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## TAUGHT

Conflict Transformation and Social Justice

Global Security and Borders

International Relations

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Politics

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## RESEARCH

Politics, International Studies



Queen's is one of the leading centres in the UK for world-class research in Politics, International Studies and Philosophy and is ranked by The Times Higher Education in the Top 10 in the UK for research intensity. The School has a strong international reputation for innovative research, across a wide range of specialist areas including contemporary Irish political history, ethnic conflict, European politics, international politics, philosophy and political theory.

## WHY CHOOSE POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT QUEEN'S?

We host regular research seminars, symposia, colloquia, and conferences, has a flourishing community of postgraduate research students, as well as an extensive suite of postgraduate taught programmes that reflect our key areas of research strength.

The School of History, Anthropology Philosophy and Politics is one of the largest Politics schools in the UK and Ireland. Queen's offers students a broad range of options including major theoretical perspectives on institutions, and the major regions of the world from Europe to the Middle East. Students will receive intensive teaching by a wide and varied range of political scientists and theorists with strong publishing profiles

and international reputations in their areas of expertise. Themes include Irish and EU politics, political theory/political economy, and postcolonial politics.

Our graduates have found employment in multilateral and intergovernmental organisations, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), banking and accounting services, local and national governments, policy analysis, teaching, business, media and publishing companies.

# TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

## CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (MA)

### Entrance Requirements

Normally at least a 2.1 Honours degree or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University in an Arts, Humanities or Social Sciences discipline or another cognate subject area. Applicants with a 2.2 Honours degree or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University may be admitted if they hold a Master's degree, or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University or if they have 3 years' relevant working experience in the field of conflict transformation, youth work, social justice or related experience in community engagement or public service delivery.

### International Qualifications

For information on international qualification equivalents, please see [go.qub.ac.uk/YourCountry](http://go.qub.ac.uk/YourCountry)

### Additional Information for International Students

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Evidence of an IELTS\* score of 6.5, with not less than 5.5 in any component, or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University is required.

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### Fees and Funding<sup>1</sup>

UK/EU Fees: £5,500  
International Fees: £15,200

Normally self-funded, however the University has a number of scholarships for international students. For more information visit [go.qub.ac.uk/intlschol](http://go.qub.ac.uk/intlschol)

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Funding: [go.qub.ac.uk/pgfunding](http://go.qub.ac.uk/pgfunding)

### Places

30

### Duration

1 year full-time or 2 years part-time

### Teaching Times

Morning/Afternoon/Evening

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## OVERVIEW

This is a unique and innovative interdisciplinary programme taught through subject areas that include law, anthropology, English, history, philosophy, politics, psychology, sociology and the creative arts. Module choice within the programme will permit you to build your own personalised portfolio of knowledge and learning within the area of conflict transformation and social justice. You will be taught by academics and practitioners whose expertise is both national and global and who offer research-led teaching in areas of conflict such as South/Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Southern Europe, South America and Northern Ireland.

## CONTENT

Students will study and critically examine the key conceptual, moral, legal, political and cultural issues that relate to conflict, conflict transformation and social justice. This will correlate to the fields of political science, law, sociology, history, anthropology, English, drama and psychology. The modules on offer will be streamed and students will have an opportunity to choose a stream in which they would wish to specialise. Students will take modules from one of the following:

- Stream 1:** Conflict Transformation
- Stream 2:** Asserting Social Justice, Inclusion and Rights
- Stream 3:** Religion, Society, Peace-building and Conflict

Students are required to complete three compulsory taught modules (all 20 CATS):

- Global Concepts and Practices of Conflict Transformation and Social Justice
- Conducting Research in Conflict Transformation and Social Justice
- Making Knowledge Work

Plus the triple-weighted dissertation (60 CATS)

In addition to the compulsory modules, students take 60 CATS points of optional modules from existing programmes delivered by the School of Arts, English and Languages; the School of Law; the School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics; the

School of Psychology; and the School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work. Within each stream students must take modules from at least two Schools.

A student cannot take more than 40 credits in any School. Where a student wishes to take more than 40 credits in a particular School, it is recommended that they apply for the Master's programme in that School.

The taught modules are delivered during two 12 week semesters. For further information see the Institute website.

## CAREERS

The MA programme provides our graduates with the skills to pursue a wide range of careers in the private, public and voluntary sectors, both domestically and internationally. In addition, the learning and intellectual environment provided by the Institute will prepare students for doctoral study. We increasingly find that undergraduate degrees alone are insufficient to command secure appropriate employment. Postgraduate taught degrees are used to top up learning and employability skills, and enhance knowledge and information. Some employers are less interested in the topic of the postgraduate degree and more in the advanced study skills and employability skills it furnishes. The study and employability skills associated with the MA in Conflict Transformation and Social Justice include:

- Group work
- Independent learning
- The collection and analysis of information
- Research skills
- Problem solving
- Communication skills, oral and written
- Working under time constraints and to deadlines
- Presentation skills

Occasionally, the knowledge content and study and employability skills garnered in a postgraduate degree lend themselves to specific careers. Possible careers facilitated by the MA in Conflict Transformation and Social Justice include:

- Work in the third sector, charities and civil society
- Work in the fields of conflict transformation, peace and reconciliation, and conflict resolution
- Social and community work, dispute resolution and counselling
- Policing
- Community development in divided communities and conflict zones
- Work in international aid agencies and non-governmental organisations in the fields of peace and development, human rights, religion and conflict, victims, trauma, refugees, emergency relief and the like.

In addition to traditional students who are looking for a postgraduate degree to either top up skills or as a route into a specific career, postgraduate degrees are increasingly used by professionals and practitioners looking for continuing professional development (CPD) in their field. The MA in Conflict Transformation and Social Justice acts as useful CPD for the following careers:

- Policing
- Teaching
- Social and community work
- Clergy and religious ministry
- The victims sector
- Counselling

## WHY QUEEN'S?

- Location of Belfast: globally-significant locale for conflict and peace research; access to institutions, community projects, case studies for students' own work.
- Only MA actively facilitating study and research that combines cultural and creative aspects of conflict transformation and social justice together with their socio-legal, institutional and inter-state contexts.
- Only MA in the field to be interdisciplinary across all the humanities and social sciences in order to offer a fully rounded and multilevel analysis of the subject whilst offering optional modules for specialisation.
- Teaching in advanced research methods, with particular emphasis on methodologies appropriate for research in

- the fields of conflict transformation, social justice and societies in transition.
- Annual masterclass with visiting world-leading researchers.
- Peer group seminars across the Faculty in qualitative research methods.
- Participation in interdisciplinary, small research seminar groups on related topics of specialisation, eg 'shared space'; 'divided cities'.
- Opportunities to conduct new empirical research in the field.
- Opportunities to complete assignments with direct policy relevance.

**"I chose this course because of its focus on interdisciplinarity and its comparative approach to conflict transformation and social justice. Its location in Belfast was also a determining factor for me. I'm interested in studying the role of women in social conflict in different countries - both their involvement in the conflict and the impact of the conflict on their wellbeing."**

Rachel Green, Mitchell Scholar  
Germantown USA

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# GLOBAL SECURITY AND BORDERS

(MA)

## Entrance Requirements

**MA:** normally a 2.1 Honours degree or above, or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University in a Social Sciences, Humanities or Arts subject, or a 2.1 Honours degree or above, or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University in any subject with relevant professional experience.

## International Qualifications

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**Places**  
12

**Duration**  
1 year full-time or 2 years part-time

**Teaching and Placement Times**  
Day/Afternoon/Evening

Average of six hours contact teaching hours per week for the first semester. In the second semester, as well as two hours contact on an Elective module, the Borders Internship module will involve three days of a work-based placement, as well as supervision with a member of academic staff.

Students should expect to spend 10-12 hours of independent study for every two hours in seminars and lectures, spread across the course of the semester. However, the second semester Borders Internship involves a more complex mix of work-based learning and supervision.

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## OVERVIEW

Borders have become the key site and central concern of global security practices and theory, from the Mexican-United States border to the Mediterranean ports of the EU. The many facets of borders, as containers of identity, sites of power and points of weakness will be introduced and analysed, showing they have never been more important. This programme will help students navigate this complex terrain from a firm grounding in critical security studies, offering the chance to apply their academic insights within a work-based environment with borders/security professionals through the Borders Internship module.

## CONTENT

The programme has three different components: Core modules, an Elective module, and a dissertation.

**Core Modules:** offer foundational knowledge and understanding in Global Security and Borders, practical experience and active learning within a work-based situation, as well as teaching the key skills regarding how to design a research project.

These compulsory modules include:

- Approaches to Research Design
- Borders Internship (double-weighted – 40 CATS)
- Contemporary Security
- Global Security and Borders

**Elective Modules:** offer the chance to specialise in a particular area of interest, build on foundational knowledge, and develop focused expertise.

One module is to be chosen from a range including\*:

- Carbon Literacy for a Low Carbon Society and Economy
- Conflict Intervention
- Ethnic Conflict and Consensus: The Power of Institutions
- Global Terrorism
- Institutions and Politics of the EU
- International Political Economy
- Philosophy of Conflict and War
- The Politics of the Republic of Ireland

\* This list of elective modules may vary from year to year.



**Dissertation:** to develop a particular area of specialism, facilitate independent learning and instil a variety of skills, students will also write a dissertation of no more than 15,000 words.

## ASSESSMENT

A combination of seminar presentations, learning journals, literature reviews, portfolios, written essays, and a 60-credit, 15,000 word dissertation.

## CAREERS

All of the MA programmes offered in the School provide our graduates with the skills to pursue a wide range of careers in the private, public and voluntary sectors. In addition they provide an appropriate basis for those who wish to proceed to doctoral-level study.

This MA has the particular benefit of an Internship module where students will learn to manage their time and acquire transferable skills in a work-based environment. Potential careers emerging from this degree include local, regional and national government, policy analysis, border agencies, customs and excise, and research for interest and advocacy NGOs.

## WHY QUEEN'S?

- A unique opportunity, not offered anywhere else in the UK or Ireland, to study the crucial interaction of global security practices and borders as sites of power, identity and politics.
- The chance to apply theoretical insights in the real world through the Borders Internship module where you will also learn key transferrable employability skills.
- Research-led teaching by world leading experts who have been awarded grants by UK and EU funding bodies to undertake research on the interaction of borders and security.
- The School's active research environment, including internationally renowned guest speakers, staff seminars and reading groups.
- The opportunity to feed in to contemporary policy debates both directly with professionals through the Internship as well as debating with staff who advise governments and security sector actors.

**“The MA Global Security and Borders is a unique and timely degree addressing contemporary political concerns. Students will benefit from teaching by internationally-recognised experts on security, migration, mobility, and borders. The internship is a key feature, appealing to students keenly aware of the need to connect academic learning with employability.”**

Dr Cathal McCall,  
Senior Lecturer in European Studies

- It is also possible to study for a PG Diploma in each of the areas covered by the MA programmes. The Diploma is constructed around the coursework elements of the MA programmes with no dissertation required. On successful completion of the coursework, however, it is possible to complete the dissertation for an award of MA.

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# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

(MA, PGDIP)

## Entrance Requirements

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**PG Diploma:** normally a 2.2 Honours degree (minimum 57%) or above, or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University in a Social Sciences, Humanities or Arts subject, or a 2.2 Honours degree (minimum 57%) or above, or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University in any subject with relevant professional experience. Applicants who do not meet this entry requirement may, at the discretion of the relevant programme convenor, be considered for admission on the basis of relevant work experience and/or an assessed piece of work.

Admission under the Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) may be considered for this course. Please visit [go.qub.ac.uk/RPLpolicy](http://go.qub.ac.uk/RPLpolicy) for the University's Recognition of Prior Learning Policy and information on application procedures.

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Funding: [go.qub.ac.uk/pgfunding](http://go.qub.ac.uk/pgfunding)

## Places

25

## Duration

1 year full-time or 2 years part-time

## Teaching Times

Afternoon/Evening.

Contact teaching time of 6-8 hours per week (plus optional extra teaching).

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## OVERVIEW

This programme is designed to analyse various aspects of International Relations in a scholarly, critical and methodologically sophisticated manner. Having introduced the theoretical and methodological components which facilitate our study of the field, the aim is to use these tools to examine, explain and understand the issues, topics and processes that make up our world, from security and terrorism, migration and mobility, to global financial crises. The programme offers a balance between providing core content in the field of International Relations while allowing students to actively choose their area of specialism.

## CONTENT

The programme has three different components: Core modules, Elective modules, and an MA dissertation.

**Core Modules:** to acquire foundational knowledge and understanding in International Relations, students will take four core modules.

- Approaches to Research Design
- Contemporary Security
- International Political Economy
- Theories and Issues in International Relations

**Elective Modules:** to enable students to specialise in areas of interest, build on foundational knowledge, and develop focused expertise, students can choose from a range of electives

Students must take one of:

- Conflict Intervention
- Global Terrorism

Students can take one additional module from a list including\*:

- Conflict Intervention (if not already taken)
- Global Terrorism (if not already taken)
- Carbon Literacy for a Low Carbon Society and Economy
- Ethnic Conflict and Consensus: The Power of Institutions
- Gender, Politics and Democracy
- Institutions and Politics of the EU Philosophy of Conflict and War

\*This list of elective modules may vary from year to year.



**Dissertation:** to enable students to develop their particular area of specialism, facilitate independent learning and instil a variety of skills, students must also write a 15,000 word dissertation.

## ASSESSMENT

The programme is assessed by a mixture of examination, continuous assessment (eg essays, projects, portfolios) and presentations.

## CAREERS

All of the MA programmes offered in the School provide our graduates with the skills to pursue a wide range of careers in the private, public and voluntary sectors. In addition they provide an appropriate basis for those who wish to proceed to Doctoral-level study.

Graduates from the MA in International Relations currently work in local and national government, international and national NGOs and charities, academia (as lecturers and researchers), and the private sector (eg as lawyers and policy analysts).

## WHY QUEEN'S?

The unique aspects provided by the MA in International Relations at Queen's include:

- An opportunity to study international relations in a location where apparently communal conflicts have a clear international aspect in both their perpetuation and resolution
- Taught by world-leading experts in areas such as migration and asylum, border security, visual culture and international ethics
- Students are actively engaged in designing the core module on the programme, agreeing the international issues of greatest importance on which they want to focus teaching and discussion
- Benefits from a vibrant interdisciplinary research culture within the School, including insights from History, Anthropology and Philosophy
- It is also possible to study for a PG Diploma in each of the areas covered by the MA programmes. The Diploma is constructed around the coursework elements of the MA programmes with no dissertation required. On successful completion of the coursework, however, it is possible to complete the dissertation for an award of MA.

**"At a time when all politics is international and the migrant crisis, Brexit and international terrorism are changing past certainties, this programme is ideally placed to help explain and understand the international sphere whilst learning key transferable skills."**

Dr Dan Bulley,  
Senior Lecturer in International Relations

**"Fantastic! I loved the amount of discussion present in class, and lecturers were genuinely excited to be a part of the programme. I have made significant progress in my education and was very humbled by the opportunity to learn from individuals who were so thoroughly entrenched and experienced in their fields."**

Ellen McGuire, MA in International Relations (2015)

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# LEGISLATIVE STUDIES AND PRACTICE (MA)

## Entrance Requirements

A 2.1 Honours degree at 65% or above or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University in Politics, European Studies, International Studies, Philosophy or a cognate subject area. Shortlisted applicants for the programme will be interviewed by a panel comprising the Programme Convenor, one or more other members of the School's academic staff, and representatives of the Secretariat at the Northern Ireland Assembly.

## International Qualifications

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## Duration

1 year full-time

## Teaching Times

Afternoon.

Two teaching hours per week plus regular contact with your supervisor.

This MA involves a nine-month placement (Sept-June) at the Northern Ireland Assembly.

**Please note:** closing date for applications is 22 February 2017.

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## OVERVIEW

The programme seeks to develop students' knowledge of the historical and political contexts – regional, national and European – in which the Northern Ireland Assembly operates. Students can develop a detailed understanding of legislative practice through work-based learning in the Northern Ireland Assembly, and develop their analytical, communication, employability and research skills.

## CONTENT

At the core of this degree is a nine-month assessed placement with the Northern Ireland Assembly where students will be placed in one of several business units (eg a Committee, the Bills Office, Research and Information Services). In addition, students take two taught modules which set the work of the Assembly in the wider contexts of devolution in Northern Ireland and of European integration. Following the placement and production of a portfolio and themed report, students complete a 15,000-word project or dissertation on a topic concerning legislative practice and/or studies.

## Indicative Programme Modules

### Semester 1

The Government and Institutions of the Devolved Northern Ireland

### Semester 2

Institutions and Politics of the European Union

### Summer Semester

Project/Dissertation

## ASSESSMENT

A combination of essays, learning journals, themed report, portfolio and project/dissertation.



**"To study politics while working in a lively legislature was an experience I will never forget. The research and analytical skills I gained as part of the programme, as well as the thorough understanding of British, Irish, Northern Irish, and EU politics I gained while at Queen's has been of enormous benefit to me in my role as a journalist."**

Donie O'Sullivan  
Former student, MA Legislative Studies and Practice (2013)

## CAREERS

This distinctive and innovative Master's provides unique opportunities to combine academic study of contemporary politics with extensive practical knowledge of the workings of a legislative assembly.

It draws on supervised work placements, expert teaching and independent research to produce uniquely qualified postgraduates. The programme also serves as a solid base for a variety of careers, notably in the Civil Service, in politics and political consultancy, as well as to further research.

More generally, Queen's postgraduates reap exceptional benefits. Unique initiatives, such as Degree Plus and Researcher Plus bolster our commitment to employability, while innovative leadership and executive programmes alongside sterling integration with business experts helps our students gain key leadership positions both nationally and internationally.

## WHY QUEEN'S?

The advantages of this course include:

- A unique opportunity for work-based learning through a nine-month placement at the Northern Ireland Assembly, with Monday-Thursday spent at the Assembly each week.
- Placement is combined with study at Queen's (on Fridays) which offers the theoretical and empirical tools to inform Assembly work.
- Regular contact and input from an academic placement supervisor
- Study trips to the Oireachtas, Westminster and Brussels are also arranged.
- Option of a project or dissertation over the summer.

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# POLITICS

(MA, PGDIP)

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## Fees and Funding<sup>1</sup>

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International Fees: £15,200

Normally these degrees are self-funded. If there are any School bursaries, they will be advertised on the School website.

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## Places

25

## Duration

1 year full-time or 2 years part-time.

## Teaching Times

Afternoon/Evening.  
Minimum of six teaching hours per week.

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## OVERVIEW

The aim of the MA in Politics is to deepen students' understanding of important contemporary issues in political studies through the enhancement of students' analytical skills, research and writing talent, and capacity for utilising theoretical approaches. These are all important transferable skills, highly valued in the job market. The programme is of particular interest to those wishing to know more about Irish politics (North and South), European politics, political conflict, and political theory.

## CONTENT

Students take six taught modules (MA and PGDip), which introduce them to the core of the discipline and teach the skills necessary to conduct research. They must also complete the Dissertation module (MA). Each taught module is worth 20 credits. The Dissertation is worth 60 credits.

### Semester 1

- Approaches to Research Design (compulsory)
  - Government and Institutions of Northern Ireland
- OR
- Politics of Northern Ireland

Plus one from:

- Global Ethics
- Government and Institutions of Northern Ireland\*
- Politics of Northern Ireland\*
- Theories and Issues of International Relations
- Violence, Terrorism and Security

\*If not chosen from above.

### Semester 2

- Institutions and Politics of the EU (compulsory)

Plus two from:

- Carbon Literacy for a Low Carbon Society and Economy
- Conflict Intervention
- Dignity and Human Rights
- Ethnic Conflict and Consensus: The power of institutions
- Gender, Politics and Democracy
- International Political Economy
- Philosophy of Conflict and War
- The Politics of the Republic of Ireland



### Semester 3

- Dissertation (15,000 words maximum)

## ASSESSMENT

A mix of essays, learning journals, presentations, examination and portfolio projects.

## CAREERS

All of the MA programmes offered in the School provide our graduates with the skills to pursue a wide range of careers in the private, public and voluntary sectors. In addition they provide an appropriate basis for those who wish to proceed to doctoral-level study. Our graduates are now working in careers with local and national government, policy analysis and advocacy for NGOs and charities. Many are also in the private sector working as lawyers, in the media and in management consultancy.

More generally, Queen's postgraduates reap exceptional benefits. Unique initiatives, such as Degree Plus and Researcher Plus bolster our commitment to employability, while innovative leadership and executive programmes alongside sterling integration with business experts helps our students gain key leadership positions both nationally and internationally.

## WHY QUEEN'S?

Politics is about conflict, debate and the contest of ideas, making Belfast, where such things are part of everyday reality, an ideal place to study the subject. The modules offered are tailored to the University's location and its expertise in Irish, Northern Irish and EU politics.

Students benefit from intensive teaching by a wide and varied range of political scientists and theorists with strong publishing profiles and international reputations in their areas of expertise.

Students unsure of which precise direction they wish their career to take will benefit from the fact that the MA in Politics allows for a generalist course of study alongside excellent careers support, both within the School and the University at large.

The MA in Politics provides students with the opportunity to engage in a wide range of active research networks and groups on diverse themes, including gender studies, political theory/philosophy, political economy, and postcolonial politics. On successful completion of their taught module coursework, PgDip students can complete the dissertation for an award of MA.

**"My time at Queen's has been an exceptionally rewarding experience. The teaching I have received has been consistently brilliant, and on a personal level my lecturers have been unfailingly friendly and supportive."**

Thomas McManus, MA Politics

**"The MA in Politics offers you a chance to engage the breadth of the discipline as well as focus in on the issues that most concern you, whether that be Irish politics, conflict or political theory."**

Dr Keith Breen, Senior Lecturer in Politics

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# VIOLENCE, TERRORISM AND SECURITY

(MA, PGDIP)

## Entrance Requirements

**MA:** normally a 2.1 Honours degree or above, or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University in a Social Sciences, Humanities or Arts subject, or a 2.1 Honours degree or above, or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University in any subject with relevant professional experience.

**PgDip:** normally a 2.2 Honours degree (minimum 57%) or above, or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University in a Social Sciences, Humanities or Arts subject, or a 2.2 Honours degree (minimum 57%) or above, or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University in any subject with relevant professional experience. Applicants who do not meet this entry requirement may, at the discretion of the relevant programme convenor, be considered for admission on the basis of relevant work experience. Please note that a piece of written work may be requested in this instance.

Admission under the Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) may be considered for this course. Please visit [go.qub.ac.uk/RPLpolicy](http://go.qub.ac.uk/RPLpolicy) for the University's Recognition of Prior Learning Policy and information on application procedures.

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## OVERVIEW

This programme provides dynamic and critical study in Violence, Terrorism and Security. Its aim is to help students develop a critical and analytical approach to problems in history and the contemporary world of these three areas. It challenges accepted wisdom and opens up the debate about the role of violence in relation to political power in the late 20th and early 21st centuries. Successfully completing the MA can enhance students' opportunities for career advancement by developing their knowledge and skills, including the independent research skills required for the dissertation.

## CONTENT

Six taught modules, plus a dissertation of no more than 15,000 words.

Students will take:

- Approaches to Research Design
- Conflict Intervention
- Contemporary Security
- Global Terrorism
- Violence, Terrorism and Security

Plus one module from the following:

- Ethnic Conflict
- International Political Economy
- Philosophy of Conflict and War

## ASSESSMENT

Continuous assessment via essays, learning journals, portfolios, presentations and policy briefs.



## CAREERS

This programme provides an opportunity to develop in-depth knowledge of current violence, security and terrorism related issues for those at any stage of their career.

Our graduates now serve in the most senior ranks of a number of National Police Services, and Law Enforcement Agencies, Border and Immigration Control, National Armed Forces including the US Army, US Air Force, British Army and Irish Defence Forces. Our graduates also work as senior government policy advisers, in international NGOs in diverse parts of the globe including major conflict zones and the media.

The MA also provides the research skills and knowledge to carry out a PhD to pursue, as a number of our graduates have done, an academic career.

## WHY QUEEN'S?

- Deals with themes of violence, terrorism and security in a location (Northern Ireland) with contemporary experience of their causes, consequences and resolution.
- Our teaching staff have global standing as experts in their field.
- Our teaching staff regularly interface with policy-makers, state governments and sectoral actors giving expert advice and expertise to the field.
- Our students include security, law enforcement and defence service professionals who bring the experience of their learning on their MA programme back to a policy and operational level.
- Our programme attracts international award holders of the highest calibre, including Marshall and Mitchell scholars.

It is also possible to study for a PG Diploma in each of the areas covered by the MA and the PG Diploma is constructed around the coursework elements of the MA. On successful completion of the coursework, it is possible to complete the dissertation for an award of MA.

**"Completing the MA in Violence, Terrorism, and Security at Queen's University Belfast has proven to be one of my most educationally thought-provoking and rewarding life experiences to date. The course curriculum was well crafted with the intention of providing students with a solid theoretical understanding of security studies alongside more in-depth analyses of case studies related to political violence and terrorism."**

Brian C Mueller,  
Marshall Scholar, US Air Force

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# RESEARCH PROGRAMME

## POLITICS, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND PHILOSOPHY

(PHD, MPhil)

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### Duration

Registration is on a full-time or part-time basis, under the direction of a supervisory team appointed by the University. You will be expected to submit your thesis at the

end of three years of full-time registration for PhD, or two years for MPhil (or parttime equivalent).

### Fees and Funding<sup>1</sup>

UK/EU Fees: TBC

International Fees: £15,100

A number of funding opportunities for PhD research are available in the School. These include:

1. DEL PhD Studentship awards – the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (AHSS) invites applications every year for these awards which are funded by Northern Ireland's Department of Education and Learning. Any subject area of AHSS is eligible as long as you meet the other criteria.
2. Northern Bridge Studentships – specific opportunities for 'Humanities Facing' subject areas which include, but are not limited to, Philosophy, Political Theory, Political History, Diplomatic History, Cultural Studies, Aesthetics and Politics.
3. Leverhulme Interdisciplinary Network on Cybersecurity and Society (LINCS) – funds PhD studentships in the cross-disciplinary study of cybersecurity and society.

Information on these awards can be found on the School website.

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### RESEARCH STRATEGIES

The School has a strong international reputation for innovative research, across a wide range of specialist research strengths. In each of these, important and pioneering work has been published by members of staff and major projects of research are ongoing. In addition, the School is committed to the supervision of high-quality research students in all areas of politics, philosophy and international politics and to enhancing its vibrant postgraduate research culture.

### RESEARCH STRENGTHS

The research interests of the School and the expertise of its staff include:

- Contemporary Irish Political History
- Governance and Public Policy, with a particular emphasis on European Union politics, public opinion, gender studies, governance
- Security, Terrorism and International Relations
- Philosophy, with a particular emphasis on metaphysics, philosophy of mind, logic, epistemology, moral and political philosophy
- Political Theory, particularly green political thought, post-structuralism, democratic political theory and the politics of recognition

### CAREERS

Research graduates from our School have taken up careers in a variety of spheres, including lecturing and postdoctoral research at universities and research institutes in the UK, Ireland, Europe and America. Others work in local and regional government, the Electoral Commission, the media, and for international humanitarian NGOs and charities.



### WHY QUEEN'S?

In the 2014 Research Excellence Framework, over 65 per cent of the School's research in its various subject areas was judged to be 'world-leading' or 'internationally excellent', thus confirming the School's position as one of the leading centres in the UK for world-class research in history, anthropology, philosophy and politics.

The School runs a bespoke training programme, including a series of employability talks on 'Pathways out of the PhD: Academic and Non-Academic Futures', which aims to guide you through the process of choosing your future career path and making the most of the new research skills you have acquired.

Staff in the School are involved in editing a range of leading, high profile, internationally-recognised journals and book series, including International Political Sociology, Environmental Politics, Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, and the Ashgate Rethinking Political and International Theory monograph series.

The thriving research culture of the School can be experienced in a variety of ways: through visits and talks from internationally renowned academics and practitioners; conferences and workshops; and the staff seminar series, which students are actively involved in. A range of reading groups, including staff and students, offer the opportunity to read and discuss more widely around your subject.

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## RECENT PROJECTS

**Power-Sharing and Voting:** Conflict, Accountability and Electoral Behaviour at the 2015 Northern Ireland Assembly Election

**Treating People as Objects?** Ethics, Security and the Governance of Mobility

**TRUST:** Tracing Risk and Uncertainty in Security Technology

**Generating Justice:** The social, legal, political and ethical issues of ensuring justice across generations

## CAREERS

The School is proud to have taught and mentored a wide range of students from Northern Ireland and beyond. Our graduates have gone on to work in diverse fields such as the media, politics, consulting, PR, NGO work and much more.

## FACILITIES

The award-winning **McClay Library** has 2,200 reader seats in a mixture of formal and informal spaces, and offers places for quiet study and significant provision for group work. Its iconic CS Lewis Reading Room, a serene reading space, is the Library's magnificent centrepiece: decorated with glass-engraved quotations from the Belfast author's works, it is also home to a hand-carved replica of the famous wardrobe door from 'The Chronicles of Narnia'.

**The Graduate School** offers a unique facility for postgraduate students by providing a range of support services including skills development workshops and events to add value to your student experience. The Graduate School aims to support postgraduates in the development of transferable skills that can be applied to their study and future career.



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