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**HISTORY,  
ANTHROPOLOGY,  
PHILOSOPHY  
AND POLITICS  
UNDERGRADUATE  
PROGRAMMES  
2025 ENTRY**

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# WELCOME

Welcome to the School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics.

We are a vibrant interdisciplinary community bringing together over 80 scholars working on a wide range of issues including the study of peace and conflict transformation, terrorism and security, ethnomusicology, public history, ethics, gender, cultural and cognitive anthropology, political theory, European history and politics, and Irish, US, African and Chinese history.

Students have the opportunity to pursue taught or research degrees in disciplinary focused or interdisciplinary areas. The School has over 1,000 undergraduate, 190 postgraduate taught and 80 research students across our degree programmes.

The School offers a supportive student learning environment with a priority given to small group teaching. The aim throughout is on a rich learning experience with an emphasis on critical thinking, research skills, analysis, interpretation and personal development. Students are also encouraged to develop their writing and oral presentation, research skills, analysis and interpretation. Opportunities to pursue international study experiences while at Queen's are encouraged by the School.

Students will be taught by world-leading experts in their areas of interest who bring their knowledge and passion for their areas of research into classroom discussions. With high quality teaching and opportunities for student placements and student-led research, our students acquire a wide range of core skills and conceptual and practical training that are valued by major employers, professional organisations and academic institutions.

Guided by our academic staff, we encourage our students to engage with some of the major issues affecting society today. These include how we understand and commemorate our past; how the past is put to work in the public sphere; the impact of Brexit in Ireland and the UK; the relationship between gender and democracy; the applied ethics of children, the family, healthcare and the state; the politics of migration and borders; and the politics and security of the state and international system.



**QUEEN'S IS A MEMBER OF THE RUSSELL GROUP OF THE UK'S 24 LEADING RESEARCH-INTENSIVE UNIVERSITIES**



**QUEEN'S IS RANKED 15TH IN THE UK FOR GRADUATE PROSPECTS**  
(TIMES AND SUNDAY TIMES GOOD UNIVERSITY GUIDE 2023)



**QUEEN'S IS THE 9TH OLDEST UNIVERSITY IN THE UK**  
(COMPLETE UNIVERSITY GUIDE 2023)



**QUEEN'S IS RANKED IN TOP 200 IN THE WORLD FOR POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**  
(QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2023)



**ONE OF THE LARGEST POLITICS DEPARTMENTS IN THE UK AND IRELAND**



**QUEEN'S IS RANKED IN TOP 200 IN THE WORLD FOR HISTORY**  
(QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2023)

# ANTHROPOLOGY

Anthropology is the study of human diversity around the world. Students will learn how different societies live together and think about such topics as family, sex, religion, art, and economics and gain skills increasingly in demand in a globalised and automated world.

Through classroom modules, optional placements, performance ensembles and their own anthropological fieldwork, students will also gain valuable skills in critical thinking, cross-cultural understanding, researching, interviewing, writing and presenting.

## COURSE CONTENT

The BA in Anthropology is constructed around four innovative, engaged themes:

### 1. What Makes Us Human?

Modules may include: Being Human: Evolution, Culture and Society; World on the Move; How Society Works.

### 2. Conflict, Peacebuilding and Identity

Modules may include: Us & Them: Why We Have Ingroups and Outgroups; Why Are Humans Violent? Understanding Violence, Conflict, and Trauma; Migration, Mobilities and Borders.

### 3. Arts, Creativity and Music

Modules may include: Being Creative: Music, Media and the Arts; Radical Musics: Understanding Sounds of Defiance across Disciplines.

### 4. Morality, Religion and Cognition

Modules may include: Apocalypse!: The End of the World; In Gods We Trust: The New Science of Religion; Human Morality; Love, Hate, and Beyond.

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## WHY QUEEN'S?

Anthropology combines an understanding of cultural diversity through human behaviour and expression, with a hands-on method of study that focuses on lived experience. Queen's offers the only anthropology course in the UK that combines the study of expressivity (through art and music) with thematic strands on conflict, religion, cognition, and business anthropology.

## Global Opportunities

As part of their dissertation study in years 2 and 3, students have carried out ethnographic field research around the world, including on orphanages in Kenya, AIDS in southern Africa, education in Ghana, dance in India, NGOs in Guatemala, music in China, marriage in Japan, backpacking in Europe, and whale-watching in Hawaii.

Students have the opportunity to use practice-based research skills during eight weeks of ethnographic fieldwork in areas of their specialisation, which can entail working with organisations around the globe.

## World-Class Facilities

The Performance Room includes a variety of musical instruments from around the world, a collection that has grown since the 1970s when Ethnomusicology was first established as an International Centre at Queen's by the late Professor John Blacking. These instruments, together with the sprung Performance Room floor, facilitate music and dance ensembles, enabling our unit to remain one of the leading departments in Ethnomusicology.

## Internationally Renowned Experts

Students can also work with world-class institutions including; Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice; The Institute of Cognition and Culture; The Institute of Irish Studies; Two International Summer Schools including the Irish Studies Summer School; and the Conflict Transformation and Social Justice Summer School.

Anthropology at Queen's has international renown in the following areas:

## BA Single Honours

Anthropology 3 yrs (L600)

## BA Joint Honours

Anthropology and Archaeology 3 yrs (LV64)

Anthropology and English 3 yrs (QL36)

Anthropology and French 4 yrs (RL16)

Anthropology and History 3 yrs (VL16)

Anthropology and Irish 3 yrs (QL56)

Anthropology and Spanish 4 yrs (LR64)

Anthropology and International Relations 3 yrs (LL6F)

Anthropology and Philosophy 3 yrs (LV65)

Anthropology and Politics 3 yrs (LL62)

## Entrance Requirements

A-level:

ABB

All applicants:

There are no specific subject requirements to study Anthropology. However, if you plan to study Anthropology as a Joint Honours degree you should refer to the subject requirements for the other course.

**For students whose first language is not English:**

An IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum of 5.5 in each test component or an equivalent acceptable qualification, details of which are available at: [go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs](http://go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs)

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ANTHROPOLOGY -  
100%**

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- Ethnomusicology and performance
- Conflict and borders
- Religion
- Cognition and culture
- Migration and diasporas
- Irish studies
- Material culture and art
- Human-animal relations
- The cross-cultural study of emotions

## Student Experience

10th in the UK for Anthropology Graduate prospects (Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024).

## CAREERS/FURTHER STUDY

Studying for an Anthropology degree at Queen's will assist students in developing the core skills and employment-related experiences that are increasingly valued by employers, professional organisations and academic institutions.

Career pathways typically lead to employment in:

- Development, NGO work, International Policy, Public Sector
- Journalism, Human Rights, Conflict Resolution, Community Work
- Arts Administration, Creative Cultural Industries, Media, Performance, Heritage Policy, Museums, Tourism
- Public and Private Sector related to Religious Negotiation, Peace Building, Multiculturalism, Diversity
- Teaching in schools
- Academic Teaching and Research

Internships will match dissertation students with organisations and institutions relevant to their career paths by building on local and international staff networks and professional connections.

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## CURRENT PLACEMENT PARTNERS INCLUDE:

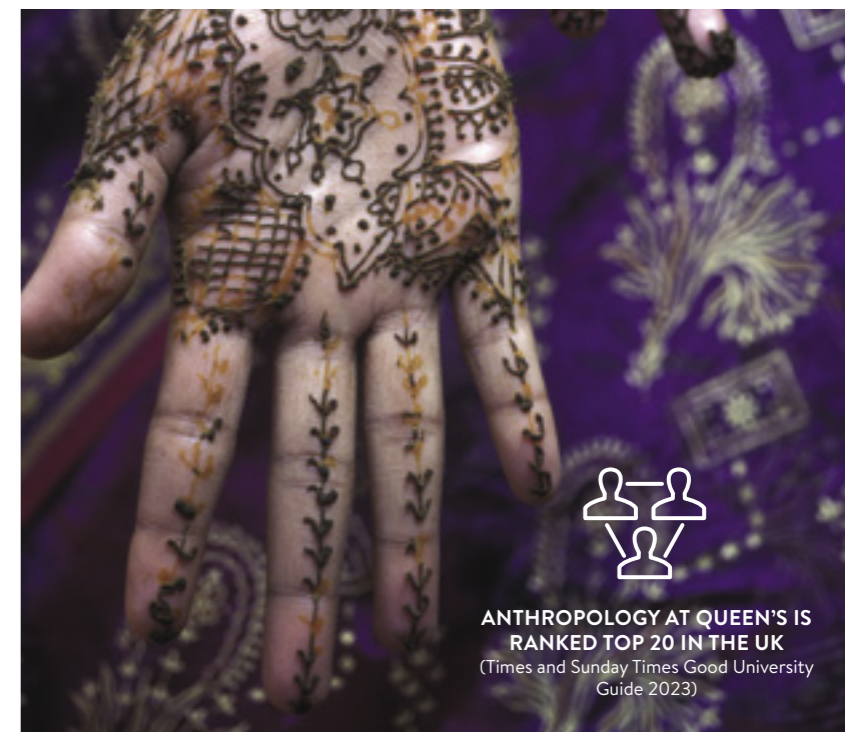
- Operation Wallacea, which works with teams of ecologists, scientists and academics on a variety of bio-geographical projects around the globe.
- Belfast Migration Centre, which offers students of the module 'Migration, Displacement and Diasporas' internship opportunities in their 'Belonging Project'.

## Further Study

Further study is also an option (e.g. MA Anthropology, MA Conflict Transformation and Social Justice); see the School website for details.

“The fieldwork and dissertation have been central to my experience as an Anthropology student. While I am sure it will stand me in good stead in my future search for employment, its central value was as a practice which revealed what Anthropology is really about; through fieldwork, the abstract and theoretical concepts which we had absorbed in two years previous study became immediate and concrete; the subject came alive. Observing and analysing patterns of human action and thought, and later attempting to relay any inferred information (in the form of a dissertation) was a stimulating and challenging process, which seemed to me to be of value in and of itself.”

Samuel Ward  
BA Anthropology Graduate



**ANTHROPOLOGY AT QUEEN'S IS  
RANKED TOP 20 IN THE UK**  
(Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023)

# ANTHROPOLOGY AND HISTORY

This mutually enriching joint programme equips students in identifying historical and contemporary patterns of social organisation, ethnic and cultural divisions, varieties of inequality, and patterns of change over time across diverse societies.

Anthropology is the study of human diversity around the world. Students will learn how different societies live together and think about such topics as family, sex, religion, art, and economics and gain skills increasingly in demand in a globalised and automated world.

Issues addressed in Anthropology modules include:

- Does globalisation mean the end of cultural difference?
- Can a post-conflict society heal?
- How do ritual traditions, musical performances, and art shape cultural identities?
- How do some people become willing to die for a group?

Through classroom modules, optional placements, and your own anthropological fieldwork, you will also gain valuable skills in critical thinking, cross-cultural understanding, researching, interviewing, writing, and presenting.

History is vital to understanding the world around us. What is gender, race, class, religion, the state, empire, capitalism? What is the USA, China, the United Kingdom, Ireland? What is NATO and the EU? Our historians explain the modern world by reaching back to the Roman empire, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, the Reformation and the great modern revolutions across all of Europe, North America, Africa, and Asia. From their first year, we trust our students to make choices and range widely across all these histories to understand where we have come from. And from the beginning of your degree, you will be taught in small groups by expert historians. Our range in time and space, our trust in you to explore and make good choices, and our small group teaching from the first year of the degree, mark us out among our peer universities.

BA Joint Honours  
Anthropology and History 3 yrs (VL16)

## Entrance Requirements

A-level:

ABB

All applicants:

There are no specific subject requirements to study Anthropology and History.

For students whose first language is not English:

An IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum of 5.5 in each test component or an equivalent acceptable qualification, details of which are available at: [go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs](http://go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs)

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## COURSE CONTENT

The Joint Honours Anthropology and History degree comprises compulsory modules together with optional modules. Students will choose three modules from each subject totalling six modules for the year.

### ANTHROPOLOGY

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As part of their dissertation study in years 2 and 3, undergraduate Anthropology students have carried out ethnographic field research around the world.

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### HISTORY

#### Level 1

Modules at Level 1 offer a systematic introduction to the discipline of History, partly by sampling some of the many different approaches that historians take in studying the past, and partly by an exploration of some of the major questions of theory and method with which they are concerned.

#### Level 2

Modules at Level 2 are generally survey modules seeking to convey a sense of the principal events, trends and

developments in a particular country or region over a fairly long time span.

Examples may include:

- The making of contemporary Britain: 1914 to present
- Europe between the Wars, 1919-1939
- Life, Love and Death in England and Ireland, C.1350-1650
- Apocalypse! The end of the World
- The American South, 1619-1865

#### Level 3

Taught modules at Level 3 are more specialised, offering the opportunity to study a short period or a particular theme or problem in detail, working from documents as well as secondary sources.

Examples may include:

- After Slavery: Race and Labour Society and Politics in Belfast, 1780-1914
- The Rise of Christianity
- The Peasants' Revolt 1381
- The Irish Revolution, 1917-1921

At Level 3, students must write an anthropology dissertation and choose one anthropology module along with three history modules. Or if opting for the history dissertation with one history module they will also choose three Anthropology modules.

### WHY QUEEN'S?

#### Internationally Renowned Experts

Anthropology at Queen's has international renown in the following areas: Ethnomusicology and performance; Conflict and borders; Religion; Cognition and culture; Migration and diasporas; Irish studies; Material culture and art; Human-animal relations; The cross-cultural study of emotions.

History at Queen's enjoys a concentration of excellent expertise in Ancient History, the medieval, early modern, and modern history of Britain, Ireland and continental Europe, the history of the American South from the seventeenth century, the history of twentieth-century Africa and China.

#### Global Opportunities

Undergraduate anthropology students, as part of their training, have carried out ethnographic field research around the world. Projects have focused on orphanages in Kenya; AIDS in southern Africa, education in Ghana; dance in India, NGOs in Guatemala, music

in China, marriage in Japan, backpacking in Europe, and whale-watching in Hawaii.

In addition, through the different stages of the dissertation module (preparation and research design, fieldwork itself, and post-fieldwork writing-up), students develop a range of skills (organisational skills, interpersonal skills, information-handling skills, and project management skills) that prepare them for later employment. Many of our students work with NGOs and other organisations as part of their fieldwork.

#### Study Abroad

This joint programme also offers students opportunities to travel and study at universities in Europe and North America. Short-term (two weeks) and longer-term (up to one academic year) exchanges are on offer.

#### Industry Links

A growing number of internship opportunities will match dissertation students with organisations and institutions relevant to their career paths by building on local and international staff networks and professional connections.

#### Professional Opportunities

As part of undergraduate training, students have the opportunity to use practice-based research skills during eight weeks of ethnographic fieldwork in areas of their specialisation, which can entail working with organisations around the globe.

### CAREERS/FURTHER STUDY

#### Skills to enhance employability

Studying for an Anthropology degree at Queen's will assist students in developing the core skills and employment-related experiences that are increasingly valued by employers, professional organisations and academic institutions.

#### Entrance requirements

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## COURSE CONTENT

### Level 1

#### Core modules

- History and Historians
- Exploring History 1
- History and Society
- Exploring History 2

Plus two modules from the optional modules on offer (one per semester)

### Level 2

Students take six modules.

Examples may include:

- Apocalypse! The End of the World
- Europe between the Wars
- The American South, 1619-1865

### Level 3

Dissertation (compulsory)

Plus a choice of four modules.

Examples may include:

- The Ancient City
- The Rise of Christianity
- Kings, Courts, and Cultures in Carolingian Europe
- The Peasants' Revolt, 1381
- Working-Class Communities in the United Kingdom
- The Irish Revolution
- Thatcher's Britain
- The vast catastrophe: The Great Irish Famine

*Note: this is not an exclusive list and these options are subject to staff availability.*

## WHY QUEEN'S?

History is the best way of understanding our world. At Queen's we have a wide-ranging curriculum, that attends to problems like racism traditionally neglected by British and Irish universities.

From Level 1, students will be taught in small groups by real historians and will not be one of 300 in a lecture theatre, coming face-to-face only with PhD students.

Studying at Queen's also means students play an active role in making their own curriculum; we trust students to move through their curriculum and make their own choices.

### Global Opportunities

The History programme offers students opportunities to travel and study at universities in Europe and North America. Short-term (two weeks) and longer-term (up to one academic year) exchanges are on offer.

Examples may include:

- Aarhus Universitet (Denmark)
- College of Charleston (South Carolina, USA)
- George Washington University (Washington DC, USA)
- Institut d'études Politiques de Bordeaux (France)
- University of Oslo (Norway)
- Universiteit Utrecht (Netherlands)
- Vanderbilt University (Nashville, Tennessee, USA)

Field trips are also offered in particular years or as part of certain modules.

### BA Single Honours

History 3 yrs (V140)

### BA Joint Honours

Anthropology and History 3 yrs (VL16)

Archaeology and History 3 yrs (VV41)

English and History 3 yrs (QV31)

French and History 4 yrs (RV11)

History and International Relations 3 yrs (LV21)

History and Irish 3 yrs (QV51)

History and Philosophy 3 yrs (VV1M)

History and Politics 3 yrs (VL12)

History and Sociology 3 yrs (VL13)

History and Spanish 4 yrs (RV41)

## Entrance Requirements

### A-level:

ABB for Single Honours and Joint Honours with Anthropology, English, French, International Relations, Irish, Philosophy, Politics and Spanish. BBB for other options.

### All applicants:

There are no specific subject requirements to study History, however, if you plan to study History as a Joint Honours degree you should refer to the subject requirements for the other course.

### For students whose first language is not English:

An IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum of 5.5 in each test component or an equivalent acceptable qualification, details of which are available at: [go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs](http://go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs)

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(QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2023)

## Internationally Renowned Experts

Students can also work with world-class institutions including: Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice; The Institute of Cognition and Culture; The Institute of Irish Studies.

## CAREERS/FURTHER STUDY

### Close Links with Employers

Several modules include links with local collaborative partners, which provide students with opportunities to network with experts in the field or to gain experience of particular industries prior to graduation.

Internships have also been developed to allow students the opportunity to carry out work experience in history-related fields.

Graduates from the History degree at Queen's are well-regarded by many employers (local, national and international) and over half of all graduate jobs are now open to graduates of any discipline, including History.

Although many of our graduates are interested in pursuing careers in teaching, significant numbers develop careers in a wide range of other sectors. The following is a list of the major career sectors that have attracted our graduates in recent years:

- Accountancy
- Fast-stream Civil Service
- Management consultancy

- Museums, archives and libraries
- Performing arts
- Public relations
- Publishing and media
- Teaching
- Voluntary sector/charities

### Further Study

Many others go onto further study, not only in History MAs, but also MSc Management, MSc Software Development, PGCE History, PCGE Primary, MA Legal Science, MA Legislative Studies and Practice, MSc Dating and Chronology, and MA International Relations.

Further study is also an option; information on Master's programmes and research topics are available from the School website.

**"I began my professional career as an associate with PricewaterhouseCoopers, specialising in Financial Crime. The transferable skills of my degree have been an extremely important asset to me as an analyst."**

Nicola McFall  
BA and MA History Graduate

**Expert staff offer students a variety of exciting modules with a wide chronological and geographical focus that ensure the development of transferable skills. The History programme also allows students opportunities to engage with industry partners, to carry out public-facing or industry-related work, and to study and travel abroad.**

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# HISTORY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The Joint Honours Programme in History and International Relations provides students with an intellectual training in disciplines that are complementary and mutually enriching. The programme enables students to appreciate how historical events shape modern issues and how such themes are to be understood and explained through insights into political analysis (e.g. political theory, political institutions, international relations). It offers students the opportunity to analyse country-based developments across the globe and pays specific attention to the histories and politics of Africa, Europe and America.

## COURSE CONTENT

The Joint Honours History and International Relations degree comprises compulsory modules together with optional modules. Students will choose three modules from each subject totalling six modules for the year. The modules may include:

### HISTORY

#### Level 1

Modules at Level 1 offer a systematic introduction to the discipline of History, partly by sampling some of the many different approaches that historians take in studying the past, and partly by an exploration of some of the major questions of theory and method with which they are concerned.

#### Level 2

Modules at Level 2 are generally survey modules seeking to convey a sense of the principal events, trends and developments in a particular country or region over a fairly long time span.

Examples may include:

- Apocalypse! The End of the World
- Politics and Society in 20th-Century Ireland
- The American South 1865–1980
- The Expansion of Medieval Europe 1000–1300

#### Level 3

Taught modules at Level 3 are more specialised, offering the opportunity to study a short period or a particular theme or problem in detail, working from documents as well as secondary sources.

Examples may include:

- The Second World War in Europe
- The Peasants' Revolt 1381
- The Long Sexual Revolution in Western Europe
- The Soviet Union, 1921 – 1991
- The Ancient City

Students can also write a dissertation in either History or International Relations and/or take a work experience module.

The dissertation can be based on an individually assigned research topic chosen in consultation with a supervisor.

Some modules, especially surveys, use lectures and tutorials; others are taught through seminars, in which students are expected to come prepared to fully engage in and sometimes lead group discussions. There is also increasing use of remote learning.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

### Level 1

Students are introduced to the study of politics, political ideology, comparative politics, the state-of-world politics, international history and contemporary Europe.

### Level 2

In their second year, students focus on the political, economic and social transformations of the 20th century and beyond, and will be able to advance their conceptual understanding of the field of international relations and conflict by studying modules such as:

## BA Joint Honours

History and International Relations  
3 yrs (LV21)

### Entrance Requirements

A-level:

ABB

All applicants:

There are no specific subject requirements to study History and International Relations.

For students whose first language is not English:

An IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum of 5.5 in each test component or an equivalent acceptable qualification, details of which are available at: [go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs](http://go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs)

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- American Politics
- Deeply Divided Societies
- International Organisations
- International Relations
- Politics and Policies of the EU
- Security and Terrorism

### Level 3

In the final year, students can select more specific areas and specialist-based modules on, for example, immigration, the Far Right, political extremism, politics of the global economy, and modules on identity politics, international ethics, war and visual culture, conflict and conflict resolution.

### Dissertation

In their final year, students can opt to write a dissertation based on a research topic of their choice and under one-to-one supervision by an academic with specialist knowledge in the chosen field.

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## WHY QUEEN'S?

### Alumni

Various serving politicians have studied in the School, including Ian Paisley Jr (MP), Green Party leader, Stephen Agnew, and ministers in the Northern Ireland Executive.

### Global Opportunities

The History programme allows students opportunities to engage with industry partners, to carry out public-facing or industry-related work, and to study and travel abroad.

Students have the opportunity to travel and study at universities in Europe and North America. Short-term (two weeks) and longer-term (up to one academic year) exchanges are on offer.

The School also has links with Queen's University's Global Research Centre and The Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice. Many of the School's staff are Fellows in the Mitchell Institute, where they work in collaboration with experts in peace and conflict studies from other disciplines such as law, sociology, and the creative arts.



### Industry Links

The School offers a range of employment placements where students can gain real world work experience which is invaluable in terms of employment after graduation.

Student placements are available in some of the high profile institutions on our doorstep. For example, in the Department of Justice, Equality Commission, Police Ombudsman Office, or BBC Northern Ireland.

### Student Experience

Our uniquely supportive pastoral care/personal tutor system is equalled only by the academic guidance available. Our vibrant Politics (Polysoc) and History Societies provide a welcome and stimulating environment for new students.

Year after year, our History students indicate in the NSS that they are more than 90% satisfied by their teaching.

### Internationally Renowned Experts

The School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics at Queen's has 30 full-time academics at the cutting-edge of research and publication, making it the largest institutional centre for the study of these subjects in Ireland and one of the largest in the UK.

The School also boasts the following:

- Centre for Public History
- Institute of Cognition and Culture
- Institute of Irish Studies
- Two International Summer Schools (the Irish Studies Summer School; and the Conflict Transformation and Social Justice Summer School)

## CAREERS/FURTHER STUDY

### Skills to Enhance Employability

Graduates from this degree at Queen's are well regarded by local, national and international employers and over half of all graduate jobs are now open to graduates of any discipline, including History and International Relations.

We regularly consult and develop links with a large number of employers, including NI government departments and the North/South Ministerial Council, who provide sponsorship for our internships.

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# HISTORY AND POLITICS

This programme provides students with an intellectual training in the mutually enriching disciplines of History and Politics. A key premise of the programme is that understanding the present and anticipating the future requires the ability to study and interpret the past and to appreciate how the insights of political theory and the tools of historical inquiry combine to illuminate political developments, including those in the contemporary world. History is concerned with understanding the world around us by analysing how it has developed over time. Politics is concerned with promoting understanding of, and engagement with, Politics, its specific concepts, issues and vocabulary.

## COURSE CONTENT

The Joint Honours History and Politics degree comprises compulsory modules together with optional modules. Students will choose three modules from each subject totalling six modules for the year.

### HISTORY

#### Level 1

Modules at Level 1 offer a systematic introduction to the discipline of History, partly by sampling some of the many different approaches that historians take in studying the past, and partly by an exploration of some of the major questions of theory and method with which they are concerned.

#### Level 2

Modules at Level 2 are generally survey modules seeking to convey a sense of the principal events, trends and developments in a particular country or region over a fairly long time span.

Examples may include:

- Alexander the Great
- Europe Between the Wars
- Nineteenth-Century Ireland
- The American South, 1619-1865

#### Level 3

Taught modules at Level 3 are more specialised, offering the opportunity to study a short period or a particular theme or problem in detail, working from documents as well as secondary sources.

Examples may include:

- The Rise of Christianity
- The Peasants' Revolt 1381
- Presbyterians in Ulster, 1690-1840
- The Irish Revolution
- Thatcher's Britain

In addition, Joint Honours students at Level 3 complete a double module dissertation based on an individually assigned research topic chosen in consultation with a supervisor.

### POLITICS

#### Level 1 modules

- Comparative Politics
- Contemporary Europe
- Issues in Contemporary Politics
- Perspectives on Politics
- World Politics: Conflict and Peace

#### Level 2 modules

In their second year, students focus on the political, economic and social transformations of the 20th century and beyond, and will be able to advance their conceptual understanding of the field of international relations and conflict by studying modules such as:

- American Politics
- British Politics in Crisis?
- Deeply Divided Societies
- Politics and Policies of the EU
- Security and Technology

#### Level 3

In the final year, students can select more specific areas and specialist-based modules on, for example, the Middle East, US Foreign Policy, Migration, the Far Right, Political Extremism, Politics of the

## BA Joint Honours

History and Politics 3 yrs (VL12)

### Entrance Requirements

A-level:

ABB

All applicants:

There are no specific subject requirements to study History and Politics.

For students whose first language is not English:

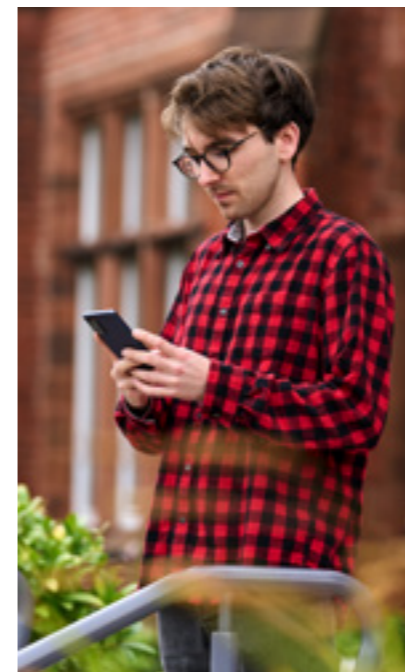
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Stewart Cherry  
BA History and Politics Graduate



Global Economy, and modules on Identity Politics, International Ethics, War and Visual Culture, Conflict and Conflict Resolution.

*Note: this is not an exclusive list and these options are subject to staff availability.*

### WHY QUEEN'S?

#### Global Opportunities

Study Abroad: This programme offers students opportunities to travel and study at universities in Europe and North America. Short-term (two weeks) and longer-term (up to one academic year).

#### Industry Links

Internships have been developed to allow students the opportunity to carry out work experience in history-related fields. Students in their final year have an opportunity to go on a placement with a local organisation to gain direct experience of policy-making and political decision-making.

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### Student Experience

Our uniquely supportive pastoral care/personal tutor system is equalled only by the academic guidance available. Our vibrant Politics Society (Polyso) and History Society provide a welcome and stimulating environment for new students.

### CAREERS/FURTHER STUDY

#### Skills to Enhance Employability

Studying for a degree in History and Politics at Queen's will assist students in developing the core skills and employment-related experiences that are valued by employers, professional organisations and academic institutions. Graduates from this degree at Queen's are well regarded by employers and over half of all graduate jobs are now open to graduates of any discipline, including History and Politics.

#### Close Links with Employers

The School offers a range of employment placements where students can gain real-world work experience which is invaluable in terms of employment after graduation. Given that Belfast is a regional capital with devolved powers, we can offer students placements in the high profile political and related institutions on our doorstep – for example in the Department of Justice, Equality Commission, Police Ombudsman's Office, or BBC Northern Ireland.

#### Further Study

For those wishing to pursue further study after their first degree, the School provides a range of MA programmes, each of which can be taken either full-time (one year) or part-time (two years).

There are also opportunities to do an MPhil or PhD by thesis; see the School website for information.

# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CONFLICT STUDIES

The programme in International Relations and Conflict provides students with an in-depth, interdisciplinary understanding of contemporary politics, international affairs and conflict situations in their political, historical, cultural, economic and legal dimensions. Dedicated modules introduce students to core concepts and debates in International Relations and the study of conflict, as well as to the particular European experience of regional integration. Students will acquire familiarity with the experiences of differing national politics and societies, facilitating the development of culturally sensitive cross-national comparisons.

## COURSE CONTENT

### Level 1

Students are introduced to the study of politics, political ideology, comparative politics, the state of world politics, international history and contemporary Europe.

### Level 2

In their second year, students focus on the political, economic and social transformations of the 20th century and beyond, and will be able to advance their conceptual understanding of the field of international relations and conflict by studying modules such as:

- International Relations
- Security and Terrorism
- Deeply Divided Societies
- Politics and Policies of the EU
- International Organisations
- Peace and Conflict Studies
- Identity Politics in Diverse Societies

### Level 3

In the final year, students can select more specific areas and specialist-based modules on, for example, the Middle East, US Foreign Policy, migration, the Far Right, Political Extremism, Politics of the Global Economy, and modules on Identity Politics, International Ethics, War and Visual Culture, Conflict and Conflict Resolution.

Dissertations: in their final year, students can write a dissertation based on a research topic of their choice and under one-to-one supervision by an academic with specialist knowledge in the chosen field.

*Note: this is not an exclusive list and these options are subject to staff availability.*

## WHY QUEEN'S?

### Internationally Renowned Experts

- Professor David Phinnemore is an expert on EU Treaty reform and EU enlargement, which led to his secondment as an advisor to the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office.
- Professor John Garry is an internationally recognised expert in the areas of citizens' political attitudes and voting behaviour. His research has informed governments both in Belfast and Dublin on offering ordinary citizens the chance to have greater input on policymaking.

### Student Experience

Our vibrant Politics Society (Polysoc) provides a welcome and stimulating environment for new students.

### Diversity of Students

We have students from around the UK, Ireland, Europe and the wider world, ensuring a rich mix of students with different experiences and backgrounds.

### BA Single Honours

International Relations and Conflict 3 yrs (L253)

### BA Joint Honours

Anthropology and International Relations 3 yrs (LL6F)

French and International Relations 4 yrs (RLC2)

History and International Relations 3 yrs (LV21)

International Relations and Irish 3 yrs (LQF5)

International Relations and Politics 3 yrs (L290)

International Relations and Spanish 4 yrs (LRF4)

**Note:** for Joint Honours options the title of this degree is 'International Relations'.

## Entrance Requirements

A-level:

ABB

All applicants:

There are no specific subject requirements to study International Relations and Conflict, however, if you plan to study International Relations as a Joint Honours degree you should refer to the subject requirements for the other course.

**For students whose first language is not English:**

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## World-Class Facilities

- The Senator George J Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice
- Institute of Cognition and Culture
- Institute of Irish Studies

## CAREERS/FURTHER STUDY

### Skills to Enhance Employability

Graduates from this degree at Queen's are well regarded by local, national and international employers and over half of all graduate jobs are now open to graduates of any discipline, including International Relations and Conflict. Although the majority of our graduates are interested in pursuing careers in the public and voluntary/community sectors, significant numbers develop careers in the private sector, working in industries from management consultancy to law and journalism.

### Close Links with Employers

We regularly consult and develop links with a large number of employers, including NI government departments and the North/South Ministerial Council, who provide sponsorship for our internships.

In addition, the School offers a range of employment placements where students can gain real-world work experience which is invaluable in terms of employment after graduation. Given that Belfast is a regional capital with devolved powers, we can offer students placements in the high profile political and related institutions on our doorstep – for example in the Department of Justice, Equality Commission, Police Ombudsman's Office, or BBC Northern Ireland.

### Further Study

Many students progress to further study and can choose from a wide range of

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Master's and research programmes; see the School website for further information.

**"I loved the scope of my course – we covered political theory, media in conflict, Palestine, the Middle East, USA, gender, class, social policy and much more. We really got a chance to specialise and decide what we wanted to focus on."**

Amy Keegan  
BA International Relations and Conflict Graduate

**Various serving politicians, MPs and MLAs, have studied at the School including Ian Paisley junior MP, Stephen Farry MP, and Conor Murphy MLA.**



# PHILOSOPHY

During the degree, students will learn about cutting-edge debates in core areas of philosophy such as ethics, metaphysics, theory of knowledge and political philosophy, as well as studying some of the key thinkers in the history of philosophy, such as Plato, Aristotle, Descartes, Hume, Mill and Marx. Students will also develop their skills in reasoning and argumentation by studying formal logic and critical thinking.

## COURSE CONTENT

The degree programme does not presuppose any prior training in Philosophy and can profitably be taken by those who have studied the subject at school – as well as those who have not.

### Level 1

Students choose six modules from a range of introductory modules including the following:

- Introductory Logic
- Perspectives on Politics
- Philosophy and Human Nature
- Philosophy and the Good Life

### Level 2

Students choose six modules that explore the wide range of major debates and inquiry in Philosophy, exploring questions that range from how to understand the mind, to how 'reality' might be understood, to key political theories about how we live as a society. Examples may include:

- History of Philosophy
- Knowledge and Reality
- Mind and Language
- Modern Political Thought
- Moral Theories
- Philosophy of Science

### Level 3

In the final year, students focus on particular areas of specialisation that build on their studies in years 1 and 2. Students will write a dissertation (double-weighted) and choose four modules. Examples of options include:

- Applied Ethics
- Contemporary Critical Theory
- Philosophical Theology
- Philosophy for Children
- Issues in the Philosophy of Science
- Topics in Epistemology
- Dissertation

*Note: this is not an exclusive list and these options are subject to staff availability.*

## WHY QUEEN'S?

### Global Opportunities

Students have the opportunity to spend part of the course studying in other European universities through our Study Abroad programme, and also in the USA.

### Internationally Renowned Experts

Queen's Philosophy department has particular strengths in analytic philosophy. Our Faculty work on cutting-edge topics in applied ethics and political philosophy. We have an international reputation for our research in the philosophy of religion, epistemology, and the philosophy of science.

### Internationally Renowned Experts

Students can also work with world-class institutions including: Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice; The Institute of Cognition and Culture; The Institute of Irish Studies.

### Student Experience

Philosophy at Queen's is a small unit, providing individualised teaching. Students receive personal attention from dedicated staff across all taught modules.

There is an active, student-run Philosophy Society and the department is also the home of the Belfast branch of the Royal Institute of Philosophy, which organises regular talks and seminars by distinguished visiting philosophers.

## CAREERS/FURTHER STUDY

### Skills to Enhance Employability

Queen's takes the employability of its students very seriously. Tailored careers advice and study guidance are available to all students throughout their time at Queen's.

### BA Single Honours

Philosophy 3 yrs (V500)

### BA Joint Honours

Anthropology and Philosophy 3 yrs (LV65)

English and Philosophy 3 yrs (QV35)

History and Philosophy 3 yrs (VV1M)

Philosophy and Politics 3 yrs (VLM2)

## Entrance Requirements

### A-level:

ABB

### All applicants:

There are no specific subject requirements to study Philosophy, however, if you plan to study Philosophy as a Joint Honours degree you should refer to the subject requirements for the other course.

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## Close Links with Employers

The School has an active Employers' Forum that is used to forge links with national and international employers. Queen's philosophy graduates go on to an unlimited range of occupations in the public and private sectors, including the Civil Service, local government, the media, policy analysis, the voluntary sector, teaching, journalism, business, marketing and advertising. Career destinations of our students have included the BBC, the Diplomatic Service, the NHS, International House, RPS Belfast and the Belfast Education and Library Board.

## Further Study

For those wishing to pursue further study after their first degree, the School provides MPhil Master of Philosophy and PhD Doctor of Philosophy options; see the School website for further information.

**“To anyone considering studying Philosophy at Queen's I would wholeheartedly recommend it. Having the opportunity to study with lecturers who are not only respected in their field but also enthusiastic about teaching really does make for a fantastic and rewarding experience. The whole Faculty has a unique atmosphere where both students and staff have a genuine passion for the subject which makes for a great university experience. If you're on the fence at all, bite the bullet and go for it!”**

Craig Henderson  
BA Philosophy Graduate

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# PHILOSOPHY AND POLITICS

This programme is designed to provide students with an intellectual training in the disciplines of Philosophy and Politics which, while discrete subjects, are complementary and mutually enriching. The combination of Philosophy and Politics allows for the development of an in-depth appreciation of the ideas that help to explain the foundations of the modern world, democracy and political stability.

## COURSE CONTENT

### PHILOSOPHY

The degree programme does not presuppose any prior training in Philosophy and can profitably be taken by those who have studied the subject at school – as well as those who have not.

#### Level 1

Students choose six modules from a range of introductory modules including the following:

- Introductory Logic
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- Modern Political Thought
- Moral Theories
- Philosophy of Science

#### Level 3

In the final year, students focus on particular areas of specialisation that build on their studies in years 1 and 2. Students will write a dissertation (double-weighted) and choose four modules. Examples of options include:

- Applied Ethics
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- Philosophical Theology
- Philosophy for Children
- Issues in the Philosophy of Science
- Topics in Epistemology
- Dissertation

### POLITICS

Students who intend to study Politics at Levels 2 and 3 must choose introductory modules available in the first year.

#### Level 1

- Comparative Politics
- Contemporary Europe
- Introduction to Politics
- Perspectives on Politics

#### Level 2

In their second year, students focus on the political, economic and social transformations of the 20th century and beyond, and will be able to advance their conceptual understanding of the field of politics and international relations by studying modules such as:

- American Politics
- British Politics In Crisis?
- International Organisations
- Modern Political Thought
- Politics and Policies of the European Union
- Security and Terrorism
- Studying Politics
- The Politics of Deeply Divided Societies
- Identity Politics in Diverse Societies

### BA Joint Honours

Philosophy and Politics 3 yrs (VLM2)

### Entrance Requirements

A-level:

ABB

#### All applicants:

There are no specific subject requirements to study Philosophy and Politics.

#### For students whose first language is not English:

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### Level 3

In the final year, students can select more specific areas and specialist-based modules on, for example, the Middle East, US foreign policy, migration, the Far Right, political extremism, politics of the global economy, and modules on identity politics, international ethics, war and visual culture, conflict and conflict resolution.

- Arms Control
- Asylum and Migration in Global Politics
- Contemporary Political Philosophy
- Global Political Economy of Energy
- Politics of the Global Economy
- European Cultural Identities
- National and Ethnic Minorities in European Politics
- Northern Ireland: A Case Study
- Political Parties and Elections in Northern Ireland
- Challenges to Contemporary Party Politics
- Politics, Public Administration and Policymaking
- Security and Technology
- The Far Right in Western Europe and North America
- The Politics of Irish Literature
- Earth, Energy, Ethics and Economy
- Radical Hope: Inspiring Present-day Sustainability Transformations
- Internship
- The Placement
- Dissertation

*Note: that this is not an exclusive list and these options are subject to staff availability.*



### WHY QUEEN'S?

#### Global Opportunities

Queen's students, uniquely in the UK, still have the opportunity to spend part of the course studying in other European universities, through our Study Abroad programme. There are also opportunities to study at partner institutions in the USA and Canada.

#### Internationally Renowned Experts

Research-led teaching: cutting-edge research drives our externally commended teaching; Philosophy and Politics at Queen's were both ranked joint 1st in the UK for Research Intensity in their respective disciplines (Complete University Guide 2022).

Our Philosophy department offers expertise in continental and analytical philosophy, logic, philosophy of science, and moral and political philosophy while we have one of the largest politics departments in the UK and Ireland.

#### Student Experience

Support: our uniquely supportive pastoral care/personal tutor system is equalled only by the academic guidance available.

Societies: We have active student societies for both Politics and Philosophy in the School. Our vibrant Politics Society (Polysoc) provides a welcome and stimulating environment for new students.

We are home to the Belfast branch of the Royal Institute of Philosophy, which organises regular talks and seminars by distinguished visiting philosophers.

#### Industry Links

Internship: students in their final year have the opportunity to secure a semester-long internship, giving them hands-on experience of political issues and policymaking.

Placement: students have the opportunity in their final year to undertake a part-time placement within a local organisation to gain direct experience of policy-making and political decision-making.

### CAREERS/FURTHER STUDY

A degree in Politics and Philosophy provides a stimulating programme of study and intellectual training useful in many walks of life and future career paths. Graduates are equipped with the necessary attributes for graduate employment or postgraduate education and training, and are able to make a difference in whatever future career they choose.

#### Close Links with Employers

The School has an active Employers' Forum that is used to forge links with national and international employers. Graduates go on to an unlimited range of occupations in the public and private sectors – career destinations of our students have included the BBC, the Diplomatic Service, the NHS, International House, Civil Service and major banks.

#### Further Study

For those wishing to pursue further study after their first degree, the School provides a range of MA programmes, each of which can be taken either full-time (one year) or part-time (two years). There are also opportunities to do an MPhil or PhD by thesis; see the School website for information.

**“The important and fascinating ongoing research at Queen's affected every part of my course experience. The course content was relevant, stimulating and taught passionately.”**

Elizabeth-Jayne Lambley  
BA Philosophy and Politics Graduate

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# POLITICS

The academic study of politics is concerned with the sources of conflict, co-operation, power and decision-making within and between societies, how differences are expressed through ideology and organisation, and how, if at all, disagreements and problems are resolved.

Students will develop an in-depth understanding of politics, political theory, how states are governed, and the place of citizens in politics.

Politics is a very dynamic subject area, and Queen's politics students study such topical issues as environmental politics, Brexit, democratic reforms (such as Citizens' Assemblies and other democratic innovations), migration, citizenship, conflict, and security.

## COURSE CONTENT

The degree programme does not presuppose any prior training in politics and can profitably be taken by those who have studied the subject at school – as well as those who have not.

### Level 1

Students will choose six modules from a range of introductory modules, including the following:

- Comparative Politics
- Contemporary Europe
- Introduction to Politics
- Perspectives on Politics
- World Politics

### Level 2

Students will take two modules that will provide them with a solid grounding in political theory (Modern Political Thought) and research methods (Studying Politics), along with four optional modules, including:

- American Politics
- British Politics in Crisis?
- Irish Politics
- International Organisations
- Politics and Policies of the European Union
- Security and Terrorism
- International Relations
- The Politics of Deeply Divided Societies
- Apocalypse! The End of the World and paths to Peace
- Identity Politics in Diverse Societies
- Theory Counts

### Level 3

Students have a range of options in year 3 including incorporating a placement, internship or dissertation.

Some of the modules available are:

- Arms Control
- Asylum and Migration in Global Politics
- Contemporary Political Philosophy
- Global Political Economy of Energy
- Politics of the Global Economy
- European Cultural Identities
- National and Ethnic Minorities in European Politics
- Northern Ireland: A Case Study
- Political Parties and Elections in Northern Ireland
- Challenges to Contemporary Party Politics
- Politics, Public Administration and Policymaking
- Security and Technology
- The Far Right in Western Europe and North America
- The Politics of Irish Literature
- Earth, Energy, Ethics and Economy
- Radical Hope: Inspiring Present-day Sustainability Transformations
- Social Identity
- Modelling the Social World
- Internship
- The Placement
- Dissertation

*Note: this is not an exclusive list and these options are subject to staff availability.*

Dissertation: in their final year, students can opt to write a dissertation based on a

### BA Single Honours

Politics 3 yrs (L200)

### BA Joint Honours

Anthropology and Politics 3 yrs (LL62)

English and Politics 3 yrs (QL32)

French and Politics 4 yrs (RL12)

History and Politics 3 yrs (VL12)

International Relations and Politics 3 yrs (L290)

Irish and Politics 3 yrs (QL52)

Philosophy and Politics 3 yrs (VLM2)

Politics and Spanish 4 yrs (LR24)

### LLB Honours

Law with Politics 3 yrs (M1L2)

## Entrance Requirements

### A-level:

ABB

### All applicants:

There are no specific subject requirements to study Politics, however, if you plan to study Politics as a Joint Honours degree or with Law you should refer to the subject requirements for the other course.

### For students whose first language is not English:

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### Global Opportunities

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### Industry Links

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### Research-led Teaching

With over 30 staff at the cutting-edge of research and publication, the Politics department at Queen's is the largest in Ireland and one of the largest in the UK, with specialisms in Irish and British politics, political theory, sustainable development, the politics of film and literature, gender, democratic innovations, European Union politics, ethnic conflict, and international relations.

### World-class Centres

Students have access to world-class institutions such as:

- The Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice
- Institute of Cognition and Culture
- Institute of Irish Studies

### Student Experience

Northern Ireland's post-conflict society offers a globally significant location for studying key political themes. Our uniquely supportive pastoral care/personal tutor system is equalled only by the academic guidance available. Our vibrant Politics Society (Polysoc) provides a welcome and stimulating environment for new students.

## CAREERS/FURTHER STUDY

### Skills to Enhance Employability

Studying for a Politics degree at Queen's will assist students in developing the core skills and employment-related experiences that are valued by employers and academic institutions.

Internship: students in their final year have the opportunity to secure a semester-long internship, giving them hands-on experience of political issues and policymaking.

Placement: unique to the BA Politics programme is the opportunity in the final year to undertake a part-time placement within a local organisation to gain direct experience of policy-making and political decision-making.

Graduates in Politics enter careers in areas such as marketing, journalism, broadcasting, education, the Civil Service, equal opportunities, banking, business, public relations, local government, and even politics itself.

### Further Study

For those wishing to pursue further study after their first degree, the School provides a range of MA programmes, each of which can be taken either full-time (one year) or part-time (two years).

There are also opportunities to do an MA in Politics and an MPhil or PhD by thesis; see the School website for information.

**"I chose Queen's because the wide choice of modules essentially allows me to build my own degree. I enjoy the way we are taught through lectures and tutorials where we are given an overview of a topic, able to research more for ourselves, and then debate with our peers in tutorial sessions. The School is very open to the input of students and I enjoy the level of student engagement through societies and student-staff consultative committees."**

Jessica Simonds  
BA Politics Graduate

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# POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS

The Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE) degree is based on the view that, to understand public phenomena, one must approach them from several disciplinary directions. This degree illuminates how these three areas complement one another:

- Politics acquaints students with the institutions and processes that produce decisions governing our lives
- Philosophy develops analytical rigour, the ability to reason logically, critically and ethically
- Economics helps in understanding government policy and the choices facing businesses, governments and society

## COURSE CONTENT

In order to ensure that students studying on the PPE degree have sufficient grounding in all three subjects, they have a prescribed list of four modules at both Levels 1 and 2 (with two optional modules each year). At Level 3, students have greater flexibility in terms of their module choices, having the option to substitute either a dissertation or internship in place of some of their modules.

### Level 1

Students take:

- Three Economics modules
- One Politics module
- One Philosophy module

And one additional module choice.

### Level 2

Students take three core interdisciplinary modules designed specifically for PPE students to show how politics, philosophy, and economics are deeply intertwined:

- Democracy, Ethics and Economics
- Politics and Economics of the Devolved UK
- Macroeconomic Policy and Performance

And

- Moral Theories
- Or
- History of Philosophy

And two optional modules from this list:

- Data Analysis and Optimisation
- American Politics
- British Politics in Crisis?
- Studying Politics

- Identity Politics and Diverse Societies
- Managerial Economics
- International Relations
- Modern Political Thought
- Introduction to the Philosophy of Science
- Security and Terrorism
- Irish Politics
- Knowledge and Reality
- Mind and Language

### Level 3

In their final year, students can specialise more, building on their studies in years 1 and 2. Options include six taught modules, or incorporating modules with a placement, an internship or dissertation.

### Modules

The module choices available to PPE students cover a wide range of topics in each of the three subjects. In Economics, modules cover issues such as labour economics, public economics, and economic history. In Philosophy, topics include Philosophical Theology, Applied Ethics and Contemporary Political Philosophy. Politics options include Earth, Energy, Ethics and Economy, Politics of the Global Economy, Challenges to Contemporary Party Politics, Global Political Economy of Energy, Far Right in Western Europe and North America and Asylum and Migration in Global Politics.

*Note: that this is not an exclusive list and these options are subject to staff availability.*

Dissertation: in their final year, students can opt to write a dissertation based on a research topic of their choice and under

## BA Honours

Politics, Philosophy and Economics 3 yrs (LV00)

## Entrance Requirements

A-level:

AAA + GCSE Mathematics grade B/6

For students whose first language is not English:

An IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum of 5.5 in each test component or an equivalent acceptable qualification, details of which are available at: [go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs](http://go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs)

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one-to-one supervision by an academic with specialist knowledge in the chosen field.

## WHY QUEEN'S?

Studying PPE at Queen's has several unique advantages:

- Studying in Belfast, a regional political and economic capital city, allows for one to interact directly with key decision-makers in the area
- Situated on the island of Ireland, the PPE degree at Queen's offers a unique international setting
- Studying PPE in a divided society allows one to explore how these subjects work to shape conflict
- Small class sizes promote the building of close friendships and networks

Although the PPE degree only began at Queen's in 2009, it has already been successful in placing graduates in top positions in business and government. This includes one currently serving minister in the Northern Ireland Executive.

## Placement

Students have the opportunity in the final year to undertake a part-time placement within a local organisation to gain direct experience of policy-making and political decision-making.

## Global Opportunities

Students have study opportunities in other European universities through our Study Abroad programme, and also in the USA and Canada.

## Industry Links

The School offers a range of employment placements where students can gain real-world work experience which is invaluable in terms of employment after graduation. Given that Belfast is a regional capital with devolved powers, we can offer students placements in the high profile political and related institutions on our doorstep – for example in the Department of Justice, Equality Commission, Police Ombudsman's Office, or BBC Northern Ireland.

## Student Experience

Our uniquely supportive pastoral care/personal tutor system is equalled only by the academic guidance available. Our vibrant PPE Society provides a welcome and stimulating environment for new students. We have students from around the UK, Ireland, Europe and the wider world, ensuring a rich mix of students with different experiences and backgrounds.

## Research Methods

Students will develop core skills in analytical research methods necessary for analysing political and economic data.

## CAREERS/FURTHER STUDY

A PPE degree provides a stimulating programme of study and intellectual training useful in many walks of life and future career paths. Graduates are equipped with the necessary attributes for graduate employment or postgraduate education and training, and are able to make a difference in whatever future career they choose. PPE graduates from Queen's have moved into areas such as further postgraduate study (internationally and in Britain and Ireland), teacher training, journalism, broadcasting, banking, consultancy, the civil service, and politics. Recent graduates have gone on to work for employers such as the Bank of England, major companies like PriceWaterhouseCoopers, and major political parties (including an MLA at Stormont).

## Further Study

For those wishing to pursue further study after their first degree, the School provides a range of MA programmes. There are also opportunities to do an MA in Politics and an MPhil or PhD by thesis; see the School website for information.

## Entrance requirements

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## Course information

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“The School is of not too large a size as to be impersonal, and therefore the relationships between the students and with the staff were strong and highly inclusive. The relatively small intake of the PPE programme meant that across all three years there were plenty of opportunities to interact with the other students, and the PPE society always had great socials as well as academic events. Even though I'm now in London I return to Belfast quite often to catch up with friends now working in Northern Ireland or studying at Queen's.”

Ed Livingstone  
BA Politics, Philosophy and Economics Graduate





## A RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITY

As a member of the Russell Group, we are one of the UK's 24 leading universities, providing our students with a world-class education underpinned by world-class research. Queen's researchers work closely with more than 250 universities around the world.

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Our teaching quality is recognised as being of the highest standard. Queen's students are taught by academics who are informed by the latest discoveries in their fields. The University has won five Queen's Anniversary Prizes for Further and Higher Education, for world-class achievement in green chemistry, environmental

research, palaeoecology, law and for Northern Ireland's Comprehensive Cancer Services (CCS) programme. The latest UK Research Excellence Framework 2021 revealed that over 99% of Queen's research environment was assessed as world-leading or internationally excellent, and the University's research strengths are reflected in the quality of our teaching.

## WORLD-CLASS CAMPUS

Queen's has one of the most modern campuses in the UK, including the award winning McClay Library, one of the finest libraries in the world and home to 1.2 million volumes and 2,000 reader places. Other highlights include our new-look Students' Union, the state-of-the-art Physical Education Centre – used as a training camp for the 2012 Olympics. Queen's Elms Student Village or the brand new city centre accommodation (Elms BT1 and Elms BT2) are located within easy walking distance of the University.

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**9TH OLDEST  
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# ABOUT BELFAST AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Belfast is one of Europe's most hip, vibrant and affordable cities, lauded for its energy, and rich in culture and history. The University's stunning campus is within Belfast's Queen's Quarter, with cafés, bars, restaurants, superb shopping and entertainment venues. (Complete University Guide 2022)

- Great entertainment and nights out; a buzzing arts and social scene from festivals, theatre and international events to historic pubs, stylish bars and brilliant shopping.
- The rest of the UK, Ireland and Europe are within easy reach with accessible airport and transport links to most major cities.
- Beautiful scenery and outdoor adventures such as the Giant's Causeway or hiking in the Mourne Mountains.
- Belfast is the safest region in the UK (UK British Crime Surveys 2020/21).
- Northern Ireland is the happiest place to live in the UK (Lloyds Bank Happiness Index 2020).
- Belfast has the lowest cost of living in the UK (Mercer Cost of Living City Ranking 2023).



**BELFAST AND THE CAUSEWAY COAST NAMED THE NUMBER ONE REGION IN THE WORLD TO VISIT**  
(Lonely Planet 2018)



**NORTHERN IRELAND IS THE HAPPIEST PLACE IN THE UK**  
(Lloyds Bank Happiness Index 2020)



**OVER £300 PER MONTH CHEAPER FOR STUDENTS TO LIVE IN BELFAST COMPARED TO LONDON**  
(Which? Student Budget Calculator 2022)



**MOURNE MOUNTAINS**



**'ECLECTIC MURALS, LIVELY MUSIC SCENE AND FRIENDLY COMMUNITY'**  
(Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021)



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