

Undergraduate degree International Politics

Our unique three-year degree programme, delivered entirely in English in the heart of Paris, will enable you to learn about “doing” international politics while gaining international experience. The programme’s immersive approach, blending traditional seminars with fieldwork, will provide a firm theoretical and practical foundation for understanding international politics and enable you to graduate with a renowned University of London degree.



3 years of residency in Paris

The programme is delivered in English in Paris, allowing you to familiarise yourself with another culture and improve your language skills.



Immersive approach

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International experience

Studying in a UK institution in the heart of Paris will allow you to gain international experience and demonstrate to future employers your adaptability.

BA in International Politics UCAS code: L241

This unique three-year programme provides a distinctive learning experience that focuses on the practical aspects of international politics. You will develop an advanced understanding of state, non-state, governmental and non-governmental actors ‘doing’ international politics in the contemporary world. You will learn how these actors perform international politics and how theories and methods can be used to understand their actions.

BA in International Politics with French UCAS code: L242

This Major/Minor three-year degree programme allows you to study international politics while developing and consolidating your French language skills. You will learn how different state, non-state, governmental and non-governmental actors perform international politics and how theories and methods can be used to understand their actions. You will also study modules that will enable your integration into French life during and after your studies.

Entry requirements

Entry requirements for this programme are set by the University of London Institute in Paris. Please note that this table is for guidance only, other qualifications may be considered. Please visit our website for more information: ulip.london.ac.uk/degree-programmes/undergraduate-programmes#international-politics

BA in International Politics

Single Honours

with French

Typical A level offer

ABB

ABB with B in French

Typical IB offer

32 points (6,5,5)

32 points (6,5,5) with min. 5 in French

International Politics Single Honours	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
	5 compulsory modules delivered in English	3 compulsory modules delivered in English	3 compulsory modules delivered in English
	POLP101 Doing International Politics (1): Theories & Actors - You will explore the main actors doing international politics today and become aware of our own position as active participants in international politics both in Paris and beyond.	POLP201 – Doing International Politics (2): Methods - 19th c. Marxists and positivists attacked idealism, laying the foundations for modern social science's distrust of actors' own explanations for their behaviour. More recent authorities such as Pierre Bourdieu remained suspicious of 'biographical illusions'. This addresses a central question for political studies – the (in)significance of actors' own explanations for their actions – with a focus on how this affects methods of doing international politics research.	POLP301 Doing International Politics (3) – Practices - Many narratives of nationalist movements claim each nation-state as a unique formation, and yet the methods used are often similar. This module works through this paradox from an international political perspective. It will enable you to understand and explain the emergence of the nation-state form and its dramatic extension to the world. Topics include comparative nationalist music; mimetic diasporic nationalisms; similarities and differences between African, Asian and Latin American decolonisations; and differing global responses to the French Revolution.
	POLP102A Learning Lab: Field Experience (Actors) - You will gain understanding of the practical sense of actors performing international politics, interpreting these with relevant theoretical and methodological tools.	POLP202A Learning Lab: Field Experience (Sites) - The contemporary study of international politics recognises heterogeneous places where international politics happens. These places range from city streets and squares to internet platforms and are often intensification points for international politics. This module enables students to gain practical experience of how these various sites become potent points of international politics.	POLP302A Learning Lab: Field Experience (Practices) - The contemporary study of international politics recognises other actors than nations and states for doing international politics such as artists, activists, non-governmental organisations, collectives, and movements. This module enables students to gain practical experience of how these various actors perform international politics. This module teaches students how to identify organisations, institutions, and movements through which actors develop and transmit practices from one site to another and from one generation to the next.
	POLP106 Introduction to International Relations - The module will address the major developments in international relations since the 1870s including the 'scramble for Africa', the two World Wars; the Bolshevik Revolution; Fascism; the origins and evolution of the Cold War; decolonisation and North-South economic relations; the origins of the war on terror; the financial crisis and the Arab Spring.	POLP203 Sites of International Politics - This module makes the concept of 'site' its prime academic instrument. It explores how sites of international politics – such as museums, streets, internet platforms, socio-political movements and NGOs amongst others – are implicated in the construction of global politics.	POLP388 Research Project - The research project is designed to give students the opportunity to study an agreed topic, under supervision, to a greater depth than within other modules. Students will select their own research topic and will be expected to develop a strong independent research commitment. The research project module encourages final year students to take responsibility for their own learning, with the guidance of the supervisor.
	C140 Issues in Contemporary French Politics (E) - Introduction to key institutions (both national and international) and issues that shape contemporary France.		
	C150 Introduction to Cultural Studies (E) - Cultural Studies attempts to identify the common forms of experience and shared modes of understanding by which societies and communities live.	2 optional modules from the list below starting with C	2 optional modules from the list below starting with C
With French	3 compulsory modules as above	3 compulsory modules as above + 1 optional modules chosen from	3 compulsory modules as above + 1 French compulsory module below
	POLP 101 Doing International Politics	C201 Introduction to French Linguistics (F)	L300 Advanced techniques in formal discourse
	POLP102A Learning Lab: Field Experience (Actors)	C212 Gender and Sexuality (F)	Plus 1 optional module chosen from
	POLP106 Introduction to International Relations	C213 Twentieth-Century Art (F)	L311 Advanced translation (F)(E)
	Plus 1 compulsory module taught and assessed in French	C214 History and Memory I (F)	C304 <i>Fin de siècle I</i> : Politics and Ideology (F)
	L100 Written and oral expression	C230 Climate Politics (E)	C310 <i>Le Republicanisme en France</i> : 1789-1914 (F)
		C231 Politics and Fiction (E)	C313 French Colonialism in North Africa (E)
		C232 Queer Politics in Contemporary France (E)	C315 Y2K BD: <i>Fin de millénaire bande dessinée</i> (E)
		C233 Text and Image in Mass Culture (E)	C320 <i>Le Republicanisme en France</i> : 1914-Présent
		C234 France, Britain and Empire (E)	C326 Trauma and Transmission: Holocaust Afterlives (E)
		Plus 1 compulsory module taught and assessed in French	C327 Elements of French Linguistics (F)
		L 200 Advanced Grammar of Written and Spoken French	C328 Classic French Cinema (E)
			C329 Research dissertation
			C333 Postcolonial Fictions in the City of Paris (E)
			C334 Contemporary Theory 1: Critique (E)
			C335 Contemporary Theory 2: Crisis (E)
	* Please note that all courses listed above are subject to availability.	Please view French Studies course outline for further details.	

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