



FACULTY OF  
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SCIENCES

## European Studies Sample Pathway: GWU

2021/2022 entry (Semester One- Autumn)

LEVEL	MODULE CODE	MODULE TITLE	DESCRIPTION
2	HAP2001	<b>The Northern Ireland Conflict and Paths to Peace</b>	<p>What caused the Northern Irish conflict? What factors sustained it? What role did world leaders, paramilitaries, clergy and local politicians play in progressing the peace process? And what role does civil society, arts, culture and heritage play in building social cohesion?</p> <p>This interdisciplinary, team-taught module will draw on expertise from across the School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics to explore some of the key themes of the Global Bachelor's Program. Using Northern Ireland as a case study, it will ask questions about the means through which societies can move from conflict to peace, about the roles that various actors can play in conflict resolution, and about the roles that public representations and explorations of the past can play both in entrenching divisions and in furthering peace and mutual understanding.</p>
2	PAI2001	<b>The Politics and Policy of the European Union</b>	<p>This module serves as an introduction to the European Union and demonstrates how this evolving and expanding tier of European governance impacts on national political systems. The module is divided into three parts. The first part sets the scene for the study of the EU and introduces students to the evolution of the EU, the treaty base and the theories of integration. The second part explores the composition and powers of the main EU institutions (such as the Commission, the European Parliament, the Council and the Courts). It also accounts for the decision making process and the role of NGOs in the EU system. The final part focuses on the EU policy base and seeks to explain where and why the EU is active in certain policy areas. It examines a series of salient policy areas including the common agricultural policy, environmental policy, foreign and defence policy, enlargement.</p>
2	PAI3059	<b>National and Ethnic Minorities in European Politics</b>	<p>Often trapped between the competing logics of nation and state, minority groups in Europe have played an important role in the twentieth century's bloodiest tragedies and have been targeted in many conflicts. However, contemporary Europe offers a substantial institutional approach to put minority issues on an entirely novel footing. This course looks at the role of minority groups in Europe addressing their competing claims over political representation, economic resources and cultural rights that persist throughout the Union. The course will examine minority issues from a comparative perspective to shed light on challenges that face specifically post-communist European societies and will address issues pertaining to recognition of minority rights in the 'older' EU member states.</p>