

Politics at Newcastle

Jump start your career



Wide range of
postgraduate study opportunities

Lively and exciting environment

Excellence in teaching and research

MA International Politics (Critical Geopolitics)

An interdisciplinary degree programme featuring distinctive contributions from critical international politics and human geography. It focuses on the key theories, approaches and thinkers in the study of geopolitics. You will learn about the political dynamics, consequences and discourses of contemporary geopolitics.

Compulsory modules

- Critical Geopolitics
- Theories and Approaches in the Study of Politics: Power and Democracy
- Dissertation in Critical Geopolitics

MA International Politics (Global Justice and Ethics)

An interdisciplinary degree programme that investigates central issues of global justice: the debate between relativism and universalism, the foundation and content of human rights, responses to global poverty and inequality, cosmopolitan democracy, and environmental justice.

Compulsory modules

- Global Justice and Human Rights
- Theories and Approaches in the Study of Politics: Power and Democracy
- Dissertation in Global Justice and Ethics

MA International Politics (Globalization, Poverty and Development)

An interdisciplinary degree programme that provides a foundational understanding of globalization and development with special emphasis on the problem of poverty and its relation to global justice and global politics. You will study the political, social, and economic causes, consequences and discourses of poverty and development.

Compulsory modules

- Globalization, Poverty and Development
- Theories and Approaches in the Study of Politics: Power and Democracy
- Dissertation in Globalization, Poverty and Development

MA European Union Studies

The Masters programme in EUS aims to help you understand the processes and policies that make the European Union the most advanced post-national governmental institution in the world. You will develop a comprehensive understanding of the EU's role within the international system.

Compulsory Modules

- Integration in Europe
- Public Policy in the European Union
- Theories and Approaches in the Study of Politics: Power and Democracy
- Dissertation

MA International Political Economy

Our students are attracted to an interdisciplinary approach to the study of international political economy and aspire to internationally oriented careers in the public and private sectors including local and national government, NGOs, public services and a range of international organisations.

Compulsory Modules

- Theories and Theorists of International Political Economy
- The State in International Political Economy
- Theories and Approaches in the Study of Politics: Power and Democracy
- Dissertation

MA International Studies

This programme provides you with a comprehensive conceptual understanding of contemporary international politics. We are determined to equip you with knowledge and skills for employment in a wide range of professions from government to media, NGOs to finance and banking.

Compulsory Modules

- International Relations Theory
- Theories and Approaches in the Study of Politics: Power and Democracy
- Dissertation

MA Politics (Research)

The MA in Politics (Research) is specifically designed for students planning to undertake doctoral studies or who seek a career in which formal research skills will be an asset. It is recognised by the ESRC under its 1+3 system for funding postgraduate studies and UK resident applicants are eligible to be considered for ESRC funding. Partial bursaries may be available for Newcastle University alumni and for other applicants interested in pursuing academic research careers.

Compulsory Modules

- Theories and Approaches in the Study of Politics: Power and Democracy
- Concepts and Methods in the Study of Politics
- Doing Political Research

- Thinking about Research: Puzzles, Paradoxes and Problems
- Introduction to Information Skills
- Qualitative Methodology in the Social Sciences
- Quantitative Methodology in the Social Sciences
- The Nature of Inquiry and Explanation
- Dissertation

Optional Modules

- Africa: The Politics of International Development
- Critical Geopolitics
- Democracy in Divided Societies: Ethnicity, Power-Sharing and International Mediation
- Global Justice and Climate Change
- Global Justice and Human Rights
- Globalization, Poverty and Development
- Integration in Europe
- International Relations Theory
- Public Policy in the European Union
- The European Union as an International Actor
- The Politics of Global Change
- The State in the International Political Economy
- Theories and Theorists of International Political Economy
- Transitional Justice
- War, Terrorism and Peace: Ethical Perspectives
- Workshop in American Foreign Policy Making



Studying at Newcastle

Newcastle is close to Scotland and the natural beauty of Northumberland and is one of the UK's most affordable cities. Great transport links ensure when your work is done, there is ample opportunity to explore the nearby beaches, countryside, heritage, castles and Hadrian's Wall.

'Newcastle is a perennially popular choice with applicants, and small wonder. It's got an impressive academic record and is located in a city that inspires immense affection in locals and visitors alike.'

The Guardian University Guide 2008.

Politics at Newcastle University scored 23/24 for teaching excellence in the last QAA subject review and a 5 rating in the last nationwide research assessment exercise (RAE). Politics is made up of nearly 20 research active academic staff and annually recruits in excess of 40 students from around the world.

There are seven Masters programmes to choose from. Each provides comprehensive training and develops critical thinking skills. The programmes are demanding but rewarding, and will give you the opportunity to prepare yourself for a successful future.

Entry Requirements

Candidates should have a first degree with a minimum of upper second class honours or the equivalent from an approved university. We welcome applications from students from all academic and cultural backgrounds.

Want to know more?

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