

SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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Jan 2025 Entry:

- [International Relations](#)
- [Security and Terrorism](#)

Sept 2025 entry:

- [International Negotiation and Conflict Resolution](#)
- [International Relations](#)
- [International Relations with International Law](#)
- [Security and Terrorism](#)
- [Peace and Conflict Studies](#)

Jan 2026 entry

- [International Relations](#)

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January 2025 start

STAGE 1

You must take 120 credits in total - 60 in each term

You must take the following compulsory module:

Stage 1 Compulsory Module					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
POLI8240	Analysing World Politics	7	20	Autumn	
Compulsory Total			20		

PLUS the following non-contributory module:

Stage 1 Non-Contributory					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
POLI9990	Research Methods 2	7	4	Autumn	Non-contributory

PLUS 40 credits from the following optional modules:

Stage 1 Optional Modules					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
POLI7000	International Ethics and Human Rights	7	20	Autumn	
POLI8320	Pathways to Peace: Approaches to Conflict	7	20	Autumn	
POLI9160	Security in a Changing World	7	20	Autumn	

STAGE 2

You must take 60 credits in total

You must take the following compulsory modules:

Stage 2 Compulsory Module					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
POLI9650	MA Thesis	7	60	Late Summer	24-25
Compulsory Total			60		

January 2025 start

STAGE 1

You must take 120 credits in total - 60 in each term

You must take the following compulsory modules:

Stage 1 Compulsory Module					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
POLI9160	Security in a Changing World	7	20	Autumn	
Compulsory Total			20		

PLUS the following non-contributory module:

Stage 1 Non-Contributory					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
POLI9990	Research Methods 2	7	4	Autumn	Non-contributory

PLUS 40 credits from the following optional modules:

Stage 1 Optional Modules					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
POLI7000	International Ethics and Human Rights	7	20	Autumn	
POLI8240	Analysing World Politics	7	20	Autumn	
POLI8320	Pathways to Peace: Approaches to Conflict	7	20	Autumn	

STAGE 2

You must take 60 credits in total

You must take the following compulsory modules:

Stage 2 Compulsory Module					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
POLI9650	MA Thesis	7	60	Late Summer	24-25
Compulsory Total			60		

September 2025 start

You must take 180 credits in total

STAGE 1

You must take the following compulsory modules:

Stage 1 Compulsory Modules					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
POLI8320	Pathways to Peace: Approaches to Conflict	7	20	Autumn	Cannot be compensated or condoned
POLI8480	Negotiation and Mediation	7	20	Spring	Cannot be compensated or condoned
SOCI8330	Design of Social Research	7	20	Spring	
Compulsory Total			60		

PLUS 60 credits from the following optional modules (20 in Autumn and 40 in Summer):

Stage 1 Optional Modules					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
POLI7000	International Ethics and Human Rights	7	20	Autumn	
POLI7002	Global Perspectives on Political Resistance	7	20	Summer	
POLI8109	Middle Eastern Politics and Society	7	20	Summer	
POLI8240	Analysing World Politics	7	20	Autumn	
POLI9160	Security in a Changing World	7	20	Autumn	
POLI9170	Terrorism and the Crimes of the State	7	20	Summer	

STAGE 2

You must take the following compulsory module:

Stage 2 Compulsory Module					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
POLI9650	Politics MA Dissertation	7	60	Late Summer	Cannot be compensated or condoned
Compulsory Total			60		

September 2025 start

You must take 180 credits in total – 40 credits in each term

STAGE 1

You must take the following compulsory modules:

Stage 1 Compulsory Modules					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
POLI8240	Analysing World Politics	7	20	Autumn or Spring	Cannot be compensated or condoned
SOCI8330	Design of Social Research	7	20	Spring	
Compulsory Total			40		

PLUS 80 credits from the following optional modules:

Stage 1 Optional Modules					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
POLI7000	International Ethics and Human Rights	7	20	Autumn	
POLI7001	Advanced Topics in Politics and International Relations	7	20	Spring	
POLI7002	Global Perspectives on Political Resistance	7	20	Summer	
POLI8109	Middle Eastern Politics and Society	7	20	Summer	
POLI8320	Pathways to Peace: Approaches to Conflict	7	20	Autumn	
POLI8480	Negotiation and Mediation	7	20	Spring	
POLI9160	Security in a Changing World	7	20	Autumn	
POLI9170	Terrorism and the Crimes of the State	7	20	Summer	

STAGE 2

You must take the following compulsory module:

Stage 2 Compulsory Module					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
POLI9650	Politics MA Dissertation	7	60	Late Summer	Cannot be compensated or condoned
Compulsory Total			60		

September 2025 start

You must take 180 credits in total – 40 credits in each term

STAGE 1

You must take the following compulsory modules:

Stage 1 Compulsory Modules					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
LAWS8140	Public International Law	7	20	Spring	Cannot be compensated or condoned
POLI8240	Analysing World Politics	7	20	Autumn	Cannot be compensated or condoned
SOCI8330	Design of Social Research	7	20	Spring	
Compulsory Total			60		

PLUS 40 credits from the following PolIR optional modules:

Stage 1 Optional Modules					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
POLI7000	International Ethics and Human Rights	7	20	Autumn	
POLI7002	Global Perspectives on Political Resistance	7	20	Summer	
POLI8109	Middle Eastern Politics and Society	7	20	Summer	
POLI8320	Pathways to Peace: Approaches to Conflict	7	20	Autumn	
POLI9160	Security in a Changing World	7	20	Autumn	
POLI9170	Terrorism and the Crimes of the State	7	20	Summer	

PLUS 20 credits from the following Law optional modules:

Stage 1 Optional Modules					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
LAWS8440	Legal Aspects of Contemporary International Problems	7	20	Summer	
LAWS8460	International Criminal Law	7	20	Summer	
LAWS9250	International Cultural Heritage Law	7	20	Autumn	

STAGE 2

You must take the following compulsory module:

Stage 2 Compulsory Module					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
POLI9650	Politics MA Dissertation	7	60	Late Summer	Cannot be compensated or condoned
Compulsory Total			60		

September 2025 start

You must take 180 credits in total

STAGE 1

You must take the following compulsory modules:

Stage 1 Compulsory Modules					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
POLI9160	Security in a Changing World	7	20	Autumn	Cannot be compensated or condoned
POLI9170	Terrorism and Crimes of the State	7	20	Summer	Cannot be compensated or condoned
SOC18330	Design of Social Research	7	20	Spring	
Compulsory Total			60		

PLUS 60 credits from the following optional modules:

Stage 1 Optional Modules					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
POLI7000	International Ethics and Human Rights	7	20	Autumn	
POLI7001	Advanced Topics in Politics and International Relations	7	20	Spring	
POLI7002	Global Perspectives on Political Resistance	7	20	Summer	
POLI8109	Middle Eastern Politics and Society	7	20	Summer	
POLI8240	Analysing World Politics	7	20	Autumn	
POLI8320	Pathways to Peace: Approaches to Conflict	7	20	Autumn	
POLI8480	Negotiation and Mediation	7	20	Spring	

STAGE 2

You must take the following compulsory module:

Stage 2 Compulsory Module					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
POLI9650	Politics MA Dissertation	7	60	Late Summer	Cannot be compensated or condoned
Compulsory Total			60		

September 2025 start

You must take 240 credits in total over 2 Stages

Stage 1 – 120 credits

You must take the following compulsory modules:

Stage 1 Compulsory Modules					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
POLI8320	Pathways to Peace: Approaches to Conflict Resolution	7	20	Autumn	Cannot be compensated or condoned
SOCI8330	Design of Social Research	7	20	Spring	
Compulsory Total			40		

PLUS 80 credits from the following optional modules:

Stage 1 Optional Modules					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
POLI7000	International Ethics and Human Rights	7	20	Autumn	
POLI7001	Advanced Topics in Politics and International Relations	7	20	Spring	
POLI7002	Global Perspectives on Political Resistance	7	20	Summer	
POLI8109	Middle Eastern Politics and Society	7	20	Summer	
POLI8240	Analysing World Politics	7	20	Autumn or Spring	
POLI8480	Negotiation and Mediation	7	20	Spring	
POLI9160	Security in a Changing World	7	20	Autumn	
POLI9170	Terrorism and the Crimes of the State	7	20	Summer	

STAGE 2 – 120 credits

You must take the following compulsory modules:

Stage 2 Compulsory Modules					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
POLI9140	Study in Marburg	7	60	Year Long	Cannot be compensated or condoned
POLI9660	Politics MA Thesis [Marburg]	7	60	Spring	Cannot be compensated or condoned
Compulsory Total			120		

January 2026 start

You must take 180 credits in total

You must take the following compulsory modules:

Stage 1 Compulsory Modules					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
POLI8240	Analysing World Politics	7	20	Spring	Cannot be compensated or condoned
SOC18330	Design of Social Research	7	20	Spring	
Compulsory Total			40		

PLUS 80 credits from the following optional modules (40 in Autumn* and 40 in Summer):

Stage 1 Optional Modules					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
POLI7002	Global Perspectives on Political Resistance	7	20	Summer	
POLI8109	Middle Eastern Politics and Society	7	20	Summer	
POLI9170	Terrorism and the Crimes of the State	7	20	Summer	

*Modules running in Autumn 2026 are not yet known

You must take the following compulsory module:

Stage 2 Compulsory Module					
KV CODE	MODULE TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	TERM	NOTES
POLI9650	Politics MA Dissertation	7	60	Late Summer	Cannot be compensated or condoned
Compulsory Total			60		