Politics & International Relations

BA (Hons) (NFQ Level 8)

BA Degree (Joint Honours) BAU1

Length of Course	3 Years

Guideline Entry Requirements
(please note, successful candidates generally present with grades well in excess of the minimum grades indicated below)

IB - International Baccalaureate Diploma	IB Total 26 A high level of English language competency is normally required
Cambridge A Level (+ GCSE O Level)	BCC A high level of English language competency is normally required
Other Examinations	For country specific information see page 157
UCD International Foundation Year	No

Why is this subject for me?

The study of Politics examines national and international political institutions, systems and forces. These include governments, parliaments, parties and elections, as well as international alliances and conflicts, human rights, global poverty, war and political violence. Studying Politics will also help you to develop your analytical skills, formulate an argument and express yourself clearly in writing.

What will I study?

In first year, you will be introduced to the core areas of politics, giving you a solid foundation for future study. In subsequent years you will pursue the areas of politics and international relations that interest you most. Examples of modules include:

First Year

Irish Politics • Political Theory • The Politics of Great Nations • International Politics • Globalisation & Development

Second & Third Year

Individuals and the State • Law, Politics & Human Rights • International Relations • Analysing Politics • European Union • Ethnicity, Identity & Nationality • Millennium Development Goals • International Political Economy • Conflict in Northern Ireland • Political Reform in Ireland • International Justice • Latin American Politics • Middle East Politics • Integration, Fragmentation & the Global System • Comparative Politics

Students attend lectures and tutorials as well as undertaking independent study.

Assessment is in the form of a combination of continuous assessment and end-of-semester written exams.

Career & Graduate Study Opportunities

There is a wide range of national and international employment opportunities in the public and private sector, including:
The Irish civil service • The European Commission • International agencies such as the UN, IMF and World Bank • NGOs • Print and broadcasting media • The diplomatic service • Business • Administration and research

Graduates are well qualified to pursue master's and PhD programmes. MA and MSc programmes at UCD include:
Politics • Political Theory • International Relations • Development Studies • Nationalism & Ethnic Conflict • Human Rights • European Public Affairs & Law • Development Practice

International Study Opportunities

The school currently has Erasmus exchange agreements with the following European universities:

- Institut d'etudes politiques, Paris, France
- University of Bergen, Norway
- Université libre de Bruxelles/Université de Liège, Belgium
- University of Lund/University of Stockholm, Sweden
- Universität zu Köln, Germany

International exchanges in North America, Asia and Australia are also available in third year.

Before coming to UCD, I was a bit worried as it was my first time to set foot in a foreign country. The adjustment process turned out to be much easier than I expected, thanks to the helpful staff. UCD School of Politics and International Relations offers various courses ranging from classical theories to current political issues. The faculty are all incredibly helpful, and are always willing to help students with any difficulty they have in their studies.

Yuan Dai
GRADUATE

Yuan Dai, China, spent a year in UCD as an exchange student from Zhejiang University. She is now a graduate student in Sciences Po, Paris.

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