

School 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; multiculturalism, nationalism and post-colonial studies; new political communication and e-government; democratic theory and practice; 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 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
PR2440 & PR2440V	International Relations Theory	30 UK credits or 15 credits	Full Year, or Term 1	Syllabus Information PR2440 & PR2440V 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 or Term 1	Syllabus Information PR2460 & PR2460V 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, Term 1 or Term 2	Syllabus Information: PR2480 & PR2480V 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	Syllabus Information: PR2490V & PR2490V 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	Syllabus Information: PR2500 & PR2500V 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	Syllabus Information: PR2550 & PR2550V The V-version may be taken in the Autumn Term OR in Spring Term for 15 credits



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PR2560 & PR2560V	Modern Political Thought	30 or 15 UK credits	Full Year, or Term 1	Syllabus Information: PR2560 & PR2560V This module runs for the Full year, but may be taken in the Autumn Term only for 15 credits by December leavers.
PR2600 & PR2600V	Introduction to Political Communication	30 or 15 UK credits	Full Year, or Term 1	Syllabus Information: PR2600 & PR2600V This module runs for the Full year, but may be taken in the Autumn Term only for 15 credits by December leavers.

Level 2 Philosophy modules

Module code	Module name	15 or 30 UK credits	Run Time	Module description/pre-requisites
PY2001	Kant	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus Information This module runs for the <u>Autumn Term</u> only.
PY2002	Mind and World	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus Information This module runs for the <u>Autumn Term</u> only.
PY2004	Varieties of Scepticism	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus Information This module runs for the Autumn term only.
PY2005	Philosophy and the Arts	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus Information This module runs for the Spring Term only.



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Module options for visiting students 2026-27

Module code	Module name	15 or 30 UK credits	Run Time	Module description/pre-requisites
PY2202	Empiricism and Rationalism	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus Information The module runs for the SpringTerm.
PY2214	Philosophy of Information and Digital Ethics	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus Information This module runs for the Autumn Term only.
PY2215	Philosophy of Psychology	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus Information This module runs for the Autumn Term only.
PY2220	Existential Ethics	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus Information This module runs for the Autumn Term only.
PY2223	Philosophy of Religion: The European Tradition	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus Information This module runs for the Autumn Term only
PY2655	The Good Life in Ancient Philosophy	15 UK credits	Full Year	Syllabus Information This module runs for the full year.
PY2900	Race, Gender and Queer Philosophy	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus Information The module runs for the Spring Term only.



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Module code	Module name	15 or 30 UK credits	Run Time	Module description/pre-requisites
PR3002	European Union Public Policy	15 UK Credits	Term 1	Syllabus Information This module runs in the Autumn Term only.
PR3101	Environmental Politics	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus Information This module runs for the Autumn Term only.
PR3103	Parliamentary Studies	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus Information This module runs in the Spring Term only.
PR3105	Political Theories of Freedom	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus Information This module runs in the Spring Term only.
PR3106	Crisis, Recovery and European Democracy	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus Information This module runs in the Spring Term only.
PR3107	Freedom of Expression: Concepts and Controversies	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus Information This module runs in the Autumn Term only.
PR3108	Latin American Politics	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus Information This module runs in the Spring Term only.



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Module code	Module name	15 or 30 UK credits	Run Time	Module description/pre-requisites
PR3300	The Politics of International Development	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus Information This module runs for the Autumn Term only.
PR3430	Defence and Security Governance	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus Information This module runs in the Autumn Term only.
PR3492	The Political Economy of Racial Injustice	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus Information This module runs in the Spring Term only.
PR3496	Narrative in world politics	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus Information This module runs in the Spring Term only.
PR3540V	Radical Political Theory I: Hegel, Marx, Nietzsche	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus Information This module runs for the Autumn Term only.
PR3541	Radical Political Theory II: Critical Theory and Poststructuralism	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus Information This module runs in the Spring Term only.
PR3600V	Foundations of Middle East Politics	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus Information This module runs for the Autumn Term only.
PR3620V	United States Foreign Policy – History Ideas and cases	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus Information This module runs for the Autumn Term only.



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Module code	Module name	15 or 30 UK credits	Run Time	Module description/pre-requisites
PR3631	Why and how people vote	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus Information This module runs for the Spring Term only.
PR3633	Ethnic Politics and Ethnic Conflict	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus Information This module runs for the Autumn Term only.
PR3645	Revolution & Counterrevolution in the Modern World	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus Information This module runs for the Spring Term only.
PR3720	Leadership, Power and the British Prime Ministership	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus Information This module runs for the Autumn Term only.
PR3950	Global Health Policy	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus Information This module runs for the Spring Term only.
PR3957	Politics & Government of Africa	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus Information This module runs for the Autumn Term only.
PR3963	Gender & Nationalism in the Middle East & South Asia	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus Information This module runs for the Spring Term only.
PR3890V	American Political Development	15 UK credits	Term 1	Syllabus Information This module runs for the Autumn Term only.



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Third Year Philosophy Modules

Module code	Module name	15 or 30 UK credits	Run Time	Module description/pre-requisites
PY3104	<i>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 Philosophy</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.
PY3206	<i>Hegel</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.



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<i>PY3223</i>	<i>Philosophy of Religion: The European Tradition</i>	15 UK credits	Term 2	Syllabus Information This module runs for the Spring Term only.
<i>PY3104</i>	<i>The Varieties of Scepticism</i>	15 UK credits	Term 1	<u>Syllabus information</u> This module runs for the Autumn Term only.
<i>PY3655</i>	<i>The Good Life in Ancient Philosophy</i>	15 UK credits	Term 1 and Term 2	<u>Syllabus information</u> . This module runs for the Full Year.



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