

Variation to the Course Information Document

For Academic Year 2020/21

Name of programme(s) and award type(s): <i>(such as Single Honours History with International Year)</i>	Single Honours Politics Combined Honours Politics
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Dear students,

As part of our commitment to continually work to improve our programmes, and in light of our plans to start next academic year with a hybrid delivery model due to the impact of Covid-19, we are confirming in this document the changes to your programme in the Academic Year 2020/21. More general information about what studying at the University will be like in 2020/21 can be found here:

<https://www.keele.ac.uk/coronavirus/operations/>

Specific planned changes

How the programme will be taught <i>(include any significant changes to the balance between on campus and digital delivery and what students can expect)</i>	Due to the coronavirus pandemic, teaching in 2020-2021 will involve a blended approach. This will entail online delivery with some face to face teaching (approximately 3 hours per week) taking place where it is possible to do so. Online learning will comprise a combination of synchronous and asynchronous teaching, delivered according to what works 'best' for each individual module across both semesters. We will make use of online methods of delivery in the case of lectures and offer in-situ tutorials on every module, where public health advice allows.
Changes to placements, field courses or other practical activities <i>(where applicable)</i>	N/A
Learning resources and any potential additional costs <i>(such as equipment requirements)</i>	All modules will be supported by digitally available resources, including module guides, reading lists, PowerPoint presentations, tutorial exercises, and reading materials. Given an increasing level of online teaching and assessments for this programme, it would be preferable if students had access to computer equipment with a webcam and microphone. It may also be preferable for students to have adequate Wi-Fi connectivity and associated internet speeds. Students who need support in accessing appropriate IT equipment may be eligible to apply for support from the University's hardship fund .
How the programme will be assessed <i>(a general summary of changes to assessment methods)</i>	Given the current circumstances we are moving away from examinations and alternative assessments, including essays and similar written assessments, will be provided until examinations can be safely resumed.

How students are supported (<i>any alternative arrangements such as communication methods, support networks etc.</i>)	Students will be supported by existing networks that already communicate through email and the Keele Learning Environment (KLE). Further online class interactions will be provided using Microsoft Teams. Students will also be supported by the standard personal tutor system. This will be delivered in-situ and online in 2020-2021 via MS Teams.
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Updated module lists for 2020/21

Year 1 / Level 4

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Why Politics Matters	PIR-10038	15	SEM1	Unchanged
Modern Democracies	PIR-10055	15	SEM2	Unchanged
Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	
Debates in American Politics	PIR-10039	15	SEM2	Unchanged
Introduction to International Relations	PIR-10041	15	SEM1	Unchanged
The Changing World: A History of International Relations since 1945	PIR-10043	15	SEM1	Unchanged
Justice, Authority and Power	PIR-10045	15	SEM2	Unchanged
The politics of sustainability	PIR-10047	15	SEM1	Unchanged
Modern Democracies	PIR-10055	15	SEM2	Unchanged
Introduction to Global Political Economy (GPE)	PIR-10058	15	SEM2	Unchanged

Year 2 / Level 5 (2019/20 entry cohort)

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF EURASIA: Challenges of Globalisation and	PIR-20062	15	SEM2	Unchanged
The Practice of Politics	PIR-20065	15	SEM2	Unchanged
Freedom and Equality	PIR-20066	15	SEM2	Unchanged
Environmental Politics and Policy	PIR-20067	15	SEM1	Unchanged
Why Policy Changes	PIR-20068	15	SEM2	Unchanged
U.S Government and Politics	PIR-20071	15	SEM1	Unchanged
British Government and Politics	PIR-20074	15	SEM1	Unchanged
Russian Politics and Society	PIR-20078	15	SEM1	Unchanged
Power to the People: understanding the origins of Western politics	PIR-20079	15	SEM2	Unchanged
The Politics of the European Union	PIR-20081	15	SEM2	Unchanged
International Organisation: Mitigating Anarchy	PIR-20085	15	SEM2	Unchanged
Foreign Policy	PIR-20090	15	SEM1	Unchanged
The International Politics of the Middle East: A Century of War and Diplomacy	PIR-20094	15	SEM2	Unchanged

Year 3 / Level 6 (2018/19 entry cohort)

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Dissertation in Politics and IR - ISP	PIR-30130	30	SEM1-2	Unchanged
Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	
The Missing Dimension: Conspiracies, Spying and International Relations	PIR-30025	15	SEM1	Unchanged
Understanding Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism	PIR-30114	15	SEM1	Unchanged
The U.S. Presidency	PIR-30117	15	SEM1	Unchanged
Policing International Order	PIR-30118	15	SEM1	Unchanged
The Extreme Right in Western Europe	PIR-30119	15	SEM1	Unchanged
Protest and social movements	PIR-30128	15	SEM2	Unchanged
Dissertation in Politics and IR - ISP	PIR-30130	30	SEM1-2	Unchanged
Modern Russia	PIR-30142	15	SEM2	Moved from Sem1 to Sem2
Politics of Development	PIR-30147	15	SEM1	Unchanged
Contemporary Democratic Theory	PIR-30150	15	SEM2	Unchanged
Israel/Palestine: Key Debates and Issues	PIR-30151	15	SEM2	Unchanged
Britain and war since 1945: War, Cold War and society	PIR-30152	15	SEM2	Unchanged
Parliamentary Studies	PIR-30160	15	SEM2	Unchanged
The Rise of China	PIR-30162	15	SEM2	Unchanged

For further information on the content of modules currently offered, including the list of elective modules, please visit: <https://www.keele.ac.uk/recordsandexams/modulecatalogue/>

The module selection website can be accessed here: <https://www.keele.ac.uk/modules/>