THE LITTLE BOOK OF
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
AND POLITICS
AT BROOKES
What will I study?

As an International Relations and Politics student you’ll cover the compulsory modules for both Politics and International Relations. If you are taking Politics or International Relations as a combined honours subject then you will take the relevant compulsory modules.

In year 1 you will explore the key concepts and skills you need to understand the fundamentals of political analysis. You will be introduced to a range of themes, including the ways in which the wider social world influences politics and international relations.

In years 2 and 3 you will choose from a range of advanced modules based on the research expertise of your lecturers, and you will carry out independent research for your dissertation.
Our friendly, close-knit team will help you get the most out of the course. You will have your own academic advisor from within the International Relations and Politics team (or your other subject if you choose to combine) and all lecturers have scheduled office hours where you’ll be encouraged to discuss your work and ideas outside of the classroom.

85% of International Relations and Politics students thought staff were good at explaining things

“The debates during seminars were one of my favourite aspects of International Relations lectures. The chance to share information, ideas or points of view with the staff and my fellow students made the subject really come to life for me.”

ALICE NAMTVEDT, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND ANTHROPOLOGY GRADUATE
International Relations and Politics in Oxford

You can join the Oxford Union and witness its famous debates and talks from international politicians and leaders, sports stars and other celebrities.

The Bodleian Libraries are another invaluable resource that you’ll quickly become familiar with as a dissertation student.

London’s museums and the Houses of Parliament are a short journey away using one of Oxford’s many public transport links.
Field trips

As a Politics and International Relations student, you’ll have the opportunity to participate in optional field trips. For example, on the module ‘Global Environmental Politics’ you’ll visit a local farm to discuss the politics of the globalisation and localisation of food.
“Being encouraged to take a semester abroad was truly a blessing. Staff were committed to helping me become the best kind of candidate in an international job market.”

LAURA NATARA MALAVE, ECONOMICS, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND POLITICS GRADUATE
Work experience and employment

You can choose to take the Work Based Learning module, where you could take up a placement with an MP, local councillor, or with a voluntary organisation.

Oxford has one of the greatest proportions of ‘knowledge intensive’ employees of any English city, and boasts one of the highest numbers of NGOs outside London.

We host several events during the year to help you prepare for and choose a career.
Brookes International Relations and Politics graduates have gone on to careers in the diplomatic service, teaching, journalism, law, international development, and advertising – with many engaging in postgraduate study.

94% of students thought that the course was intellectually stimulating

“If I hadn’t had a degree in Politics my employers wouldn’t have even looked at my application. In particular my modules were of great interest to them, especially the modules in British and American Politics.”

BEN RAYNER, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND POLITICS GRADUATE
Research and expertise

You will be taught by active researchers with strong reputations. They draw on their own research to create a stimulating programme.

Our areas of staff research expertise include:

- Migration and Immigration
- Peacebuilding and Development
- Post-Soviet authoritarianism, state-building and nation-building
- International ethics and human rights
- Environmental politics
- Security and militarism
- Gender and feminism
- Global political economy

We encourage you to become a researcher in your own right, and by designing and undertaking your own research you will develop excellent analytical and independent study skills, adding weight to your CV.

88% of students were satisfied with the quality of the course.

2018 National Student Survey.
Source: Unistats.
“It is fascinating to study how the political and economic worlds interact, and all the factors that influence them. I also think that the lecturers are fantastic. They are all engaged with their subjects and the teaching is first class.”

JANIE ARMITAGE, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND POLITICS GRADUATE
Study abroad

As a student of International Relations and Politics you are encouraged to study abroad. This is a really popular option, with recent social sciences undergraduates spending time studying at universities in North America, Australia, Europe, and Asia.

We have links with over 100 partner universities across the world, so if you’re interested in expanding your international experience you can choose to study abroad as part of your degree.
Combinations

You can choose to study single honours International Relations and Politics, but it is also possible to combine International Relations OR Politics with another subject as a combined honours degree. Popular combinations with International Relations include Business Management, Geography, and Communication, Media and Culture – whilst popular combinations with Politics include History, Sociology and Philosophy.

The flexible approach at Brookes also means that both single and combined honours students can choose to study a module from outside of their course in their first year.
Department of Social Sciences

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