

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 Erasmus 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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Politics and International Relations modules:

Module number	Module title	Run Time	UK Credits	Link to syllabus
PR1000	Researching Politics and International Relations: Methods, Techniques and Analysis	Autumn-Spring Term	30.00	Syllabus Information
PR1400	Introduction To Politics & Government	Autumn-Spring Term	30.00	Syllabus Information
PR1400V	Introduction To Politics & Government	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR1500	Introduction To International Relations	Autumn-Spring Term	30.00	Syllabus Information
PR1500V	Introduction To International Relations	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR1520	Classic and Contemporary Readings in Politics and International Relations	Autumn-Spring Term	30.00	Syllabus Information
PR1520V	Classic Readings in Politics and International Relations	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR2000	Researching Politics and International Relations: Analysis, Design and Practice	Autumn-Spring Term	30.00	Syllabus Information
PR2001	Power and Democracy in the European Union	Autumn-Spring Term	30.00	Syllabus Information
PR2440	International Relations Theory	Autumn-Spring Term	30.00	Syllabus Information
PR2440V	International Relations Theory	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information



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PR2460	Politics Outside the West	Autumn-Spring Term	30.00	Syllabus Information
PR2480	Democracy In Britain	Autumn-Spring Term	30.00	Syllabus Information
PR2480V	Democracy In Britain	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR2490	Contemporary Political Theory	Autumn-Spring Term	30.00	Syllabus Information
PR2490V	Contemporary Political Theory	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR2500	International Political Economy	Autumn-Spring Term	30.00	Syllabus Information
PR2500V	International Political Economy	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR2550	War and Security in World Politics	Autumn-Spring Term	30.00	Syllabus Information
PR2550V	War and Security in World Politics	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR2560	Modern Political Thought	Autumn-Spring Term	30.00	Syllabus Information
PR2560V	Modern Political Thought	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information



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PR2600	Introduction to Political Communication	Autumn-Spring Term	30.00	Syllabus Information
PR2600V	Introduction to Political Communication	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3002	European Union Public Policy	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3103	Parliamentary Studies	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3105	Political Theories of Freedom	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3106	Power and Money in the EU	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3107	Freedom of Expression: Concepts and Controversies	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3108	Latin American Politics	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3300	The Politics of International Development	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3430	Defence and Security Governance	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3492	The Political Economy of Racial Injustice	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information



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PR3496	Narrative in World Politics	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3540	Radical Political Theory I: Hegel, Marx, Nietzsche	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3540V	Radical Political Theory	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3541	Radical Political Theory II: Critical Theory and Poststructuralism	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3570	Social Justice: From Theory to Practice	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3600	Foundations of Middle East Politics	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3620	United States Foreign Policy - History	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3620V	US Foreign Policy	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3631	Why and How People Vote	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3632	Identity, Emotions and Trauma in International Politics	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information



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PR3633	Ethnic Politics and Ethnic Conflict	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3636	Peace and Justice after Conflict	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3XXX	International Politics of Climate Change	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3680	Young People's Politics	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3680V	Young People's Politics	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3720	Leadership, Power and the British Prime Ministership	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3810	Visual Politics	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3950	Global Health Policy	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3957	Politics and Government of Africa	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3962	Politics of Global Food Security	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3963	Gender and Nationalism in the Middle East and South Asia	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information



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PR3965	Politics of South Asia	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PR3967	Social Diversity and Political Diversity	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information

Philosophy Modules

Module number	Module title	Start time	UK Credits	Link to syllabus
PY2001	Kant	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PY2001V	Introduction to European Philosophy 1: Kant to Hegel	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PY2002	Mind and World	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PY2005	Philosophy and the Arts	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PY2006	Twentieth Century French Philosophy	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PY2202	Empiricism and Rationalism	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PY2206	Hegel	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information



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Module number	Module title	Start time	UK Credits	Link to syllabus
PY2212	Philosophy of Medicine and Bioethics (second year)	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PY2213	Philosophy of Psychiatry and Mental Illness (second year)	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PY2216	Ancient Ethics	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PY2217	Ancient Metaphysics	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PY2219	Medieval Philosophy	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PY2224	Aesthetics	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PY2229	Nature, the Environment and Theories of Ecology	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PY2900	Race, Gender and Queer Philosophy	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PY3202	Philosophical Intersections	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PY3206	Hegel	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information



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PY3212	Philosophy of Medicine and Bioethics (third year)	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PY3213	Philosophy of Psychiatry and Mental Illness (third year)	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PY3216	Ancient Ethics	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PY3217	Ancient Metaphysics	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PY3219	Medieval Philosophy	Autumn Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PY3224	Aesthetics	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information
PY3229	Nature, the Environment and Ecology	Spring Term	15.00	Syllabus Information



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