvement and development.



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Level 1 Politics and International Relations Modules

Module code	Module name	15 or 30 UK credits	Run Time	Module information/pre-requisites
PR1000 & PR1000V	Researching Politics and International Relations: Methods, Techniques and Analysis	30 UK credits or 15 credits	Full Year or term 1	Syllabus Information: PR1000 & PR1000V
PR1400 & PR1400V	Introduction to Politics and Government	30 UK credits or 15 credits	Full Year or Term 1	Syllabus Information: PR1400 & PR1400V The V-version may be taken in the Autumn Term OR in Spring Term for 15 credits
PR1500 & PR1500V	Introduction to International Relations	30 UK credits or 15 credits	Full Year, Term 1 or Term 2	Syllabus Information: PR1500 & PR1500V . The V-version may be taken in the Autumn Term OR in Spring Term for 15 credits
PR1520 & PR1520V	Classical and Contemporary Readings in Politics and International Relations	30 UK credits or 15 credits	Full Year, Term 1 or Term 2	Syllabus Information PR1520 & PR1520V The V-version may be taken in the Autumn Term OR in Spring Term for 15 credits



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Level 1 Philosophy modules

Module code	Module name	15 or 30 UK credits	Run Time	Module description/pre-requisites
PY1002	Introduction to Modern Philosophy	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus information . This module runs for the Autumn Term only.
PY1101	Problems of Knowledge	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus information . This module runs for the Spring Term only.
PY1103	Introduction to Formal Logic	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus information . This module runs for the Spring Term only.
PY1104	Introduction to Political Philosophy	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus information . This module runs for the Autumn Term only.
PY1202	Philosophical Methods	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus information . This module runs for the Autumn Term only.
PY1203	Issues in Ethics	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus information . This module runs for the Spring Term only.
PY1541	Introduction to Ancient Philosophy	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus information . This module runs for the Spring Term only.



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Level 2 Politics and International Relations Modules

Module code	Module name	15 or 30 UK credits	Run Time	Module description/pre-requisites
PR2000	Researching Politics and International Relations: Analysis, Design and Practice	30 UK credits	Full Year	<u>Syllabus Information</u> . PR1000 is a pre-requisite for this module.
PR2001	Power and Democracy in the EU	30 UK credits	Full Year	<u>Syllabus Information</u>
PR2440 & PR2440V	International Relations Theory	30 UK credits or 15 credits	Full Year, or Term 1	<u>Syllabus Information</u> <u>PR2440</u> & <u>PR2440V</u> This module runs for the Full year, but may be taken by term 1 students for 15 credits
PR2460 & PR2460V	Politics outside the West	30 UK credits	Full Year	<u>Syllabus Information</u> <u>PR2460</u> & <u>PR2460V</u> This module runs for the Full year, but may be taken in the Autumn Term only for 15 credits for December leavers.
PR2480 & PR2480V	Democracy in Britain	30 UK credits	Full Year, or Term 1	<u>Syllabus Information: PR2480</u> & <u>PR2480V</u> The V-version may be taken in the Autumn Term OR in Spring Term for 15 credits
PR2490 & PR2490V	Contemporary Political Theory	30 or 15 UK credits	Full Year, Term 1 or Term 2	<u>Syllabus Information: PR2490V</u> & <u>PR2490V</u> The V-version may be taken in the Autumn Term OR in Spring Term for 15 credits
PR2500 & PR2500V	International Political Economy	30 or 15 UK credits	Full Year, or Term 1	<u>Syllabus Information: PR2500</u> & <u>PR2500V</u> This module runs for the Full year, but may be taken in the Autumn Term only for 15 credits by December leavers.
PR2550 & PR2550V	War and Security in World Politics	30 or 15 UK credits	Full Year, Term 1 or Term 2	<u>Syllabus Information: PR2550</u> & <u>PR2550V</u> The V-version may be taken in the Autumn Term OR in Spring Term for 15 credits



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PR256o & PR256oV	Modern Political Thought	30 or 15 UK credits	Full Year, or Term 1	Syllabus Information: PR256o & PR256oV This module runs for the Full Year but may be taken in the Autumn Term only for half the credits by December leavers.
PR26oo & PR26ooV	Introduction to Political Communication	30 or 15 UK credits	Full Year, or Term 1	Syllabus Information: PR26oo & PR26ooV This module runs for the Full Year, but may be taken in the Autumn Term only for half credits by December leavers.

Level 2 Philosophy modules

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PY2001	Kant	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus Information This module runs for the <u>Spring Term</u> only.
PY2002	Mind and World	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus Information This module runs for the <u>Spring Term</u> only.
PY2005	Philosophy and the Arts	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus Information This module runs for the Spring Term only.
PY2202	Empiricism and Rationalism	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus Information The module runs for the Autumn Term.
PY2900	Race, Gender and Queer Philosophy	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus Information The module runs for the Autumn Term only.



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Level 3 Politics and International Relations Modules

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PR3540V	Radical Political Theory 1: Hegel, Marx, Nietzsche	15 UK credits	Term 1	<u>Syllabus Information</u> This module runs for the Autumn Term only.
PR3600V	Foundations of Middle East Politics	15 UK credits	Term 1	<u>Syllabus Information</u> This module runs for the Autumn Term only.
PR3620V	United States Foreign Policy – History Ideas and cases	15 UK credits	Term 1	<u>Syllabus Information</u> This module runs for the Autumn Term only.
PR3890V	American Political Development	15 UK credits	Term 1	<u>Syllabus Information</u> This module runs for the Autumn Term only.



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Level 3 Philosophy Modules

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PY3206	<i>Hegel</i>	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus Information This module runs for the Spring Term only.
PY3223	<i>Philosophy of Religion: The European Tradition</i>	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus Information This module runs for the Spring Term only.
PY3204	<i>Critique of Idealism</i>	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus Information This module runs for the Spring Term only.
PY3104	<i>The Varieties of Scepticism</i>	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus information This module runs for the Autumn Term only.
PY3106	<i>Philosophy of Language</i>	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus information . This module runs for the Spring Term only.
PY3203	<i>Twentieth Century French Philosophy</i>	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus information . This module runs for the Spring Term only.
PY3214	<i>Philosophy of Information and Digital Ethics</i>	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus information . This module runs for the Autumn Term only.
PY3215	<i>Philosophy of Psychology</i>	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus information . This module runs for the Autumn Term only.
PY3220	<i>Existentialist Ethics</i>	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus information . This module runs for the Autumn Term only.
PY3655	<i>The Good Life in Ancient Philosophy</i>	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus information . This module runs for the Full Year.



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