

The MA in Media and Cultural Politics was highly insightful, allowing me to develop confidence in my academic thought across a range of disciplines. The staff in PSI are not only academically inspirational but also supportive and approachable.

Victoria Cann, MA in Media and Cultural Politics

Further information

How to apply:

On-line applications:

www.uea.ac.uk/mac/admissions/courses/PG

Application forms on request from:

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University of East Anglia, Norwich NR4 7TJ
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Careers:

MA students from PSI have pursued a wide variety of careers after graduation. In recent times these have included: research and lecturing posts here and at other universities; arts administrator; media and cultural policy adviser; teaching in Russia; jobs in business and commerce in the UK and abroad, including the US; political posts, including work at the Foreign Office in Munich and the US Congress; and jobs in international organisations, most notably the UN Food Programme in Rome and the EU in Brussels.

Further study?

The MPhil/PhD programme provides the opportunity for advanced training and research in an area of personal interest. Most students initially register for an MPhil, and if the research goes well, we expect students to transfer to a PhD after the first year. Applicants will normally have an MA or equivalent and will be expected to provide an outline of the proposed area of research.

Useful websites:

PSI web pages – www.uea.ac.uk/psi
Graduate Students' Association – www.uea.ac.uk/menu/grad_students
Accommodation – www.uea.ac.uk/accom
Healthcare Centre – www.umsuea.co.uk

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The School of Political, Social and International Studies is regularly rated as being in the top ten in the country for student satisfaction. You will be taught by people whose research is internationally renowned. You will find PSI to be an exciting and stimulating place to pursue your postgraduate studies.

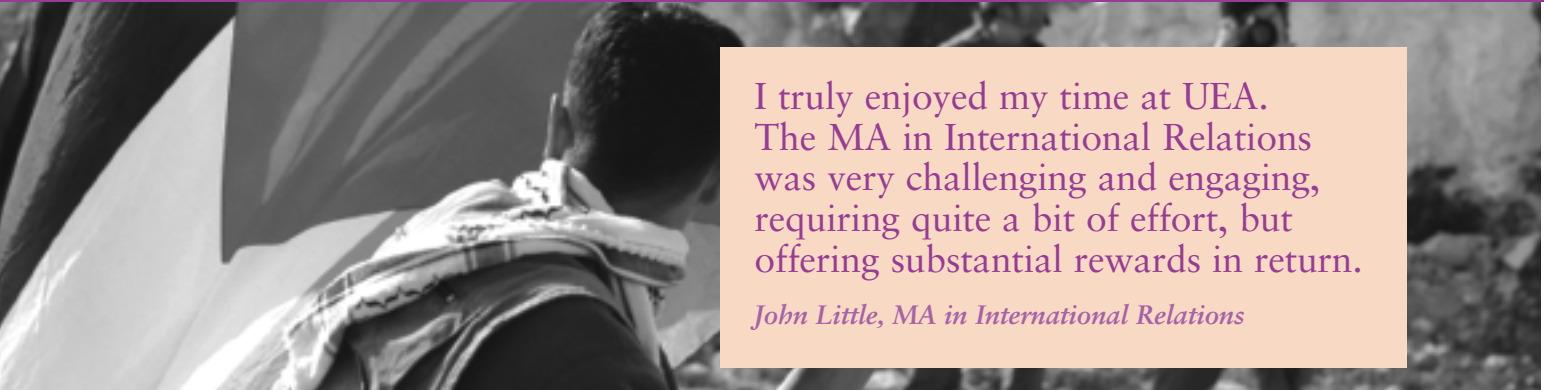
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MA Programmes





I truly enjoyed my time at UEA. The MA in International Relations was very challenging and engaging, requiring quite a bit of effort, but offering substantial rewards in return.

John Little, MA in International Relations

Postgraduate study in the School of Political, Social and International Studies (PSI)

Postgraduate students in the School of PSI are based in a vibrant community of over 50 students drawn from all over the world. We offer innovative and challenging modules on many areas of Politics, International Relations and Media. UEA is well-known for its commitment to multi-disciplinarity, and this is apparent on all of our MA degrees.

Teaching in the School has received consistently high ratings in the various forms of assessment used. Our research is well-known and respected in the UK and abroad. The School is also proud of its friendly atmosphere and the warm welcome we offer to our students. The facilities at UEA are excellent, with a well-stocked library and outstanding IT provision. We hope that you will have an opportunity to visit the School and campus to discover for yourself why UEA is such a great place for postgraduate study.

Programmes

- > MA International Relations
- > MA International Relations and European Studies
- > MA International Relations and Development Studies
- > MA Media and Cultural Politics
- > MA Philosophy, Politics and Economics of Public Choice
- > MA Social and Political Theory
- > MA Politics
- > MA Media, Culture and Society
- > MA/MRes International Public Policy and Public Management
- > MA/MRes Public Policy and Public Management

The MA Programme

The taught elements of the MA courses take place over two semesters which make up the UEA academic year (or four in the case of the part-time degree). Typically courses consist of a combination of up to six taught compulsory and optional modules, followed by a dissertation of 10,000 words, which is completed over the summer months.

Admission requirements

Applicants are expected to have a good British honours degree or equivalent, and non-native speakers should have a good command of the English language and will be required to provide evidence of this.

Application deadlines

Applicants are advised to submit their applications as early as possible. For application deadlines and deadlines for consideration for bursaries and awards, check the School's website: www.uea.ac.uk/psi

Funding

Students are responsible for finding their own funding to cover tuition fees and living expenses.

The School offers a number of Scholarships. Several of our MA programmes are recognised by the Economic and Social Research Council and for those planning to continue on to a PhD, there is the opportunity to apply for ESRC funding. Details are available on the School's website: www.uea.ac.uk/psi

Which degree?

International Relations Programmes

MA in International Relations

This MA is designed for students with a general interest in International Relations. The compulsory modules are: International Relations Theory, which provides an introductory framework for further study in the discipline, and Methods of Social Enquiry (equivalent of two modules), which provides a systematic overview of research methods in the social sciences. Students also choose three options from a wide variety of modules.

MA in International Relations and European Studies

The main aim of this MA is to place the issue of European integration firmly in its international context. The course consists of two compulsory modules: International Relations Theory and European Union: Power, Politics and Policy, as well as four options from a wide variety of modules.

MA in International Relations and Development Studies

This MA is taught jointly by PSI and the School of International Development (DEV). The MA offers a theoretical and practical foundation for advanced studies in international relations and development studies. The compulsory modules are International Relations Theory and either Governance, Democracy and Development or Development Perspectives. Students also take four other options available in PSI and in the School of International Development.

Recent International Relations modules have included

- > European Media and the EU
- > Gender Concepts for Development
- > Intellectuals and US Foreign Policy
- > International History of the Asia-Pacific Region
- > International Relations Theory
- > International Security
- > Issues in the Contemporary Politics of the Middle East
- > Perspectives on Globalisation
- > Religion and International Relations

- > Russian Foreign Policy
- > The EU in International Affairs
- > The External Relations of China and Japan in the Modern World
- > Political Economy of the Environment
- > US Foreign Policy
- > World Politics Since 1945

Politics and Media Programmes

MA in Media and Cultural Politics

This MA offers a genuinely inter-disciplinary approach to the study of media and cultural politics. It provides an opportunity to analyse the changing politics of contemporary culture and communication, and to reflect upon their effect on the conduct and character of social practice. The compulsory modules are: Issues in Media and Cultural Politics, Methods of Social Enquiry and Theories of Society and Politics. You also take three options from a wide variety of modules.

MA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics of Public Choice

This inter-disciplinary MA is taught jointly by PSI and the Schools of Philosophy and Economics. The MA enables students to study public choice in detail. It is also recommended for those who wish to become public policy professionals. The compulsory modules are: Theories of Society and Politics; Methods of Social Enquiry; Economic Theory; and Public Choice. You then choose two optional modules.

MA in Social and Political Theory

Should liberty prevail over equality? What are the limits of tolerance in a multiracial society? Should the mass media reflect or manufacture 'public opinion'? How can theoretical perspectives inform debates about practical matters of public policy? These are the kinds of questions we discuss on this inter-disciplinary MA which is taught jointly by political theorists and philosophers. The compulsory modules are: History of Political Thought; Topics in Political Philosophy; Theories of Society and Politics; and Methods of Social Enquiry. You then choose two optional modules.

MA in Politics

The course is designed for students who want a general introduction to Politics. It is ideal for those who have graduated in another subject and who wish to secure a grounding in Politics, but those with a Politics degree will also have the opportunity to deepen and broaden their existing knowledge. The two compulsory modules are: Theories of Society and Politics; and Methods of Social Enquiry. Students also take four options from a wide variety of modules.

MA in Media, Culture and Society

This MA draws on the University's international reputation for teaching and research in media and culture and will give students an opportunity to study contemporary media from a variety of perspectives and disciplines. This distinctive approach is revealed in the compulsory module, Media and Society, which considers the role of media in global citizenship, media law and economics, and different media systems. It provides an interdisciplinary foundation from which students can then choose from a wide range of options.

MA in International Public Policy and Public Management

It is often argued that states can no longer make policy independently, that decisions in key domains are made by international bodies rather than governments, and that globalisation – and, in Europe, the European Union – has eroded the ability of the nation state to make policy choices. This innovative programme investigates these claims. It combines study of the traditional models, theories and practices of public policy and public management with an investigation of the operation of international organizations and their impact on national governments. Students take compulsory modules in Public Policy, Public Management, International Organizations and the European Union, and may select approved options from PSI and other Schools should they so wish.

MA in Public Policy and Public Management

This new degree looks at how government and the functioning of the state have changed as a result of domestic and international pressures since the 1980s. It uniquely combines study of theories and practice in public policy with investigation of theory and change in public management, and the theory, spread and practice of regulation as a mode of government intervention. It investigates developments in these three areas

in a variety of national settings and enables students to develop an advanced understanding of the main theories, models and concepts. Students take compulsory modules in Public Policy, Public Management, and Regulation, and may select options from PSI and other Schools should they so wish.

Recent PSI modules include:

- > Better Worlds: utopias and dystopias
- > Television and Society
- > Critical Theories of the Western Self
- > Democratic Theory
- > Gender and Genre in Contemporary Cinema
- > History of Political Thought
- > Media and International Development
- > Media and Cultural Politics
- > Methods of Social Enquiry
- > New Media and Society
- > Politics and Mass Media
- > Politics of Popular Culture
- > Public Choice
- > Theory and Practice of Policy-Making
- > Theories of American Culture
- > Theories of Society and Politics
- > Multiculturalism
- > Race and Resistance
- > Japanese Mass Media
- > Practical Media
- > Political Economy of the Environment

Of Special Interest

Brussels Trip: Most years, a trip to Brussels is organised for all interested students. The three-day trip includes two nights in a city centre hotel and visits to both NATO Headquarters and the EU Parliament.

Public Seminars and Lectures: There are regular seminars and lectures open to all postgraduate students, including the Staff-Student Research Seminar, and lectures organised by the Politics Society, the Philosophy Society, and the Centre for Research in European Studies (CREST).

Postgraduate Online Journal: Recently, postgraduate students specialising in International Relations and Development Studies set up an e-journal, called Irrational, which can be found on the web at: www.irrationalmagazine.org

Practical Media: As part of the MA in Media, Culture & Society, we have introduced a new Practical Media module which allows students to develop skills in investigative journalism and to work in a new, state-of-the-art television studio based in Norwich.