



Studying Politics at St Anne's

The Department of Politics and International Relations at Oxford is an internationally renowned centre of excellence for teaching and research. The study of these disciplines at Oxford has a long and distinguished history and the department is now one of the largest in the field in the UK. The College has particular strengths in International Relations and Political Theory.

Undergraduates at Oxford study either PPE – Philosophy, Politics and Economics or History and Politics. However Visiting Students can choose to study politics as a single subject. If you are offered a place to study Politics at St Anne's you will usually take 2 politics courses per term. Students will attend lectures, classes and tutorials for each of their courses. On occasion lectures and tutorials may take place during different terms and it is necessary to be able to attend the lectures as well as tutorials and classes to benefit from the experience of studying politics at Oxford. The following courses are recommended to Visiting Students.

The following are **Core Papers** in Politics and International Relations, which are generally offered each year but not necessarily each term.

- 201 Comparative Government
- 202 British Politics and Government since 1900
- 203 Theory of Politics (cross-listed as Philosophy 114)
- 214 International Relations
- 220 Political Sociology

Comparative Government – topics covered include Theoretical and Methodological Principles, Democratization, Autocracies and Hybrid Regimes, State Formation, Colonialism, Executives, Legislatures, Courts - lectures over MT and HT accompanied by 6 tutorials.

British Politics and Government since 1900 – 8 lectures in MT, and 8 lectures in HT, 8 tutorials in any term.

Theory of Politics - In this course we will explore some of the main topics and issues in contemporary analytical political theory. The first 6 tutorials will be on the following topics: Liberty (W1), Rawls on Justice (W2), Equality and Egalitarianism (W3), Libertarianism (left- and right-) (W4); Democracy (W5); Global Justice (W6). You can then choose the topics of the remaining two tutorials among a range of topics that include: Feminism, Power and Authority, Multiculturalism; Rights and Human Rights; Political Obligation and Civil Disobedience; Liberal Neutrality and Perfectionism - 8 lectures in MT, 8 lectures in HT, 8 tutorials in any term.

International Relations - topics could include The Study of IR at Oxford, Realism and the Return of Geopolitics, The 'English school' of IR theory, Power and the History of IR, International Law, Security Institutions - 16 lectures in MT and HT, 7 tutorials in any term.

Political Sociology – topics could include Welfare states, Ethnicity, Extreme Right, Religion. 16 lectures across MT and HT, 7 tutorials any term.

In some cases it may be possible to take fewer tutorials in a course than what is listed above, particularly if you are studying another subject jointly.

You can also select from **optional papers**, which could include the following. Please note not every course is available in each term and teaching may be arranged by St Anne's but conducted in another College. Additionally some courses have pre-requisites which you would need to have met when you apply to the programme.

- Modern British Government and Politics
- Government and politics of the United States
- Politics in Europe
- Politics in Russia and the Former Soviet Union
- Politics in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Politics in Latin America
- Politics in South Asia
- Politics in the Middle East
- International Relations in the Era of the Two World Wars
- International Relations in the Era of the Cold War
- Political Thought: Plato to Rousseau
- Political Thought: Bentham to Weber
- Marx and Marxism
- Sociological Theory
- The Sociology of Post-Industrial Societies
- Labour Economics and Industrial Relations (cross-listed as Economics 307)
- The Government and Politics of Japan
- Social Policy
- Comparative Demographic Systems
- Politics in China
- The Politics of the European Union

The following optional papers are taught in College and therefore are available to visiting students each year.

History of Political Thought: Plato to Rousseau - The 8 tutorials of this course focus on the political theories of Plato and modern social contract theorists (Hobbes; Locke; Rousseau) (2 tutorials per author). We shall focus especially on the reading of Plato's *Republic*; Hobbes's *Leviathan*; Locke's *Second Treatise*; and Rousseau's *Social Contract* and *Discourse on Inequality*.

Advanced Paper in Theories of Justice - in order to take this course a student needs to have already completed Theory of Politics.