

**DEFINITIVE COURSE RECORD**

Course Title	<b>BA (Hons) Politics and History</b>
Awarding Bodies	<b>University of Suffolk</b>
Level of Award <sup>1</sup>	<b>FHEQ Level 6</b>
Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies Recognition	<b>None</b>
Credit Structure <sup>2</sup>	<b>360 Credits Level 4: 120 Credits Level 5: 120 Credits Level 6: 120 Credits</b>
Mode of Attendance	<b>Full-time and part-time</b>
Standard Length of Course <sup>3</sup>	<b>3 years full-time</b>
Intended Award	<b>BA (Hons) Politics and History</b>
Named Exit Awards	<b>DipHE Politics and History CertHE Politics and History</b>
Entry Requirements <sup>4</sup>	<b>112 UCAS tariff points (or above), BBC (A-Level), DMM (BTEC). Plus GCSE grade A-C including English and Mathematics (or equivalent) or new GCSEs grade 4-9.</b>
Delivering Institution(s)	<b>University of Suffolk</b>
UCAS Code	<b>L290</b>

This definitive record sets out the essential features and characteristics of the BA (Hons) Politics and History course. The information provided is accurate for students entering level 4 in the 2019-20 academic year<sup>5</sup>.

**Course Summary**

Everyday politics at local, national and international level provides the material out of which history comes to be understood. Studying history will allow students to see how past events shape the present world. This is clearly the case in the set of politics and history modules that students will take. The politics and history degree enables students to develop a deep understanding of political ideas and concepts alongside a detailed historical approach. This will allow you to be prepared for the future and holding a set of important analytical, research and organisational skills.

<sup>1</sup> For an explanation of the levels of higher education study, see the [QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(2014\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> All academic credit awarded as a result of study at the University adheres to the [Higher education credit framework for England](#).

<sup>3</sup> Where the course is delivered both full-time and part-time, the standard length of course is provided for the full-time mode of attendance only. The length of the part-time course is variable and dependent upon the intensity of study. Further information about mode of study and maximum registration periods can be found in the [Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards](#).

<sup>4</sup> Details of standard entry requirements can be found in the [Admissions Policy](#)

<sup>5</sup> The University reserves the right to make changes to course content, structure, teaching and assessment as outlined in the [Admissions Policy](#).

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### **Course Aims**

- To investigate the nature, forms, causes and consequences of politics
- To study power and engage deeply with political theory and philosophy
- To analyse local, national, regional and supranational power structures and their consequences for people
- To allow students to engage with (broadly defined) political organisations through the use on group work and project work
- To enable students to develop subject specific, cognitive and employability skills for personal development, postgraduate study and a range of graduate careers
- To provide an intellectually stimulating and satisfying experience of academic history with guidance and encouragement to develop both theoretical and practical capabilities in its study
- To promote increasing participation in education for the local community by supporting a range of learners, including non-traditional entrants, at degree level

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

The following statements define what students graduating from the BA (Hons) Politics and History course will have been judged to have demonstrated in order to achieve the award. These statements, known as learning outcomes, have been formally approved as aligned with the generic qualification descriptor for level 4/5/6 awards as set out by the UK Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)<sup>6</sup>.

#### **Knowledge**

1. Demonstrate knowledge and critical engagement with a range of approaches, theories, concepts, research findings and applications in the study of politics relating to the operation of power
2. Critically examine the social, economic, historical, and cultural contexts of political behaviour and the development, structure and operation of different political systems
3. Identify the contested nature of normative ideas and concepts that form the foundation of politics and history
4. Recognise the links between politics and related disciplines in social sciences and humanities
5. Explore normative and positive factors accounting for political change
6. Examine and evaluate historiographical interpretations of relevant periods and areas

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<sup>6</sup> As set out in the [QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(2014\)](#)

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7. Engage in close critical analysis of detailed historical topics

**Intellectual skills**

8. Compare different political systems and contexts
9. Develop and communicate reasoned arguments through synthesis of relevant information and critical judgement
10. Critically evaluate, interpret and synthesise political and historical arguments, theories and evidence
11. Identify, investigate, analyse and advocate solutions to political problems
12. Develop a politically and historically informed ethical and value framework and awareness about the major practical, political and moral challenges facing contemporary global society
13. Integrate close reading of primary source materials into historiographical analyses

**Capability and employability skills**

14. Effectively select, organise and manage information from a range of sources
15. Either (Politics dissertation) Design, conduct, analyse, and report political research using quantitative, qualitative, or comparative approaches and primary and secondary sources using appropriate data analysis techniques, software and equipment, or (History dissertation) demonstrate research skills through the location, evaluation and deployment of evidence and historiographical analysis in extended individual project work
16. Interpret and evaluate political and historical research
17. Communicate ideas effectively and fluently, both orally and in writing
18. Have experience and reflect upon a leadership role in relation to a task or set of tasks
19. Perform and work effectively in a team and critically reflect upon own and others contribution to team work
20. Negotiate complex issues with others
21. Set, plan, organize and reflect upon a complex and extended task/brief/ project

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### Course Design

The design of this course has been guided by the following QAA Benchmarks:

- Politics and International Relations Benchmark statement 2015
- History Benchmark statement 2014

### Course Structure

The BA (Hons) Politics and History comprises modules at levels 4, 5 and 6.

Module Specifications for each of these modules is included within the course handbook, available to students on-line at the beginning of each academic year.

Module title	Credits	Module type <sup>7</sup>
<b>Level 4 modules</b>		
Social Science Research Skills	20	M
History of Political Thought	20	M
Current Political Disputes	20	R
The Rise of the West, 1500 – 1905	20	O
<b>Either</b> The British Story, 1780-1985	20	O
<b>Or</b> The Decline of the West, 1905-2001?	20	O
<b>Either</b> Politics and Policy	20	O
<b>Or</b> Grassroots Politics and Activism	20	O
<b>Level 5 modules</b>		
<b>Either</b> Secondary Data Research	10	O
<b>And</b> Qualitative Research Design and Analysis	10	O
<b>Or</b> Researching History	20	O
Contemporary Political Theory	20	R
<b>Two from</b>		
Social Justice and Policy	20	O

<sup>7</sup> Modules are designated as either mandatory (M), requisite (R) or optional (O). For definitions, see the [Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards](#)

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<b>Module title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Module type<sup>7</sup></b>
Political Argument and Persuasion	20	O
Political Sociology	20	O
Globalization	20	O
Political Discourse	20	O
<b>Two from</b>		
Europe in the Age of Total War, 1914-45	20	O
Sex and Gender in British Society Since 1500	20	O
The Cold War	20	O
<b>Level 6 modules</b>		
Dissertation (50/50)	40	M
<b>Two from</b>		
Comparative Politics	20	O
Political Engagement and Professional Development	20	O
Gender and Sexuality	20	O
International Development	20	O
<b>Two from</b>		
A History of Genocide (optional module with prerequisite at L5)	20	O
Suffolk at War, 1914-1993 (optional module with prerequisite at L5)	20	O
Gender, War and Empire in British Society, 1780-1930 (optional module with prerequisite at L5)	20	O

Option modules available in any year will be communicated to you prior to your enrolment each year to facilitate module choice according to specialist staff availability.

**Awards**

On successful completion of the course, students will be awarded a BA (Hons) Politics and History. Students who leave the course early may be eligible for a DipHE Politics and History on successful completion of 240 credits including all mandatory modules at levels 4 and 5, or a CertHE Politics and History on successful completion of 120 credits including all mandatory modules at level 4.

**Course Delivery**

The course is delivered at University of Suffolk. Students studying full-time on BA (Hons) Politics and History are likely to have approximately 240 contact hours for level 4, 220 contact

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hours for level 5 and 150 contact hours for level 6. The contact hours will be a mix of lectures, seminars, workshops, and tutorials. There is an optional work placement and work shadowing opportunity equivalent to 10 days in the final year of study. Students will normally be expected to undertake 24 hours of independent study in an average week, but should be prepared for this to vary based on assignment deadlines and class exercises.

### Course Assessment

A variety of assessments will be used on the course to enable students to experience and adapt to different assessment styles. The assessment methods used will be appropriate to assess each module's intended learning outcomes. Assessment on the course overall will be mostly coursework (including essays, reports, presentations, group work, reflective learning journals and research projects) and up to 10% examinations depending on the options chosen.

### Course Team

The academic staff delivering this course are drawn from specialist politics, history and social science teaching teams.

### Course Costs

Students undertaking BA (Hons) Politics and History will be charged tuition fees as detailed below.

Student Group	Tuition Fees
Full-time UK/EU	£9,250 per year
Part-time UK/EU	£1,454 per 20 credit module
Full-time International	£11,790 per year
Part-time International	£1,965 per 20 credit module

Payment of tuition fees is due at the time of enrolment and is managed in accordance with the Tuition Fee Policy.

Students are likely to incur other costs for books and optional field trips amounting to approximately £200 per year.

### Academic Framework and Regulations

This course is delivered according to the Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards and other academic policies and procedures of the University and published on the [website](#).