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Course Title	**BA (Hons) Politics and History (with Professional Placement)** **BA (Hons) Politics and History (with Professional Placement and Study Abroad)** **BA (Hons) Politics and History (with Study Abroad)**
Awarding Bodies	**University of Suffolk**
Level of Award[1]	**FHEQ Level 6**
Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies Recognition	**None**
Credit Structure[2]	**480 Credits** **Level 4: 120 Credits** **Level 5: 120 Credits plus 120 sandwich year credits*** **Level 6: 120 Credits** ***For an award 'with Professional Placement' 120 placement credits are required** **For an award 'with Professional Placement and Study Abroad', 60 placement credits and 60 study abroad credits are required** **For an award 'with Study Abroad', 120 study abroad credits are required360**
Mode of Attendance	**Full-time**
Standard Length of Course[3]	**4 years full-time**
Intended Award	**BA (Hons) Politics and History (with Professional Placement)** **BA (Hons) Politics and History (with Professional Placement and Study Abroad)** **BA (Hons) Politics and History (with Study Abroad)**
Named Exit Awards	**BA Politics and History** **DipHE Politics and History** **CertHE Politics and History**
Entry Requirements[4]	**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.**
Delivering Institution(s)	**University of Suffolk**
UCAS Code	**L290**

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

[2] All academic credit awarded as a result of study at the University adheres to the Higher education credit framework for England.

[3] 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.

[4] Details of standard entry requirements can be found in the Admissions Policy and further details about Disclosure and Barring Checks (DBS) can be found on the University's DBS webpage.

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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 2022-23 academic year[5].

Course Summary

Politics is about power, ideas and values. The study of politics and history are deeply intertwined but sometimes use different perspectives, methods and questions. The Politics and History course at Suffolk will give students the knowledge and space to engage deeply with political and historical trends and to assess the world around them. In terms of politics, in addition to acquiring an understanding of British and international political structures and social trends, our course offers a distinct focus on political and social action across party politics and campaign and community politics. In terms of history, the course is characterised by a chronological focus on the period from 1500 to the modern day. Within this chronological range the course is concerned to explore experiences and themes in Global and British History (encompassing national, regional, and local experiences and perspectives) as well as the interrelation between historical experiences on these levels. The course is also active in its delivery with an emphasis on group work, project work, employability and engagement with political organisations (broadly defined).

Course Aims

- To investigate the nature, forms, causes and consequences of politics.

- To study power and engage deeply with political and social theory and philosophy.

- To analyse local, national, regional and supranational power structures and their consequences for people.

- 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 allow for an engagement with (broadly defined) political organisations through the use of group work and project work.

- To develop an appreciation of how people have existed, acted, and thought in the always different context of the past.

- To develop subject specific, cognitive and employability skills for personal development, postgraduate study and a range of graduate careers.

- To investigate the changing nature of social life with its consequences for patterns of diversity, inequality, and injustice.

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[5] 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 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 6 awards as set out by the UK Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)[6].

Knowledge

1. Demonstrate knowledge and 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 political ideas and concepts and their normative and empirical foundations.
4. Outline how politics manifests itself across and between a range of political actors, political systems and forms of organisation at local, national and international levels.
5. Examine and evaluate historiographical interpretations of relevant periods and areas.
6. Engage in close critical analysis of detailed historical topics.

Intellectual skills

7. Critically evaluate, interpret and synthesise political and historical arguments, theories and evidence.
8. Identify, investigate, analyse and advocate solutions to political problems.
9. Develop a politically informed ethical and value framework and awareness about the major practical, political and moral challenges facing contemporary global society.

Capability and employability skills

10. Effectively identify, interpret and evaluate political and historiographical research and debate from a range of sources, including primary sources.
11. Design, conduct, analyse and report political and historical research using quantitative, qualitative, comparative or archival approaches and drawing on primary and secondary sources using appropriate analysis techniques, software and/or equipment.
12. Integrate close reading of primary source materials into historiographical analyses.
13. Communicate ideas, arguments and analysis effectively and fluently, both orally and in writing.
14. Perform, work effectively and negotiate with others in a team and critically reflect upon own and others' contribution to team work.

For the sandwich / study abroad year

15. Work effectively in a relevant organisation and demonstrate use of context relevant initiative, reflection, communication and decision-making skills.

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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 2019.
- History Benchmark statement 2019.

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[7]
Level 4 Modules		
Social Science Skills	20	Requisite
History of Political Thought	20	Requisite
Current Political Disputes	20	Requisite
From Westphalia to Metternich: The Great Powers and the world, 1648-1848	20	Requisite
Making Modern Britain 1830-1985	20	Requisite
Revolution, Nationalism, Empire and War: International history since 1848	20	Requisite
Level 5 Modules		
Understanding Research Or Researching History	20	Mandatory
Contemporary Political Theory	20	Requisite
Dictators and Democracy in the era of Total War, 1900-1948	20	Optional
The Global Cold War: from Berlin to Beijing	20	Requisite
Globalization	20	Optional
Clearance and Famine: British Rural Society 1760-1850	20	Optional
Political Argumentation and Persuasion	20	Optional
Social Justice and Policy	20	Optional
Sex and Gender in British Society Since 1500	20	Optional

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[7] 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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Module Title	Credits	Module Type[7]
Level 5 sandwich year with professional placement only		
Professional Practice (sandwich year)	120	Mandatory
Level 5 sandwich year with professional placement and study abroad only		
Professional Practice (sandwich year)	60	Mandatory
Study Abroad modules at host institution	40	Mandatory
Study Abroad Reflective Account (sandwich year)	20	Mandatory
Level 5 sandwich year with study abroad only		
Study Abroad modules at host institution	80	Mandatory
Study Abroad Reflective Account (sandwich year)	40	Mandatory
Level 6 Modules		
Independent project [social sciences] Or Independent research project [history]	40	Mandatory
Comparative Politics	20	Requisite
Genocide in History and Memory	20	Requisite
Britain at War in the Twentieth Century	20	Requisite
Political Engagement and Professional Development	20	Optional
Heritage in Practice	20	Optional
Data Analysis and Visualisation for Social Scientists	20	Optional
The Witch Hunt	20	Optional

Optional modules available in any year will be communicated to you prior to your enrolment to facilitate module choice. Some optional modules may not run in every year of study, and the availability of optional modules depends on the level of student demand, the availability of specialist staff and timetabling constraints. In addition, we regularly review our curriculum to ensure it is up-to-date, relevant, draws on the latest research and addresses contemporary issues. As a result, the modules we offer may change over the course of your degree.

Awards

On successful completion of the course, students will be awarded a BA (Hons) Politics and History (with Professional Placement, BA (Hons) Politics and History (with Professional Placement and Study Abroad) or BA (Hons) Politics and History (with Study Abroad) depending on the sandwich route taken. Students who leave the course early may be eligible for a BA Politics and History on successful completion of 300 credits at Level 4 or above (including at least 180 credits at Level 5 or above and at least 60 credits at Level 6), a DipHE

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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 12 hours per week (288 hours per year) structured learning for level 4, 9 hours per week (216 hours per year) structured learning for level 5 and 8 hours per week (192 hours per year) structured learning for level 6. Tutor structured learning will be a mix of lectures, seminars, workshops, tutorials and guided learning activities which take place on campus and through our online learning environment. 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 28 hours of independent study in an average week at level 4, (672 hours per year), 31 hours of independent study at level 5, (744 hours per year) and 32 hours of independent study at level 6, (768 hours per year), 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).

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 with sandwich route will be charged tuition fees as detailed below.

Student Group	Tuition Fees
Full-time UK	£9,250 per year (excluding sandwich year, for which the fee will be £1,850 for the year)
Part-time UK	Not applicable
Full-time EU/International	£12,996 per year (excluding sandwich year, for which the fee will be £2,875 for the year)
Part-time EU/International	Not applicable

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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](#).