

Programme Specification

I. Programme Details

Programme title	Politics & [...]
Possible combinations	African Studies Arabic Burmese Chinese Development Studies Economics Hebrew History Indonesian International Relations Japanese Japanese Studies Korean Law Linguistics Persian Social Anthropology South Asian Studies South East Asian Studies Study of Religions Swahili Thai Turkish Vietnamese
Final award (<i>exit awards will be made as outlined in the Taught Degree Regulations</i>)	BA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MA <input type="checkbox"/> BSc <input type="checkbox"/> MSc <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Mode of delivery	Distance-learning <input type="checkbox"/> On-campus <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Professional body accreditation (<i>if applicable</i>)	n/a
Academic year this specification was created	2016/17
Dates of any subsequent amendments	

II. Programme Aims: What will the programme allow you to achieve?

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To provide a solid background in the basic concepts, theories, and methods in the study of politics and international relations, and in the study of the second discipline, region, or language. The use of empirical evidence from Asia and Africa will illustrate the applicability and limitations of the aforementioned concepts, theories and methods beyond the North American and European confines from which these are largely derived. Those combining Politics with another social science will be able to compare and contrast the analytical tools of cognate disciplines. Those combining Politics with a humanities or regional subject will be able to compare and contrast the analytical tools of Politics with historical-cultural type interpretations, or develop knowledge of the cultures of Asia,

- Africa and/or the Middle East. Those combining Politics with language study will acquire working knowledge of the relevant language and awareness of its cultural context.
- To prepare students for postgraduate study and professional employment.

III. Programme Learning Outcomes: What will you learn on the programme?

There are four key areas in which you will develop:

Learning Outcomes: Knowledge	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate basic knowledge of concepts, theories, and methods in the disciplines of politics and international relations. Demonstrate advanced knowledge of some contemporary debates in politics and/or international relations relating to Asia, Africa and/or the Middle East. Develop knowledge of political processes in one or more regions in Asia, Africa, or the Middle East that challenges commonly held views about major political issues including the student's own previous assumptions. Assess the relevance of mainstream approaches for the analysis of politics of Asia, Africa, or the Middle East. Compare and contrast the study of the politics and international relations of Asia and Africa with a second discipline. 	
Typical Teaching Methods	Typical Assessment Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic knowledge of concepts, theories and methods in politics and international relations is to be attained through Year 1 core module lectures and tutorial presentations and discussions. It is assessed through coursework essays and unseen examinations. Joint honours students will also study corresponding core modules from their second discipline. Advanced knowledge of some contemporary debates in politics and/or international relations is to be achieved through lectures, tutorial discussions and oral presentations in Years 2-3 disciplinary modules. It is assessed through coursework essays, unseen examinations, extended essays and ISPs. Knowledge of political processes in one or more regions among Asia, Africa, or the Middle East is to be developed through lectures, tutorial discussions, oral presentations in Years 2-3 regional modules, as well as corresponding modules in the second subject. It is assessed through coursework essays, unseen examinations, extended essays and ISPs. Evaluation of the relevance of mainstream approaches for the analysis of politics of Asia, Africa, or the Middle East is to be taught through lectures, tutorial 	

discussions, and questions set for presentations, essays, and exams in Years 1-3 Politics modules. It is assessed through coursework essays, unseen examinations, extended essays and ISPs.	
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Learning Outcomes: Intellectual (thinking) skills	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Analyse academic materials to identify their key arguments and underlying assumptions. Evaluate arguments and empirical evidence drawn from a variety of intellectual perspectives in a critical and balanced manner, with due regard to their strengths and limitations. Construct arguments drawing upon analyses of politics and international relations relating to Asia, Africa, and/or the Middle East. Exercise independence of thought, including a willingness to challenge own previous assumptions about various issues. Engage in debates about current political controversies. 	
Typical Teaching Methods	Typical Assessment Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning outcomes will be achieved through attendance of lectures, independent reading of required literature, analysis, and synthesis of materials in tutorial presentations, discussions, and assessed work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through unseen examinations, essay assignments, extended essays, and ISPs.

Learning Outcomes: Subject-based practical skills	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Collect and synthesise information from a range of library and internet sources. Structure and communicate ideas effectively both orally and in writing Assess the validity of different approaches to a topic. Make judgments in contexts of conflicting evidence For students who combine Politics with a language, to comprehend, and communicate in the relevant language through speech and writing. 	
Typical Teaching Methods	Typical Assessment Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning outcomes will be achieved through module readings; lectures and post-lecture questions; oral presentations and classroom discussions; essays and ISPs; questions set for presentations and essays, in the expectation that students will fulfil the requirements for reading and writing for their modules. For students who combine Politics with language study, the ability to comprehend, and communicate in the relevant language will be fostered in the language modules. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through essay assignments, extended essays, unseen examinations, and ISPs.

Learning Outcomes: Transferrable skills
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Work independently and manage schedules. Explain and evaluate complex ideas and situations.

<p>3. Work effectively under time constraints.</p> <p>4. Work productively in and contribute to groups.</p>	
Typical Teaching Methods	Typical Assessment Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning outcomes will be achieved through independent reading and writing for coursework; contributions to tutorial presentations and regular classroom discussions; and through the opportunity to choose of topics and frame questions for extended essays and ISPs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through essay assignments, oral presentations, unseen examinations, ISPs.