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INTR29930	Global Political Economy	10/5	2	Term 1 (Oct-Dec)	This module seeks to explore the development of GPE as an area of study in International Relations and apply its theories and methods to analyse contemporary aspects of the contemporary global system. In order to do this we look at the historical development of GPE as a critical response to the orthodoxy of traditional IR and how critical or heterodox theory within GPE has emerged. The module then uses these theories and methods to understand and explain contemporary actors, processes and issues in the global political economy.
INTR29940	Change and the World Order	10/5	2	Term 1 (Oct-Dec)	This module draws on the theory of Liberal Pluralism and is based on the assumption that non-state actors are important entities/actors in international relations. The module aims to examine the nature of international order and to consider how international institutions have contributed to its maintenance. It also considers whether 20th and 21st century changes in international relations and the international system, such as decolonisation, the cold war as well as the end of the cold war, the rise of regional powers and organisations as well as other non-state actors such as terrorist organisations, and the phenomenon of weak/failed/rogue states, authoritarian regimes and ethnic conflict have produced new issues and dilemmas requiring a new approach to the study and practice of international politics. It focuses on international institutions such as the United Nations and the specialised agencies and their role in global governance but also explores the impact of other non-state actors such as NGOs/INGOs, the management of specific issue areas such as poverty and sustainable development through international co-operation, and the significance of these developments for our understanding of International Relations.
INTR22950	Understanding Foreign Policy	10/5	2	Term 1 (Oct-Dec)	This module introduces students to an understanding of the development and principal strengths and criticisms of a foreign policy approach to international relations, using material from theory and practice. By the end of the module, students should be able to: 1) Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of foreign policy analysis; knowledge of the foreign policies of various countries covered by this module; decision-making processes and different models used to understand foreign policy decision-making. 2) Demonstrate how an implementation perspective contributes to our understanding of foreign policy failures.
INTR29965	International Security	10/5	2	Term 1 (Oct-Dec)	This module explores issues in Strategic and Security Studies. It focuses on security in a broad sense, from issues relating to the use of force by states, through to violence by non-state actors, such as terrorist groups, and on to the concepts of critical security where issues such as disease and environmental impact are important. International Relations theories that shed light on the study of international security will be studied in the module. The module builds on first year modules challenging you to deepen your theoretical as well as empirical knowledge of international security. It is also a preparation for the research-led third year modules, that require a much more developed capacity of analysing empirical developments from a range of different theoretical perspectives.
POLS20130	The Politics of Identity	10/5	2	Term 1 (Oct-Dec)	The aim of this module is to develop your understanding of political, social and philosophical notions of identity. The technique of textual analysis will be deployed as a means of studying a range of original and demanding texts, both individually and collectively. This technique will be assessed as a means of explaining and assessing the ideas studied throughout the module.
POLS20140	Great Political Thinkers from Plato to Marx	10/5	2	Term 1 (Oct-Dec)	The Core module is designed specifically for those students intending to participate in the Erasmus programme at a European University in the second term. The aim of this module is to develop your understanding of a selection of major texts in Western political thought. The technique of textual analysis will be utilised as a means to investigate and develop skills in the textual and contextual analysis of key political concepts such as political obligation, citizenship and rights, political power and consent.
POLS20325	Ethics Power and Global Politics	10/5	2	Term 1 (Oct-Dec)	This core, bespoke level 2 module combines key elements of political thought, both traditional and contemporary, with an active consideration of recent and emergent global political issues and events. The idea is to allow you to improve your knowledge and understanding of many of the canonical texts of political theory, through and alongside an analysis of real world events. You will be encouraged to articulate and explore the relations and interactions between global political structures and ideas and concrete, local political situations, thus developing a critically astute and theoretically-informed engagement with political issues of global significance.
POLS20135	Contemporary European Governance	10/5	2	Term 1 (Oct-Dec)	To enable students to develop awareness of changing institutional patterns and the organisation of governance in various European democracies. To encourage students to compare political structures in different countries and to understand the reasons for national differences.
POLS20155	The Politics of European Integration	10/5	2	Term 1 (Oct-Dec)	The module introduces students to the debate about the dynamics of contemporary European politics: the interaction and creative tension between traditional state forms of government and the rising interdependence of nation states in a transnational EU polity in the post-1945 years.
INTR29935	Global Political Economy	20/10	2	Full Year	This module seeks to explore the development of GPE as an area of study in International Relations and apply its theories and methods to analyse contemporary aspects of the contemporary global system. In order to do this we look at the historical development of GPE as a critical response to the orthodoxy of traditional IR and how critical or heterodox theory within GPE has emerged. The module then uses these theories and methods to understand and explain contemporary actors, processes and issues in the global political economy.
INTR29945	Change and world order: International Institutions and non-state actors	20/10	2	Full Year	
INTR29955	Understanding Foreign Policy	20/10	2	Full Year	This module introduces students to an understanding of the development and principal strengths and criticisms of a foreign policy approach to international relations, using material from theory and practice.
INTR29955	International Security	20/10	2	Full Year	This module explores issues in Strategic and Security Studies. It focuses on security in a broad sense, from issues relating to the use of force by states, through to violence by non-state actors, such as terrorist groups, and on to the concepts of critical security where issues such as disease and environmental impact are important. International Relations theories that shed light on the study of international security will be studied in the module. The module builds on first year modules challenging you to deepen your theoretical as well as empirical knowledge of international security. It is also a preparation for the research-led third year modules, that require a much more developed capacity of analysing empirical developments from a range of different theoretical perspectives.
POLS20041	Contemporary European Politics	20/10	2	Full Year	To enable students to identify and analyse the development of key social dimensions of politics in contemporary European democracies. To enable students to develop awareness of changing institutional patterns and the organisation of governance in these same democracies.

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POLS20052	Great Political Thinkers	20/10	2	Full Year	This module covers the history of political philosophy through texts, beginning with Plato and leading through to Rawls. The aim of this module is to develop your understanding of a selection of major texts in Western political thought and their contemporary application. The aims also is develop your technique of textual analysis, which will be utilised in the first part of the module as a means to investigate and develop skills in the textual and contextual analysis of key political concepts such as political obligation, citizenship and rights, political power and consent. The second part of the module will focus on contemporary issues surrounding theoretical ideas.
POLS20091	The Politics of European Integration	20/10	2	Full Year	The module introduces students to the debate about the dynamics of contemporary European politics: the interaction and creative tension between traditional states forms of government and the rising interdependence of nation states in a transnational EU polity.
POLS20111	Identity, Class and Nation	20/10	2	Full Year	The aim of this module is to develop your understanding of political, social and philosophical notions of identity and their relationship to contemporary theories of class and nationality. The technique of textual analysis will be deployed as a means of studying a range of original and demanding texts, both individually and collectively. This technique will be assessed both formatively and summatively as a means of explaining and critically assessing the ideas studied throughout the year.
POLS20330	Ethics, Power and Global Politics	20/10	2	Full Year	This core, bespoke level 2 module combines key elements of political thought, both traditional and contemporary, with an active consideration of recent and emergent global political issues and events. The idea is to allow you to improve your knowledge and understanding of many of the canonical texts of political theory, through and alongside an analysis of real world events. You will be encouraged to articulate and explore the relations and interactions between global political structures and ideas and concrete, local political situations, thus developing a critically astute and theoretically-informed engagement with political issues of global significance.
INTR31420	Political Violence and Terror	20/10	3	Full Year	This module is an opportunity for you to expand your knowledge and understanding of terrorism and political violence in a global context. It explores the concept of 'insecurity' in a broad sense through engaging in a range of issues which include what terrorism is, who is involved in terrorism, what causes terrorism, and what are the consequences of the rise of state and non-state political actors using violence to communicate and facilitate their objectives. The module will explore both the theoretical approaches to the study of violence, as well as exploring a range of real world cases to illustrate the increasingly complex use of violence for political objectives. The module will build upon second year modules which will challenge you to deepen your theoretical as well as empirical knowledge of international relations. It is also a companion for other research-led third year modules. The overall aim of this course is to allow you to: Critically analyse terrorism and political violence. Consider how time and place impact upon how political and structural violence is manifest. Critically explore fundamental concepts, processes, actors and issues within terrorism and counter terrorism.
INTR32420	States, Nationalisms and Identity	20/10	3	Full Year	This module explores the increasingly complex question of identity in international relations. It asks how individuals and social groups develop a sense of who they are, how they relate to others, how this affects their sense of belonging to the state, nation or other collectivity, and the political significance of this sense of identity. The module is distinctive in the sense that it draws on theoretical perspectives not covered in depth elsewhere in the course (for example postmodern and postcolonial) and uses case studies based on staff and student research interests. The module is also designed to support final year dissertation students working on topics related to identity/ national identity.
INTR32667	The International Relations of the Middle East and North Africa	20/10	3	Full Year	This module explores the political economy of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) against the backdrop of the colonial and post-independence history of the region. You will engage with an emerging school of thought on the international relations of the MENA region which uses explanatory tools from Historical Sociology as well as International Relations and hinges on a theory of systemic transformation. The modules examines the bases of political and religious identities and the nature of nationalisms in the MENA region in order to develop an understanding of their implications for both state and non-state actors in the region and beyond. The themes of conflict, regional stability, peace, co-operation, integration and development are addressed throughout the module. This module also critically analyses the foreign policies of the region's states, their relations with each other, and key extra-regional actors. A further aim is to develop an understanding of the nature of economic problems within the region and the position of the region within the global economic system.
INTR33020	International Politics and Geo-strategy of Eurasia	20/10	3	Full Year	This module aims to investigate the politics and geopolitics of Eurasia in context of both the historical and contemporary world. It seeks give an understanding of the political systems, geopolitics and relations between the countries stretching from the Balkans to Central Asia including Turkey and the Caucasus. This module proposes an area studies approach to the region and will include historical and cultural aspects as well as economics and geostrategy.
INTR33025	Critical Approaches to International Security	20/10	3	Full Year	This module investigates different critical approaches to analysing security dynamics and issues in International Relations. The module aims to: Enable students to reflect on the analytical and ethical assumptions that shape the ways in which security is thought about and practiced in contemporary global politics. Challenge students to think critically about how security functions in global politics. Explore the key concepts of critical security studies (security, identity and representation), and looks at a variety of critical perspectives on security (including the 'Welsh School', poststructuralist and feminist approaches). These insights are then examined in light of contemporary security issues (including war, intervention, WMD, human rights, poverty and religion).
INTR33030	Emerging Powers of Asia	20/10	3	Full Year	The module adopts a regional-based approach and focuses on the range of challenges to international relations that have emerged within the continent. In particular, you will examine the ways in which they issues been addressed by state and non-state actors and the reasons why certain threats to international relations within and beyond the region remain seemingly intractable. The key aims of the module are to expand your knowledge and understanding of historical and political relationships in Asia, to encourage you to engage critically in current international relations debates within the continent and to help you explore the development of key regional tensions, interactions and alliances
POLS30022	Politics and International Relations: Dissertation	20/10	3	Full Year	This module provides you with the opportunity to undertake a substantial piece of self-directed ethically approved work on a topic of the students choice with guidance from a supervisor and the dissertation module leader. The topic must be relevant to the study of Politics and International Relations and can be theoretical and/or empirical in nature.

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POLS30051	Power and Politics in the EU	20/10	3	Full Year	The module examines the institutions, the politics and the policy-making process of the European Union and whether transnational governance system compromises or affirms the sovereignty of the Member States. The module examines the EU's uniquely confederal governance arrangements and policy processes, the debate about EU democracy deficits, and the prospect for European citizenship and identity.
POLS30071	Russian Politics & Society	20/10	3	Full Year	To enable students to understand the nature of Russia's political system and to analyse and evaluate the problems associated with Russia's political, economic and social transformation since the collapse of the Soviet Union
POLS30101	Hyperpower Politics: The USA	20/10	3	Full Year	The aim of this module is to examine the politics and government of the USA - a complex and changing western liberal democracy. Students will be introduced to the significant actors and institutions in the political and governmental system of the United States. Their de jure and de facto powers along with their roles and functions will be discussed and critically evaluated in a range of policy areas.
POLS30150	The Politics of Everyday Life	20/10	3	Full Year	The aims of this module are to enable students to develop an understanding of the concept of politics in everyday life utilising a variety of competing theoretical approaches and the case studies including the politics of nature and the politics of consumption.
POLS30160	Transnational Media and Society	20/10	3	Full Year	This module seeks to help students understand the organisation, actions and impact of the media at a transnational level. This will involve looking at the media and how globalisation has changed the way it operates, both politically and sociologically. A range of issues will be examined and analysed including the role of transnational media companies and transnational organisations like the WTO, UNESCO and EU. Individual countries will also be studied to explore the impact of the media in different contexts.
POLS39110	Contemporary Political Thought	20/10	3	Full Year	This core theory module allows students to encounter and engage with the often challenging field of contemporary political theory. The thinkers selected not only require students to involve themselves in some of the key developments and debates in political theory from the 20th and 21st centuries, but also typically demand greater intellectual resources and determination than equivalent modules at level 2. Students who successfully complete the module will be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of a complex and nuanced array of thinkers and ideas that provide insightful and provocative perspectives on contemporary politics.
POLS39125	Feminist Theory	20/10	3	Full Year	This module will provide students with first-hand encounters with primary texts, the ability and skills to apply political theory to real life and the ability to understand and compare key a range of feminist theories. It aims to introduce some of the main branches of feminist thought and core themes in contemporary feminism and incorporate feminist perspectives in political and international thought.