

Studying Politics at Oxford

The Department of Politics and International Relations at Oxford is an internationally renowned centre of excellence for teaching and research and is now one of the largest in the field in the UK. The study of politics and international relations at the University of Oxford has a long and storied history; the subject has educated many who went on to be leading politicians, scholars, and thinkers, both in Britain and globally. The College has particular strengths in British Politics, Political Theory, and International Relations.

Studying Politics at St Anne's

At St Anne's you will have the opportunity to live and study with students from around the world and be fully integrated into the academic experience of the College. Whether debating theories of justice in tutorials or considering recent international events in St Anne's own coffee shop or bar, the College offers a place to engage with ideas both new and old in an inclusive, welcoming environment. The College and University also offer many avenues for social and political engagement— be it in the form of associations, clubs, or volunteer activities

Study durations

You can apply to study Politics as a single or joint subject for any study duration.

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Politics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English Literature; History; History of Art; Medical Humanities; Modern Languages; Philosophy; Law; Politics Computer Science; Maths

Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) – visiting students can study all 3 subjects if they attend for the academic year or the extended academic year. If attending for a term it is only possible to study 2 of the 3 subjects

Courses

If you are offered a place to study Politics at St Anne's, you will usually take two politics courses per term, which requires you to attend two tutorials a week. You must also write essays for six of the eight weeks (you can usually choose which essays you write). This is a total of 16 tutorials and 12 essays over the 8-week term.

In addition, you need to attend lectures (typically 16 per week) and occasionally classes organised by the faculty. It is not unusual for these to take place during terms other than your tutorials so it is important to plan ahead.

The following are Core Papers in Politics, which are offered each year but not necessarily each term. Papers marked * are often, but not always, taught within St Anne's:

- Comparative Government
- British Politics and Government since 1900 *
- Theory of Politics (cross-listed as Philosophy 114) *
- International Relations *
- Political Sociology

Comparative Government – topics covered include Theoretical and Methodological Principles, Democratization, Autocracies and Hybrid Regimes, State Formation, Colonialism, Executives, Legislatures, Courts.

British Politics and Government since 1900 – topics covered include Ireland, New Liberalism, Enfranchisement, Attlee, Thirteen Wasted Years, Immigration, Thatcherism, and New Labour. Note that this is an historical paper; if your interest is in contemporary British politics then please see the optional paper below.

Theory of Politics – topics covered include justice, equality, democracy, liberalism, feminism, conservatism, socialism, and libertarianism.

International Relations – topics covered include classical approaches, critical perspectives, postcolonialism and empire, international co-operation, democratic peace theory, global war and security, identity and international security, culture and conflict.

Political Sociology – topics covered include political culture and social capital, class, ethnic minorities, gender, nationalism, religion, social attitudes, and social movements.

You can also select from **optional papers**, which include the following. Not every course is available 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 Japan
- Government and Politics of the United States
- Politics in China
- Politics in Europe
- Politics of the European Union
- 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 *
- International Security and Conflict *
- Advanced Paper in Theories of Justice *
- Feminism
- Political Thought from Plato to Rousseau *
- Political Thought from Bentham to Weber *
- Marx and Marxism *
- Sociological Theory
- The Sociology of Post-Industrial Societies

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Pre-requisites

Visiting students applying to study politics need to have a foundation in politics, government, international relations or a related discipline when they apply. Successful completion of an introduction course(s) in politics, government, international relations is required and, ideally, an applicant has taken further courses in any/all of those subjects.

Additional information

Department of Politics and International Relations <https://www.politics.ox.ac.uk/>