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AND POLITICS
POSTGRADUATE
PROGRAMMES
2021 ENTRY**



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WELCOME

Welcome to the School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics. We are a vibrant interdisciplinary community bringing together over 100 scholars working on a wide range of issues including the study of peace and conflict transformation, terrorism and security, ethnomusicology, public history, ethics, gender, cultural and cognitive anthropology, political theory, European history and politics, Irish, US, African and Chinese history.

Students have the opportunity to pursue taught or research degrees in disciplinary-focused or interdisciplinary areas. The School has over 950 undergraduate, 250 postgraduate taught and 130 research students across our degree programmes. The School offers a supportive student learning environment with a priority given to small group teaching. The aim throughout is on a rich learning experience with an emphasis on critical thinking, research skills, analysis, interpretation and personal development.

Our students benefit from the lively research culture of the School and are encouraged to participate in the many seminar series, workshops and conferences that run throughout the year. We also offer many opportunities for students to work together and share ideas in a range of innovative ways, through workshops, field trips, a residential writing retreat, and a research café.

Students will be taught by world-leading experts in their areas of interest who bring their knowledge and passion for their areas of research into classroom discussions. With high quality teaching and opportunities for student placements and student-led research, our students acquire a wide range of core skills and conceptual and practical training that are valued by major employers, professional organisations and academic institutions.

Guided by our academic staff we encourage our students to engage with some of the major issues affecting society today. These include how we understand and commemorate our past; how the past is put to work in the public sphere; the impact of Brexit in Ireland and the UK; the relationship between gender and democracy; the applied ethics of children, the family, healthcare and the state; the politics of migration and borders; the politics of security and geopolitics. Our regional expertise includes Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, North America, and the Middle East.

OUR DEGREE PROGRAMMES

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TAUGHT

Anthropology
Conflict Transformation and Social Justice
Geopolitics
Global Security and Borders
History
International Public Policy
International Relations
Irish Studies
Politics
Public History
Violence, Terrorism and Security

RESEARCH

Integrated PhD
Anthropology
Cognition and Culture
History
International Studies
Philosophy
Politics

QUEEN'S IS A MEMBER OF THE RUSSELL GROUP OF THE UK'S 24 LEADING RESEARCH-INTENSIVE UNIVERSITIES

QUEEN'S IS THE NINTH OLDEST UNIVERSITY IN THE UK

(Complete University Guide 2021)

QUEEN'S CURRENTLY HAS OVER 3,000 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FROM 85 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

(Queen's Planning Office, 2020)

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY IS JOINT 1ST IN THE UK FOR RESEARCH INTENSITY

(Complete University Guide 2021)

HISTORY AT QUEEN'S IS RANKED IN THE TOP 200 IN THE WORLD

(QS World Rankings by Subject 2021)

QUEEN'S IS RANKED 13TH IN THE UK FOR GRADUATE PROSPECTS

(Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021)

THE WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS TOP 200 2021

TAUGHT
PROGRAMMES



MA ANTHROPOLOGY

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Normally a 2.1 Honours degree in a relevant subject, including Anthropology, Sociology and Cultural Studies or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University. Other subjects, such as Music, Geography, Psychology, Irish Studies, History and Languages may also be considered, depending on the nature of the completed undergraduate programme.

Applicants who hold a 2.2 Honours degree in one of the disciplines specified above or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University, who can demonstrate relevant professional experience will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Applicants may be required to submit a piece of written work in support of their application.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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.

FEES AND FUNDING

NI/EU Fees: £6,450
GB Fees: £7,250
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INTERNATIONAL FEES

£17,700
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PLACES

25

DURATION

1 year full-time or up to 3 years part-time (MA)
1 year full-time or 2 years part-time (PgDip)

TEACHING TIMES

Teaching times will be a combination of both morning and afternoon with the opportunity for occasional weekend training sessions.

A postgraduate diploma in Anthropology is offered, this follows the same pathway as the Masters in Anthropology except for the Dissertation.

Candidates must pass taught modules to the value of 120 CATS, including all core modules to be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma.

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“My experiences at Queen’s, both in class and at conferences, have been applicable to my career path in academia. Upon returning from Belfast, I began working as an assistant lecturer at Universitas Gadjah Mada in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, where I taught classes on ethnomusicology and folklore.”

Leilani Hermiasih (Indonesia)
MA Anthropology

OVERVIEW

What is Anthropology? Anthropology is the study of human similarity and human difference. It looks at the building blocks of human society and culture, studying the value and meaning of human life from the grassroots up on a local and global platform.

Ethnomusicology (study of world musics) can be studied as part of Anthropology. Queen’s has a dedicated Performance Room with musical instruments from around the world.

Anthropology at Queen’s is ranked 2nd in the UK (Guardian University Guide 2021). In the 2020 Guardian League Tables, Anthropology at Queen’s was ranked 1st for teaching satisfaction (97.3%) and 2nd in the UK for overall course satisfaction.

CONTENT

The MA provides a broad education in Anthropology but allows for specialisation in particular areas. Students take a combination of compulsory and optional modules including the Anthropology of Music and the Anthropology of Conflict with particular reference to Ireland and Britain.

You will also participate in the weekly Anthropology Postgraduate Seminar where MA/PhD students present their on-going research and in addition attend the weekly Anthropology Research Seminar where established academics discuss their work. Students also have the option to audit an undergraduate module and participate in various music ensembles.

ASSESSMENT

Assessed essays and dissertation.

CAREERS

Graduates have pursued careers in a wide range of fields, such as research (academic and non-academic), teaching, music therapy, consultancy, development and charity work, museum and heritage posts, journalism and radio broadcasting. Among those who have pursued academic careers, not all have done so within anthropology - several have taken posts

in related disciplines. Others have found positions within governmental and non-governmental organisations abroad.

WHY QUEEN’S?

Student Experience:

- A unique feature of Anthropology at Queen’s is the study of Ethnomusicology, which is the anthropology of music.
- Anthropology at Queen’s is ranked 2nd in the UK in the Guardian University Guide 2021.
- Ranked 2nd in the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021.
- Ranked 19th in the UK in the Complete University Guide 2020.
- Ranked 9th in the UK for course satisfaction in the Guardian University Guide 2020.
- Ranked 7th in the UK for teaching satisfaction in the Guardian University Guide 2020.

World-class Facilities:

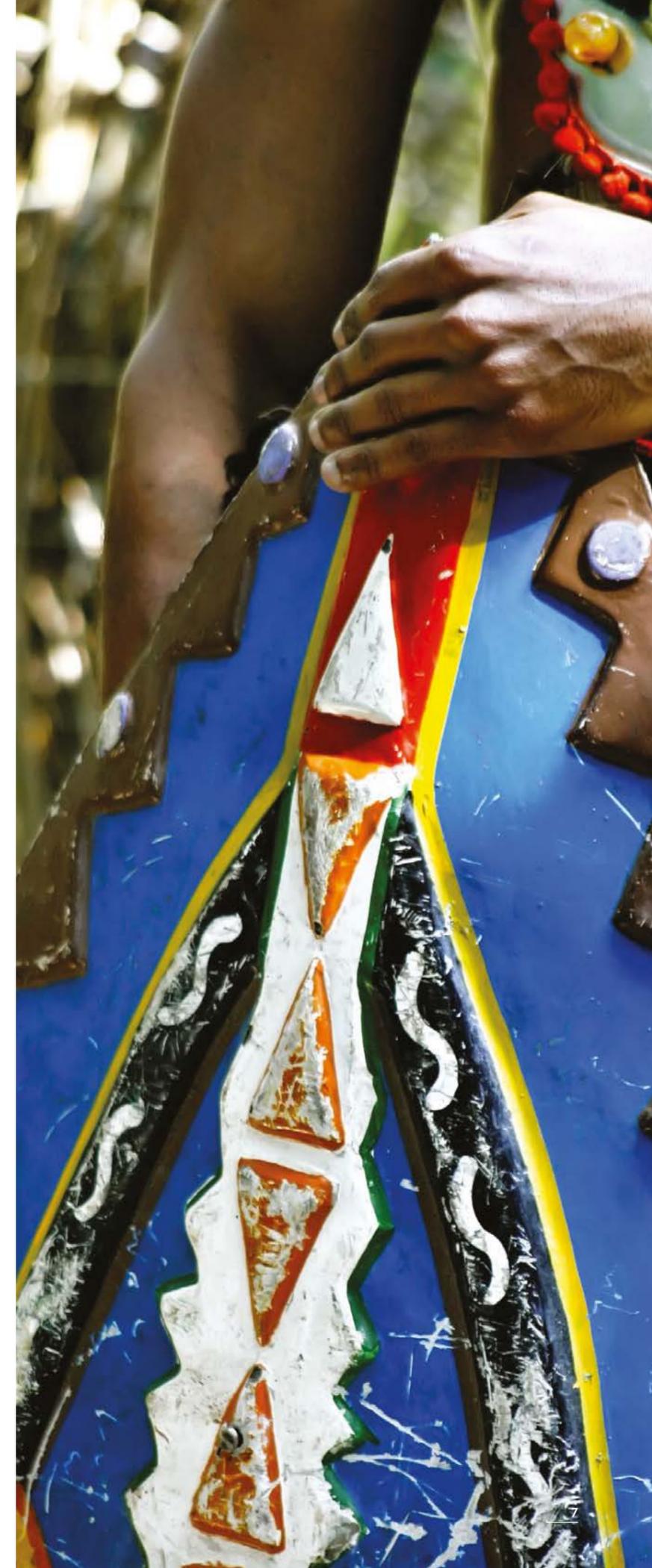
- Students will benefit from the work carried out in the Institute of Cognition and Culture (ICC), which is one of the world’s first centres for research in cognition and culture. This is a burgeoning interdisciplinary field in which scholars seek to explain patterns of cultural stability and variation utilising theories and methods of the cognitive and evolutionary sciences.

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MA CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

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 Masters 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.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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.

FEES AND FUNDING

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DURATION

1 year full-time / 2 years part-time

Exit qualifications are available: students may exit with a Postgraduate Diploma by successfully completing all taught modules.

TEACHING

Morning / Afternoon / Evening

“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

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.

This allows the exploration of issues of conflict transformation and social justice to be engaged from multiple disciplines equipping you with the skills and knowledge to make a real difference in the world. 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/South East 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 relate to the fields of political science, law, sociology, history, anthropology, English, drama and psychology.

The taught modules are delivered during two 12 week semesters.

Modules

Students are required to complete two compulsory taught modules as well as the triple weighted dissertation (60 CATS):

- Global Concepts and Practices of Conflict Transformation and Social Justice (20 CATS)
- Approaches to Research Design (20 CATS)

In addition to the compulsory modules, students take 80 CATS points of optional modules from the Faculty's elective modules and existing programmes delivered by the following Schools: Social Sciences, Education and Social Work; History, Anthropology,

Philosophy and Politics; Arts, English and Languages; Law; and Management.

ASSESSMENT

Examination and continuous assessment.

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, written and presentation skills
- Working under time constraints and to deadline

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. 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. Employers are interested in the broad (and interdisciplinary) range of applied and scholarly skillsets developed in this programme. Students can avail of all the skills and careers programmes offered by the Graduate School.

Our alumni are building careers in restorative justice, equality advocacy, international diplomacy (embassy work), the United Nations, Law school and doctoral programmes, policing, peacebuilding organisations, and organisations working with victims of human trafficking.

WHY QUEEN'S?

- Location is key to the MA Conflict at Queen's because Belfast is a post-conflict society. Students have the opportunity to experience how peace can be achieved and to study these relevant issues in a location which has been shaped by conflict. Belfast specifically, and Northern Ireland more generally, offers a primary resource in studying how issues like post-conflict transition; commemoration; community integration, borders and peacebuilding take place.

- You will be taught by world-class academics specializing in areas of conflict including South/South East Asia, the Middle East, Southern Europe, South America and Northern Ireland.

- You will regularly hear from practitioners of conflict transformation and social justice both in the Northern Ireland context and globally.

- You will gain access to the wide range of high profile events organised through the Senator George J Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice (see <https://www.qub.ac.uk/Research/GRI/mitchell-institute/>). In the past year such events have included private Masterclasses with Senator George Mitchell, as well as with Dr. Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela, who served on the Truth & Reconciliation Commission in South Africa; Jonathan Powell, a British Diplomat and author of Talking to Terrorists; and Dr Paula Rayman, a leading scholar on gender and conflict. Other events have included conferences on refugees, human rights, mass atrocities, memory, arts and conflict, policing, and cybersecurity.

- Some students may avail of the opportunity to participate in voluntary, non-assessed placements with local peacebuilding organisations.

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MA GEOPOLITICS

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

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.

NON-STANDARD ENTRY ROUTES

Applicants with lower than a 2.1 Honours degree, but with recognised prior experiential learning (RPEL) will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Professional qualifications may also be considered for programme entry in lieu of a primary degree.

The University's Recognition of Prior Learning Policy provides guidance on the assessment of experiential learning (RPEL). Please visit <http://go.qub.ac.uk/RPLpolicy> for more information.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

An IELTS score of 6.5 with not less than 5.5 in each of the four component elements of listening, reading, speaking and writing taken within the last 2 years.

And/or

A TOEFL score of 90+ (internet based is the only acceptable form of this test); with at least the following scores in each of the four component parts of listening (17), reading (18), speaking (20) and writing (17) taken within the last 2 years.

And/or

A language assessment conducted by INTO-Queens or other approved provider.

And/or

An alternative English language qualification recognised by QUB (for example International Baccalaureate).

FEES AND FUNDING

NI/EU Fees: £6,450
GB Fees: £7,250
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INTERNATIONAL FEES

£17,700
Unless otherwise stated the tuition fees quoted are for the academic year 2020-21 with the exception of international fees which are for the academic year 2021-22. Tuition fees are subject to an annual inflationary increase, unless explicitly stated otherwise go.qub.ac.uk/pgfunding

PLACES

30

DURATION

1 year full-time / 3 years part-time

TEACHING TIMES

Morning / Afternoon / Evening

OVERVIEW

How does climate change reshape global politics? What will the world look like with the rise of China as a new superpower? Can regional conflicts shift the international power balance? How will a mainly urbanised world sustain itself? As the international scene becomes increasingly complex, understanding the fundamentals of how people, governments, international institutions and the environment interact is becoming increasingly important. If you are interested in understanding the intersections of space and politics then the MA in Geopolitics is specifically designed for you.

Contemporary issues require advanced analysis that recognises the intersections of space, power and politics. From security challenges to cultural practices or climate change; from the global to the everyday, the connections between politics and space are increasingly complex. Integrating historical, cultural and political perspectives, the MA Geopolitics at QUB is an innovative interdisciplinary programme that seeks to build the knowledge and skills needed to engage these challenges.

Taught by academic experts in Human Geography, Politics and International Relations, with a broad range of regional expertise and research perspectives, this new MA enables students to explore the questions which are shaping our lives. It is not just for geographers, international relations students, and political scientists but anyone with an interest in the core course themes. You will come to understand these intersections through a range of themes developed across the modules. These include nations, states, landscapes, mobilities, urban spaces, environmental change, sovereignty, identity, gender, empire and postcolonial relations, territory and bordering, the politics of human rights and others. You can either specialise or learn across a range of issues such as culture, media, ethics, security and conflict, environmental politics, and democratic participation. You will be taught by experts

in regions including the East Asia, Europe, North America, Latin America, the Middle East, and the UK and Ireland.

As you engage the intersections of space, power and politics you will develop advanced conceptual and analytic skills and subject knowledge needed to explore their intersections in a range of historic and contemporary issues. These skills will enable you to investigate problems shaping environments, places and landscapes and to challenge accepted wisdom. They are also particularly important skills for those pursuing careers in all sectors of government and the public sector, NGOs, international corporations, regional and international agencies, media and information industries.

CONTENT

This MA provides advanced conceptual and analytic skills needed to engage the intersections of space, power and politics in a range of historic and contemporary issues. It will encourage students to develop a critical and analytical approach to problems shaping environments, places and landscapes; to challenge accepted wisdom about the role of spatiality in relation to political power in the late 20th and early 21st centuries. Students will develop an ability to conduct advanced research and analysis that registers the everyday and global geographies of power at work in a range of issues. They will enhance transferable and intellectual skills and employability skills through independent learning and the pursuit of originality in tackling and solving problems. Students will acquire subject-specific skills (e.g. critical reasoning, identifying and solving problems) through debate, discussion and listening in small-group study forums, and through supervised independent research.

Core Modules

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

Students undertake two core modules in each taught semester, and a further optional module.

The dissertation is completed over the summer.

Each taught module is worth 20 CATS points. The dissertation is worth 60 CATS points. The MA requires completion of 180 CATS.

Semester 1 CORE MODULES:

- GGY77001 Critical Geopolitics
- HAP7001: Approaches and Debates in Research Design

Semester 2 CORE MODULES:

- GGY7002 Geo-power: States, Sovereignty, Territory
- GGY7003: Culture and the Geopolitics of the Everyday

Optional modules

Semester One OPTIONAL MODULES, one of which is taken:

- CSJ7007: The Legacy of Conflict
- PAI7032: Gender, Peace and Security
- PAI7051: Contemporary Security
- PAI7098: Democratic Challenges
- PAI7021: The politics of Northern Ireland
- PAI7038: Theories of Comparative Politics
- PHL7056: Global Ethics

Semester Two OPTIONAL MODULES, one of which is taken:

- CSJ7009: Conflict Mediation
- PAI7007: Global Terrorism
- PAI7027: Conflict Intervention
- PAI7030: International Political Economy
- PAI7032: Gender and politics
- PAI7036: Low Carbon Economies
- PAI7050: Ethnic Conflict and Consensus: the Power of Institutions
- PAI7052: Institutions and Politics of the EU
- PAI7100: Engaging Citizens in Democratic Institutions
- PHL7038: Philosophy of Conflict and War
- ANT7023: Anthropology of Conflict: Ireland and Beyond

Dissertation

Students complete their dissertation over the summer months. While you will begin work on your dissertation in the Autumn

and Spring Semesters, most research and analysis is carried out over the summer months.

A dissertation (GGY7099) of up to 15,000 words will be produced through an independent research project. This is worth 60 CATS points.

Students are guided in this by an academic expert supervisor. Supervisors for GGY7099 may be drawn from experts in either the School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics, or from Geography in the School of Natural and Built Environment.

ASSESSMENT

You will be part of a community of learners situated across two academic Schools and will be able to avail of research activities and seminar series in both.

Vibrant debate and discussion forms a core part of class time. You will gain experience in applying qualitative and quantitative approaches to real world political concerns.

All teaching staff are at the forefront of contemporary research and debate in their fields.

CAREERS

MA Geopolitics can lead to a PhD in Geography, Politics, International Studies or environmental studies. It would also train you for employment in all sectors of government and the public sector, international agencies, NGOs, international corporations, media and information industries.

SPECIAL FEATURES

The chance to apply theoretical insights to the real world through a range of assignments, fieldtrips, engagements with practitioners, guest speakers and seminars.

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MA GLOBAL SECURITY AND BORDERS

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Normally a minimum of a 2.1 Honours degree or above, or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University in a Social Sciences, Humanities or Arts subject, or a minimum of a 2.1 Honours degree or above, or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University in any subject with relevant professional experience.

Further criteria will be applied since placements are limited. This will include ranking applications on the basis of academic performance as well as a personal statement and/or an interview.

Please note: due to external international funding deadlines and the limited availability of internships, the closing date for International student applications to this programme is **29th January 2021 at 4pm GMT**; for EU and UK students the closing date for applications is **31st March 2021 at 4pm GMT**.

Applications received after these closing dates will be regarded as LATE and will be considered only if vacancies exist when all applications received by these closing dates have been processed.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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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PLACES

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DURATION

1 year full-time / 3 years part-time

TEACHING TIMES

Afternoon

“This MA prepares students to critically examine how pressing security issues are increasingly being felt at border sites around the world. The course explores how issues such as migration, security, human rights and sovereignty converge at key border sites, while engaging with these issues first hand on an internship.”

Professor Debbie Lisle

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OVERVIEW

Borders have become a 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 are introduced and analysed in this programme: they are understood as containers of identity, sites of power, and points of weakness where the mobility of people (eg terrorists, migrants) and things (eg drugs, weapons) can disrupt prevailing forms of security. This programme aims to help students navigate this complex terrain by providing a firm grounding in critical border studies, offering the chance to apply their academic insights within a work-based environment with borders/ security professionals through the Borders Internship module.

A unique opportunity here at Queen's University Belfast, 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. You will get the chance to apply theoretical insights in the real-world through the Borders Internship module where you will also learn key transferable employability skills.

Students will undertake internships located mostly in the Greater Belfast area. Where the internship requires to travel outside the Belfast area, the School will negotiate with the host institution/ provider to cover travel costs.

CONTENT

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

Core Modules

Offer foundational knowledge and understanding in Global Security and Borders, practical experience and active learning within a work-based situation on the Borders Internship module, 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)
- 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.

Elective modules for this programme may include:

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

* 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 such as project management, detailed analysis and self-motivation, students on the MA pathway must also write a dissertation of no more than 15,000 words.

ASSESSMENT

Seminar presentations, learning journals, literature reviews, portfolios, written essays and dissertation. Assessments and feedback are continuous throughout the course of study.

CAREERS

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. In addition it provides an appropriate basis for those who wish to proceed to doctoral level study.

WHY QUEEN'S?

- You will experience 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 includes internationally renowned guest speakers, staff seminars and reading groups.
- This programme 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.
- The chance to apply theoretical insights in the real world through the Borders Internship module where you will also learn key transferrable employability skills.
- 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

MA HISTORY

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Normally a minimum of a 2.1 Honours degree or above, or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University in a Humanities or Arts subject or an acceptable cognate discipline.

Applicants who hold a 2.2 Honours degree in one of the disciplines specified above or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University, who can demonstrate relevant professional experience will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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DURATION

1 year full-time / 3 years part-time

TEACHING TIMES

Afternoon

“The MA History programme at Queen’s not only gave me the opportunity to pursue my own research interests, it also enabled me to further develop my skills as a historian and a researcher. The course itself is tailored to suit the interests of the students, and the School, with its lively research environment and internationally renowned academic staff, it is the ideal place for further study.”

Leanne Calvert graduated with an MA in History and completed a PhD at Queen’s

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OVERVIEW

The MA History programme at Queen’s has been redesigned to offer all its existing strengths in an innovative package of modules that challenges students to develop their knowledge and skills. Students will be taught by leading experts in public history, urban history, women’s and gender history, religious history, political history, and the history of race.

Our Faculty have research specialisms across a range of chronological areas. We have major areas of research strength in the history of Ireland, Britain, the USA, Europe, Africa and Asia. History offers supervisory expertise to students who plan to work on ancient, medieval, early modern or modern/contemporary history. Modules are designed in a complementary fashion in order to develop the range of skills that employers expect from graduates from the best designed postgraduate taught programmes.

The MA History programme at Queen’s is designed around students’ research interests and provides the opportunity to choose courses relating to a variety of historical periods and locations. You can opt to specialise in particular areas such as Gender History, Oral History, the History of Religion, Urban History, the History of Race and Ethnicity, the History of the Cold War, Social History, Political History or Economic History. You can opt to take these approaches within American History, British History, Irish History, European History, African History, Asian History or Ancient, Medieval and Early Modern History.

CONTENT

This programme provides students with an opportunity to work in the largest and most international community of historians on the island of Ireland. Close involvement of practitioners from a wide range of organisations in many aspects of the course enrich research culture. The postgraduate community has strong involvement in the Centre for Public History at Queen’s, the Institute of Irish Studies and in QUOTE (Queen’s University Oral history, Technology and Ethics) Hub.

Students in this programme are given both a strong foundation in the study of History as a discipline, as well as the opportunity to specialise within particular fields of study. All students will participate in the study of research methods and historiography, and then specialise through elective modules, individually negotiated topics, and case studies. Students will take both core and elective modules. All students will also complete a double-weighted dissertation module of up to 20,000 words.

Modules include

- Becoming a Historian - Concepts in History
- Pathways through History
- Individually negotiated topic
- Case Studies in History (mini-modules on a wide variety of specialisms, including areas such as African and Asian, American, British, Irish, Ancient, Medieval, Early Modern, and Religious History)
- Topics in Irish History (for students specialising in Irish History)
- Presenting Sources or
- Public History Internship
- Dissertation

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is by coursework: essays, critical commentaries on primary sources; presentations; practical work on documents or internship-related assessment; and a 20,000 word dissertation. Assessment and feedback are continuous throughout the course of study.

CAREERS

The MA can be regarded either as an end in itself, culminating in the distinction of having obtained a postgraduate degree and enhanced your employability skills as a researcher, or as a stepping stone to the higher research degree of PhD. Many graduates have gone on to PhD programmes both at Queen’s and other world-leading universities. Others go into a wide variety of employment including careers in museums, archives or libraries; journalism or media-related work; teaching; private and public administration; economic development and the voluntary sector.

WHY QUEEN’S?

- History at Queen’s is ranked in the top 200 History Schools worldwide (QS World University Rankings 2020) and our international reputation is enhanced by the work of our prominent leading Excellence Framework (REF 2014) we are ranked in the top 20 in the UK for research. In the 2019 National Student Survey, History scored 91% satisfaction for teaching.
- A placement option is available for MA History students, offering the opportunity to engage with practitioners from museums, media, heritage sites and leading historic visitor attractions and to benefit from the hands-on experience of working in a public history context.
- The School has a lively postgraduate community and hosts regular graduate-led seminars, colloquia and conferences.



MSc INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Normally a minimum of a 2.1 Honours degree or above, or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University in a Social Sciences, Humanities or Arts subject, or a minimum of a 2.1 Honours degree or above, or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University in any subject with relevant professional experience.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

An IELTS score of 6.5 with not less than 5.5 in each of the four component elements of listening, reading, speaking and writing taken within the last 2 years.

and/or:

A TOEFL score of 90+ (internet based is the only acceptable form of this test); with at least the following scores in each of the four component parts of listening (17), reading (18), speaking (20) and writing (17) taken within the last 2 years.

and/or:

A language assessment conducted by INTO-Queens or other approved provider.

and/or:

An alternative English language qualification recognised by QUB (for example International Baccalaureate).

FEES AND FUNDING

NI/UK/EU Fees: £8,350 (to include participation in Certificate in Strategic Management and Leadership)
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INTERNATIONAL FEES

£19,500 (to include participation in Certificate in Strategic Management and Leadership)
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PLACES

10-20

DURATION

1 year full-time / 2 years part-time (MA)
1 year full-time / 2 years part-time (PgDip)

TEACHING TIMES

Monday-Friday, 9am – 6pm

This Programme is also offered as a Postgraduate Diploma. Candidates must pass taught modules to the value of 120 CATS, including all core modules to be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma.

FEES AND FUNDING

NI/EU Fees: £5,567
GB Fees: £5,567
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INTERNATIONAL FEES

£13,000

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OVERVIEW

The MSc in International Public Policy at Queen's offers a high-quality programme of academic and personal development, which provides students with the tools to understand and influence the contemporary policy problems faced by governments globally.

Students undertaking the MSc programme will engage with a wide variety of theories and concepts in the study of public policy both domestically and internationally, and will be exposed to a variety of research methods. As they progress through the MSc programme, students can choose to examine public policy issues across a range of international policy domains including: climate change, global ethics, security and terrorism, policing and crime, and EU governance, and write a supervised dissertation on a public policy theme of their choosing.

There will also be a study visit to the EU institutions in Brussels and the OECD in Paris to better understand the interplay of public policy between national and international levels.

The programme uniquely offers opportunities for personal as well as academic advancement opportunities, and participants on the MSc avail of the opportunity to undertake the Certificate in Strategic Management and Leadership accredited by the Chartered Management Institute (CMI).

Students benefit from intensive teaching by a wide and varied range of Queen's academics with strong publishing profiles and international reputations in their areas of expertise, and will be assessed through a range of examination methods.

CONTENT

60 CATS Compulsory Modules (3)
60 CATS Optional Modules (3)
60 CATS Written Dissertation



Compulsory modules

- Approaches and Debates in Research Design (Semester 1)
- International Public Policy (Semester 1)
- International Political Economy (Semester 2)

Optional modules

- The Politics and Political Economy of Energy and Low Carbon Energy Transitions
- Engaging Citizens in Democratic Institutions
- Global Ethics
- Global Terrorism
- Theories of Comparative Politics
- Climate, Justice and Human Rights
- Gender, Politics and Democracy
- Policing and Crime Prevention
- Contemporary Security
- Conflict Intervention
- Institutions and Politics of the EU
- The UK and Europe
- The Politics of Northern Ireland
- The Politics of the Republic of Ireland

ASSESSMENT

- Written assignments
- Presentations
- Group work
- Blogs

CAREERS

- Public Service
- Consultancy
- Journalism
- Public Relations
- Public Affairs
- International NGOs

WHY QUEEN'S?

- One of the elite Russell Group research-intensive universities.
- Ranked in the top 200 global universities (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2021).
- Belfast one of the lowest student cost of living cities in UK.
- Student accommodation amongst top 10 in UK for quality and affordability, with lowest student rent costs in the UK in 2018.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- Students can undertake the Chartered Management Institute (CMI) accredited Level 7 Certificate in Strategic Management and Leadership alongside their studies (<https://www.qub.ac.uk/graduate-school/development/chartered-management/>)
- Programme includes a study visit to EU Institutions in Brussels and OECD (Paris).

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MA INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

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.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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.

FEES AND FUNDING

NI/EU Fees: £6,450
GB Fees: £7,250
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INTERNATIONAL FEES

£17,700
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PLACES

25

DURATION

1 year full-time / 2 years part-time (Masters)
1 year full-time / 2 years part-time (PgDip)

TEACHING TIMES

Morning / Afternoon / Evening

A postgraduate diploma in International Relations is offered, this follows the same pathway as the Masters in International Relations except for the MA dissertation. Candidates must pass taught modules to the value of 120 CATS, including all core modules to be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma.

FEES AND FUNDING

NI/EU Fees: £4,300
GB Fees: £4,834
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INTERNATIONAL FEES

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“Thanks to a friendly, understanding and approachable teaching staff, I could pursue my studies and work at the same time and was offered the guidance I needed to complete my dissertation on a topic I felt passionate about. The knowledge and experience I benefited from was invaluable. The MA in International Relations enabled me to get a position as a Corporate Intelligence and Political Risk Analyst within a major financial services company.”

Leila Hachichi
MA in International Relations

OVERVIEW

International relations is a branch of political science concerned with relations between nations – e.g. war, peace, diplomacy, political economy. It is a broad ranging course that covers borders, conflict, security and terrorism, migration and mobility, and global financial crises.

This MA aims to enable you to examine, explain and understand what affects 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 you to actively choose your area of specialism. You will be actively engaged in designing the core modules on the programme, agreeing the international issues of greatest importance on which you want to focus.

You will be studying timely, relevant and pressing issues that will be ‘live’ throughout the programme (e.g. BREXIT & EU negotiations; migration and refugees; conflict and war; climate change developments).

Many academics on the programme are engaged in <http://qppl.qub.ac.uk/QPOL> (Queen’s Policy Engagement) – this is the ‘front door’ for public policy engagement at Queen’s University, supporting academics and policymakers in sharing evidence-based research and ideas on the major social, cultural and economic challenges facing society regionally, nationally and beyond.

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 core modules covering the evolution of International Relations as a discipline, issues of order, conflict and governance, and the trends toward globalisation, regionalisation and devolution.



Core Modules students currently must take:

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

Elective Modules*

Offer the chance to specialise in a particular area of interest, build on foundational knowledge, and develop focused expertise.

Elective modules for this programme may include:

- The Politics and Political Economy of Energy and Low Carbon Energy Transitions
- Conflict Intervention
- Contemporary Security
- Institutions and Politics of the EU
- Philosophy of Conflict and War
- International Political Economy
- Gender and Politics
- Global Ethics
- Global Terrorism
- Philosophy of Conflict and War
- Contemporary Security
- Global Terrorism
- Institutions and Politics of the European Union
- The Politics of Northern Ireland
- Engaging citizens in democratic institutions

*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 such as project management, detailed analysis and self-motivation, students on the MA pathway must also write a dissertation of no more than 15,000 words.

ASSESSMENT

Seminar presentations, learning journals, literature reviews, portfolios, written essays, and dissertation. Assessment and Feedback are continuous throughout the course of study.

CAREERS

Almost any career with a significant international dimension e.g: diplomacy and international civil service roles; military and intelligence careers; international non-governmental organisations of all sorts: (humanitarian, conflict resolution, environmental, development); media and journalism; political risk analysis; political research; lobbying and consultancy roles with an international focus; think-tank research; academic careers in International Relations and cognate disciplines; business roles involving significant transnational trade or operations.

The MA programme provides our graduates with the skills to pursue a wide range of careers in the private, public and voluntary sectors. In addition it provides an appropriate basis for those who wish to proceed to doctoral-level study.

WHY QUEEN'S?

- An opportunity to study international relations in Belfast, a globally significant location where communal conflicts have a clear international aspect in both their perpetuation and resolution. Northern Ireland is viewed as a model of conflict resolution and peacebuilding across the world.
- All of the modules on our programme are taught by research-active academics who are world leaders in their specific fields of International Relations. For example, members of staff are currently conducting research on war, trade, security, diplomacy, conflict, migration, intervention, terrorism, violence, climate change, human rights and international institutions.
- Benefits from a vibrant interdisciplinary research culture within the School, including insights from History, Anthropology and Philosophy.
- We also often host guest lectures and are closely affiliated with The Senator George J Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice at Queen’s. This Institute aims to tackle major global problems by bringing world-leading academics and experts together. The Institute has welcomed a number of high profile speakers from the political arena to the University over the past year, including President Bill Clinton, Tony Blair, Hillary Clinton (who was awarded an honorary degree by the University), and Speaker of the UK House of Commons, John Bercow MP.

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MA IRISH STUDIES

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Normally a 2.1 Honours degree in a relevant subject with evidence of study of Ireland, or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University. Applicants who hold a 2.2 Honours degree in a relevant subject with evidence of study of Ireland or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University, who can also demonstrate relevant professional experience will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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.

FEES AND FUNDING

NI/EU Fees: £6,450
GB Fees: £7,250
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INTERNATIONAL FEES

£17,700
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PLACES

No restrictions

DURATION

1 year full-time / up to 3 years part-time

TEACHING TIMES

Morning / Afternoon / Evening

“When I chose to pursue an MA in Irish Studies at Queen’s, I felt the interdisciplinary focus of the programme would best suit my interests in history, anthropology, politics, and art. I chose to study at the Institute because of its reputation as a leading research centre in the UK. What made the experience most valuable was the incredible support from the staff and Faculty at the Institute, who have helped me throughout my time at Queen’s. This supportive and engaging environment is the main reason I returned to Queen’s and the Institute to undertake a doctoral degree.”

Erin Hinson (Colorado, USA)
MA and PhD Irish Studies

OVERVIEW

The MA in Irish Studies at Queen’s provides students with an unrivalled opportunity to examine Ireland in its global contexts. With options from Literature, History, Politics, Anthropology, and Sociology the MA allows students to pursue challenging cross-disciplinary themes such as heritage and identities, language and arts, peace and conflict, reflecting the rich cultural legacy of Ireland across the world. Students will explore the possibilities and opportunities in interdisciplinary work in one of the world’s leading centres of Irish Studies research.

Irish Studies is a broad field of area studies utilising a range of disciplines to explore holistically the history, culture and society of the island of Ireland and its global relationships.

The modules available reflect the range of Irish Studies expertise across the university, and are designed to enable students to undertake research across a wide range of themes in and approaches to Irish Studies, to obtain research methods training in one or more disciplines, and to prepare to write a major dissertation in their chosen field of specialisation.

The aims of the programme are:

- To enable graduates to undertake interdisciplinary postgraduate studies in Irish Studies and gain various benefits:
- An advanced appreciation of the value of interdisciplinarity in Irish Studies.
- An advanced understanding and experience of relevant research methods and skills.
- An advanced appreciation of the value of academic approaches to some issues of historical and cultural debate and of contemporary public concern in Ireland.
- A deepened knowledge of specific themes in Irish Studies reflecting the student’s personal interests and research agenda.

CONTENT

The MA is arranged into a number of core and optional modules (courses). All students take the following core modules:

- **Belfast: Place, Identity and Memory in a Contested City** - offering a unique introduction to Irish Studies through the study of Belfast - Ireland’s second city and the capital of Northern Ireland - its history, culture and society, and relationship to the rest of the island and the wider world
- **Irish Studies Dissertation** - a 15,000 word piece of original research supervised by a specialist member of staff

Students choose five optional modules, under guidance from the programme director, from a list of those relevant to Irish Studies from across the Faculty, and at least one research methods module. These currently include:

- Irish Poetry
- Political Cinema: Conflict and Form
- Topics in Irish History
- The Politics of Northern Ireland
- Politics of the Republic of Ireland
- Violence, Terrorism and Security
- Conflict Intervention
- MA Specialisation - Anthropology of Ireland
- Conflict & Change in Northern Ireland and University Research and Civil Society
- Literary Research Methods
- Individually Negotiated Topic
- Public History Internship (with placement in a museum/heritage centre in Northern Ireland)
- Presenting Sources
- Becoming an Historian
- Approaches to Research Design
- Approaches to Social Research
- Advanced Anthropological Methods
- Research Methods in Critical and Creative Practice (Creative Arts)
- Reading Historically - The Irish Novel in the 20th Century

Modules from other programmes may be selected with the approval of the programme director.



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Some options may require that particular Methods courses be taken or the student to have a particular academic background. The dissertation may be supervised by Institute staff or, subject to the agreement of the Head of School, by members of co-operating academic departments.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is by coursework: essays, critical commentaries on primary sources; presentations; and a 15,000 word dissertation. Assessment and feedback are continuous throughout the course of study.

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CAREERS

Many of our graduates have gone on to PhD programmes both here at Queen’s as well as at some of the best universities in the world. Our students have also found employment in the media, in the heritage sector and tourism, in business and in university administration, particularly in study abroad services.

WHY QUEEN’S?

- Our Institute of Irish Studies founded in 1965, is the longest established centre for Irish Studies in the world.
- The MA in Irish Studies offers a broad range of options in the social sciences as well as the humanities, making our course truly interdisciplinary.
- Based in Belfast, we have unrivalled access to the people that were part of the Peace Process in Northern Ireland.
- The Institute supports a series of weekly research seminars and a number of annual research events in Irish Studies.

MA POLITICS

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

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.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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.

FEES AND FUNDING

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INTERNATIONAL FEES

£17,700
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PLACES

25

DURATION

1 year full-time / up to 3 years part-time (Masters)
1 year full-time / up to 2 years part-time (PgDip)

TEACHING TIMES

Afternoon and Evening

A postgraduate diploma in Politics is offered, this follows the same pathway as the Masters in Politics except for the MA dissertation. Candidates must pass taught modules to the value of 120 CATS, including all core modules to be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma.

FEES AND FUNDING

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“My time at Queen’s studying for a MA in Politics has been an exceptionally rewarding experience. I was immediately impressed with the diverse range of modules available and with the first-rate library facilities. The teaching I received has been consistently brilliant, and on a personal level my lecturers have been unfailingly friendly and supportive. I believe that attaining a MA from this prestigious institution will enhance my employment prospects in a highly competitive job market, and I have no hesitation in recommending postgraduate study at Queen’s as a personally fulfilling and intellectually stimulating opportunity.”

Thomas McManus
MA Politics Graduate

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.

The MA Politics is a broad based programme, offering students a good grounding in the discipline of political science. Students may tailor their programme to their own interests, by their choice of optional modules, from conflict to ethics, gender and environmental politics, which build on the strengths of the School’s research. The Masters degree offers a unique perspective on multi-level politics in Europe, at the regional, national and European levels.

The programme focuses on both Northern Irish and EU politics, making it unique with students studying decision-making at local, national and European level. Its strength in NI and EU politics gives students the opportunity to analyse major political crises (from the stalemate in Stormont to Brexit) as they unfold.

CONTENT

The programme has three different components: Core modules, Elective modules, and an MA dissertation. Students can tailor their programme to their own interests, with their choice of modules and dissertation topic. There are a wide variety of optional modules, from conflict to ethics, gender and environmental politics, all building on the strengths of the School’s research.

SEMESTER ONE

Core Modules

To acquire foundational knowledge and understanding in Politics, students will take core modules introducing research methods for the study of politics, as well as core issues in the comparative study of the UK and Europe.

Core Modules students currently must take:

- Approaches to Research Design
- The UK and Europe

Elective Modules

Offer the chance to specialise in a particular area of interest, build on foundational knowledge, and develop focused expertise.

In Semester One, students will choose from modules such as:

- Politics of Northern Ireland
- Democratic Challenges
- Engaging Citizens in Democratic Institutions

*If not chosen from above Dissertation research begins

SEMESTER TWO

There are no currently no core modules in Semester Two.

Students will choose three modules from a broad list of modules, including:

- Institutions and Policies of the EU
- The Politics of the Republic of Ireland
- International Political Economy
- Gender, Politics and Democracy
- The Politics and Political Economy of Energy and Low Carbon Energy Transitions
- Philosophy of Conflict and War
- Ethnic Conflict and Consensus
- Global Ethics

SEMESTER THREE

Dissertation (15,000 words maximum).

ASSESSMENT

Essays, learning journals, presentations, examination and portfolio projects including policy briefs. We use a range of assessment techniques, such as writing essays, blogs and policy briefs, where students are presented with a problem and are tasked to come up with practical solutions. Assessment and feedback are continuous throughout the course of study.

CAREERS

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.



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. Northern Ireland is viewed as a model of conflict resolution and peacebuilding across the world.
- Students can directly benefit from the School and University’s wider expertise in political theory, security studies, border studies, terrorism and political violence, and Irish and Northern Irish politics.
- The programme offers students the flexibility and opportunity to engage in a wide range of active research networks and groups on diverse themes, including gender studies, political theory, political philosophy, political economy, and postcolonial politics.
- There are many practical elements embedded in the programme. Examples include the Practical modules such as Engaging Citizens in Democratic

Institutions – throughout this module there are industry visits to the City Council, NI Assembly etc.

- There is also a trip to Brussels (part-funded by the School) in which students visit for example the European Parliament, European Commission, Human Rights NGOs, NATO etc.
- 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. Examples include Dr Keith Breen, Prof Graham Walker, Prof John Barry, Dr Viviane Gravey, Dr Jon Kuyper, Dr Elodie Fabre, Dr Maria-Adriana Deiana.
- Many academics on the programme are engaged in <http://qppl.qub.ac.uk/> QPOL (Queen’s Policy Engagement) – this is the ‘front door’ for public policy engagement at Queen’s University, supporting academics and policymakers in sharing evidence-based research and ideas on the major social, cultural and economic challenges facing society regionally, nationally and beyond.
- This includes a Brexit Clinic, with involves <https://www.qub.ac.uk/brexit/insight-analysis/> Queen’s experts providing insight and analysis into the various facets of Brexit. Many of our experts in this area act as advisors to the UK and NI governments, particularly in relation to the Irish border and the backstop, as the only land border between the UK and EU.

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MA PUBLIC HISTORY

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Normally a minimum of a 2.1 Honours degree or above, or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University in a Humanities or Arts subject or an acceptable cognate discipline.

Applicants who hold a 2.2 Honours degree in one of the disciplines specified above or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University, who can demonstrate relevant professional experience will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Further criteria may be applied since placements are limited. This may include ranking applications on the basis of academic performance, a personal statement and/or an interview.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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.

FEES AND FUNDING

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INTERNATIONAL FEES

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PLACES

25

DURATION

1 year full-time / up to 3 years part-time

TEACHING TIMES

Normally afternoons

“When I was registering for modules to take for my MA there was one that really stood out to me: the Public History Internship. I had no idea what all it entailed, but it sounded interesting and getting practical experience is always helpful in the job hunt. I loved my time at Hillsborough Castle - the staff there are very kind and welcoming, and they give you actual projects to work on that are relevant to the Castle. I felt like I had accomplished something important, contributed to my team, gained valuable experience, and grew confident in my own abilities.”

Faith Linehan (Texas, USA)
MA Public History

OVERVIEW

The MA in Public History at Queen's University Belfast offers an opportunity to study how historical knowledge is produced, mediated, represented and consumed in public spaces, in a region where the past continues to resonate powerfully. The close relationship Queen's enjoys with a broad range of partners across the country, from national cultural institutions, heritage organisations and media through to community-led initiatives, provides an unparalleled opportunity for first-hand experience of how history works and is put to work in many different ways. The close involvement of partner organisations in the delivery of the course through practitioner workshops, guest lectures, field trips and events, as well as the 30-day placement, provides first-hand, practical experience of the wide range of issues, challenges and opportunities faced by the public historian.

This course approaches public history from many perspectives ranging from the local to the global. The city of Belfast offers an exciting opportunity to engage with key issues surrounding contested histories, national narratives, memory, commemoration and community history in a very real and meaningful way, and to gain first-hand understanding of the relationship between history, heritage and public audiences at a local and national level. A global understanding of public history is encouraged through taught modules on difficult public history in a range of national contexts and through collaborative teaching with public history programmes in other countries.

Students will carry out 30-day placements in one of a wide range of museums, archives, heritage sites or visitor experiences across the country.

The course combines academic training in historical theory and research methods with specialised topics relating to history in the public sphere, such as negotiating contested pasts, oral history, heritage and tourism, or digital curation, thus linking the analytical and critical



approaches of traditional academic history with innovative ways of creating and disseminating histories for a diverse variety of public audiences.

CONTENT

The Public History strand consists of five taught modules (including a double-weighted internship) and a dissertation. Modules normally include:

- **History and Its Audiences** which introduces students to the many ways in which history is presented to public audiences through seminars, field trips and practitioner workshops
- **Becoming a Historian**. This provides students with training in a range of historical research methods
- **Case Studies in History** which consists of focused studies of specific issues or periods in history through mini-modules. Public History students will take the 'Contested Public History' module, which looks at public representations of difficult pasts in Northern Ireland and internationally, along with another topic of their choice
- **Internship** (double weighted 40 CAT points). Students take a 30-day placement in their choice of a range of cultural institutions, heritage sites and organisations. Internships are usually available with the following: Armagh Public Library; BBC; Belfast City Council; Causeway Coast and Glens Museums Service; Doubleband Media; Hillsborough Castle (Historic Royal Palaces);

Linen Hall Library; Mount Stewart (National Trust); Museum of Free Derry; Newry and Mourne Museum; Presbyterian Historical Society; Public Record Office of Northern Ireland; Special Collections (Queen's); Titanic Foundation; Ulster American Folk Park; Ulster Museum; Ulster Rugby Museum and Education Centre.

Dissertation (triple weighted)

Students with the help of a supervisor will research and write a 20,000 word dissertation on a subject of their choice.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is by a range of coursework including essays, presentations, blogs and placement related assessment as well as a dissertation.

CAREERS

The MA in Public History offers students the opportunity to develop essential skills and in-depth knowledge of history and its public audiences. Many of our graduates

have gone on to PhD programmes both here at Queen's as well as at some of the best universities in the world, including collaborative doctoral research projects with industry partners. Our students have also found employment in museums, archives, the media, heritage, tourism, and business.

WHY QUEEN'S?

- Guaranteed work placement and practitioner workshops give students an opportunity to work alongside heritage and public history professionals on a range of practical projects.
- History at Queen's is ranked in the top 200 History Schools worldwide (QS World University Rankings 2020) and our international reputation is enhanced by the work of our prominent leading Excellence Framework (REF 2014) we are ranked in the top 20 in the UK for research. In the 2019 National Student Survey, History scored 91% satisfaction for teaching.
- The School has a lively postgraduate community and hosts regular graduate led seminars, colloquia and conferences. Students will engage closely with research activities and events run by the Centre for Public History at Queen's.
- The Centre for Public History provides an exciting interdisciplinary and collaborative environment in which to study public uses and understandings of the past.

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MA VIOLENCE, TERRORISM AND SECURITY

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

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.

A postgraduate diploma in Violence, Terrorism and Security is offered, this follows the same pathway as the Masters in Violence, Terrorism and Security except for the MA dissertation.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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.

FEES AND FUNDING

NI/EU Fees: £6,450
GB Fees: £7,250
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INTERNATIONAL FEES

£17,700
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PLACES

25

DURATION

1 year full-time / up to 3 years part-time (Masters)
1 year full-time / up to 2 years part-time (PgDip)

TEACHING TIMES

Morning / Afternoon / Evening

This Programme is also offered as a Postgraduate Diploma. Candidates must pass taught modules to the value of 120 CATS, including all core modules to be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma.

FEES AND FUNDING

NI/EU Fees: £4,300
GB Fees: £4,834
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INTERNATIONAL FEES

£11,800
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“I decided to study ‘Violence, Terrorism and Security’ to build on my undergraduate degree in International Relations and previous work experience with the German Bundeswehr. The VTS programme provided me with detailed knowledge and critical understanding of the motivation and political background of violence, terrorism and security. It also prepared me with the skills to assess conflicts and violence topics from different perspectives. After graduation, I attended the postgraduate course ‘Peace and Security Studies’ in Hamburg. Now I am seconded by the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine, where I see on a daily basis how a conflict and violence affects a whole society.”

Peter Finke
MA Violence, Terrorism and Security Graduate

OVERVIEW

Political violence, terrorism, and civil conflict have seriously affected the lives of millions of people around the world. Moreover, the legacy of 9/11, the rise of groups like ISIS in Syria and Iraq, and the emergence of far-right groups in the West have brought questions about the nature, evolution, causes, consequences of and normative justifications for non-state political violence, including terrorism, to the forefront of academic, policymaking, media and popular debates. Similarly, security responses to these challenges feature prominently in global politics. Governments pursue security strategies to preserve order and protect their citizens. Yet many governments also participate in conflict and political violence by holding onto power and preserving systemic injustices.

The MA in Violence, Terrorism and Security at Queen’s University Belfast provides you the tools to understand and critically engage with these issues. It equips you with the foundations and the most up-to-date research and methodologies in the fields of terrorism studies, security studies and conflict analysis. This programme helps students develop a critical and analytical approach to the use of political violence and terrorism in history and the contemporary world.

The MA in Violence, Terrorism and Security 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. It assesses state responses to the threat of terrorism and the challenge for security. This programme provides you with the essential transferable skills and in-depth knowledge of theories and issues in the areas of violence, security and terrorism for career development at any stage, from students straight from an undergraduate degree with limited to no prior professional experience, to those seeking continued professional development.



CONTENT

The programme has three different components: Core modules, Elective modules, and an MA dissertation. To allow students to gain knowledge and understanding of violence, terrorism and security in sufficient depth and breadth to avoid superficiality or narrowness.

Core Modules

To acquire foundational knowledge and understanding in this field, students will take three core modules covering the theories, debates, and issues in the study of political violence, conflict, terrorism and security.

Core Modules students currently must take:

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

Elective Modules

Offer the chance to specialise in a particular area of interest, build on foundational knowledge, and develop focused expertise.

The electives for this programme include modules such as:

- The Politics and Political Economy of Energy and Low Carbon Energy Transitions
- Politics of Northern Ireland
- Conflict Intervention
- Ethnic Conflict and Consensus: The Power of Institutions Gender, Politics and Democracy
- Institutions and Politics of the EU
- Philosophy of Conflict and War
- International Political Economy
- Gender, Politics and Democracy
- Global Ethics
- Philosophy of Conflict and War

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

Dissertation

Over the summer term students complete a 15,000 word MA dissertation.

On completion of the course students will be able:

- To provide dynamic and critical study in Violence, Terrorism and International 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.
- To allow students to challenge 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.
- To allow students to gain knowledge and understanding of violence, terrorism and security in sufficient depth and breadth to avoid superficiality or narrowness.
- To develop students understanding of various approaches to the core concepts underlying this programme.
- To prepare students for further study of violence, terrorism and security or related disciplines and for employment in a range of professional contexts, for example teaching, nongovernmental organisations or the media.
- To develop students’ enthusiasm for the subject, increase their intellectual curiosity and enhance their awareness of the cultural importance of an understanding of Violence, Terrorism and Security.

ASSESSMENT

Essays, policy reports, simulations, presentations. Assessment and feedback are continuous throughout the course of study.

CAREERS

The programme enables you to broaden your horizons providing you with a competitive edge in a global graduate market in a wide variety of areas such as the security sector, including intelligence

agencies, government agencies and public office, the military, NGOs, academia, businesses and corporations, and the media among many other possibilities. 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. Graduates also work as senior government policy advisers, in international NGOs and the media.

WHY QUEEN'S?

- Our teaching staff have global standing as experts in their field. They regularly interface with policymakers, state governments and sectoral actors giving expert advice and expertise to the field.
- Access to and guest lectures from various local ex-combatants and practitioners who have substantial experience in conflict and peacemaking in Northern Ireland.
- Belfast provides a unique location where you can study issues of political violence, terrorism and security in a post-conflict environment where guest lectures and talks and other events provide ample opportunity to connect theory to practice.
- There is an optional custom-designed and subsidised week-long field visit to Brussels organised by our partners in the Leuven Institute where students engage with counterterrorism experts, security practitioners in NATO, EU Commission and various NGOs.
- We offer a wide variety of guest lecture that have previously included:- Local practitioners and local NGOs, such as Dr Gary Mason from local NGO Rethinking Conflict. Senator George Mitchell, Serge Stroobants from the Institute for Economics and Peace, and Patrick Magee (former IRA prisoner).
- There is an annual workshop with students from St. Andrew’s University Terrorism and Political Violence LLM that includes a panel of ex-combatants from the ‘Troubles’ in Northern Ireland, including ex-IRA, ex-UUVF, ex-Military and ex-UDA, where they discuss their experiences in conflict and peacemaking.

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RESEARCH PROGRAMMES



PhD INTEGRATED (4 Years)

In addition to the traditional 3 year full-time PhD the School also offers a 4 year full-time Integrated PhD. The 4 year programme will constitute 1 year of taught modules, independent study to develop research skills and PhD study proposal, followed by progression to a further 3 years of PhD research.

Students of the 4 year programme will benefit from:

- An additional year to develop research skills and subject expertise through taught modules
- A more thorough understanding of the demands of PhD study
- Enhanced support to develop a robust and feasible research proposal for PhD
- A stronger foundation from which to deliver a successful PhD thesis

Students will be required to pass 120 CATS of taught modules by the end of the first year with an average of 60% and a minimum of 60% in the Research Methods module in order to progress to the PhD phase of study.

The 4 year programme will initially be offered to students undertaking research in the following areas:

- Accounting
- Anthropology
- Arts Management and Cultural Policy
- Cognition and Culture
- Economics
- Education
- English
- Film
- Finance
- History
- International Relations
- Interpreting (non-practice based modules only)
- Law
- Management
- Media and Broadcast
- Politics
- Translation (Chinese-English pairing only)

4 YEAR PHD STRUCTURE

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
PG Diploma Taught Modules and Independent Study Module	PhD progress (e.g. literature review, design consolidations, ethics approval)	PhD progress (e.g. fieldwork as applicable, thesis chapters written)	PhD progress (e.g. writing chapters, final draft, plan for submission)
120 credits at 60%; sign off of improved research proposal and successful	Initial Review	Annual Progress Review	Annual Progress Review
Annual Progress Review	Differentiation		Viva

THE
TRADITIONAL 3
YEAR FULL-TIME
PHD IS ALSO
AVAILABLE

FEES

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International Fees: £16,950 per year
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PhD ANTHROPOLOGY

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

The minimum academic requirement for admission to a research degree programme is normally an Upper Second Class Honours degree from a UK or ROI HE provider, or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University. It is a strong advantage to have a Masters degree in a cognate field.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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.

DURATION

3 years full-time / 6 years part-time

OVERVIEW

Anthropology Studies at Queen's is internationally renowned and a long established and rapidly expanding centre for postgraduate teaching and research training. Examine human behaviour and relationships under expert research supervision and join a vibrant interdisciplinary postgraduate research community that includes students from all over the world.

Our programme, collaborations with other departments and institutions, and excellent resources mean that whatever your area of interest, there is the anthropological expertise to match. We offer supervision in a wide range of topics, including aspects of social and economic change, borders and migration, conflict transformation and human rights, emotions and the senses, gender, kinship and marriage, environmentalism, tourism, new religions and political movements, ethnomusicology, and performance, art and culture.

A flourishing programme of events, seminars, and research groups complements our postgraduate courses and doctoral supervision.

Our world-class academics provide research students with excellent supervision.

About the Programme

This programme involves substantial original research, normally including ethnographic fieldwork of 12 months and leading to the production of a thesis of up to 80,000 words.

The PhD/MPhil programme is designed to provide training in the methods of independent research and will provide the student with a professional credential at the highest level. The research normally will be based upon an analysis of original field research materials.

Normally, PhD students during the first year, after about 10 months (or 20 in part-time study) will be examined in the differentiation. In order to progress on the PhD pathway, successful completion of differentiation, and, if required, approval of an Ethical Review application, are conditions for students to proceed to field research for a year (anywhere in the world including the UK). It is expected that students commence the fieldwork from July onwards.

The School will provide training for the fieldwork, a risk assessment will be conducted and students will discuss with their supervisory team about the resources that will be required. Supervisors offer support throughout the year at the field site.

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The location of the field is your choice, but this is judged and agreed on the merit of the research at the differentiation. After fieldwork, students return to the University and start writing their thesis under the guidance of their supervisors.

WHY QUEEN'S?

Anthropology is ranked 2nd in the UK in the Guardian University Guide 2021. It is also ranked 2nd in the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021.

In the Complete University Guide 2021, Anthropology was ranked 4th for Research Quality and 8th for Research Intensity.

- The Anthropology research cluster provides each research student with a first and second supervisor and supplies additional training through postgraduate and qualitative research methods seminars.
- Research students discuss and present ongoing work in the weekly postgraduate seminar. They are encouraged to publish an article in an academic journal and present work at national and international conferences.
- Research students can gain teaching experience as tutors in modules taught in the School.
- Overall monitoring and evaluation of progress of research students is carried out by the School Postgraduate Committee, which also deals with all issues arising from postgraduate admissions and changes of enrolment.

FEES AND FUNDING

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PhD COGNITION AND CULTURE

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

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Applications should contain a 1,500 word proposal and we strongly recommend that you discuss your proposal topic with your potential supervisor before you apply. To find a PhD supervisor and explore research areas view: <https://www.qub.ac.uk/Study/PostgraduateStudy/Postgraduate-research/find-phd-supervisor>

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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.

DURATION

3 years full-time / 6 years part-time

OVERVIEW

The Institute of Cognition and Culture (ICC) is one of the world's first centres for research in the cognitive science of culture. This is a burgeoning interdisciplinary field in which scholars seek to explain patterns of cultural stability and variation utilising theories and methods of the cognitive and evolutionary sciences. We offer a unique programme of Doctoral research that is based on the recognition of a need to cross traditional disciplinary divisions in the scientific study of cultural phenomena. Our training in a wide range of research methods and theoretical approaches equips students for rigorous scientific investigation, enabling them to generate significant discoveries that are of relevance to potentially many diverse fields of academic scholarship on cognition and culture. The PhD at the Institute of Cognition and Culture (ICC) aims to create a new breed of scholars capable of:



grasping the discoveries of multiple disciplines - in particular, those connected to the cognitive and evolutionary sciences, formulating and testing hypotheses through rigorous methodological means, applying these methods cross-culturally, often in collaboration with other researchers, building a well-integrated body of knowledge on a specific topic.

The students we seek for this endeavour should demonstrate great analytical skills, creativity and motivation, and a deep interest in the field of cognition and culture.

The PhD programme at the ICC runs for 3 years. In the first year of training, students prepare their research proposals in consultation with their supervisors and receive group training on a wide range of methods as well as individual orientation on issues specific to their project. The second year comprises the research and data-collection component of the postgraduate training, where students systematically test the hypotheses defined in their proposals. This normally entails two phases. In the first, PhD candidates conduct a research study (or series of studies) within the laboratory facilities of the ICC. In the second, students apply their methodology to a distinct cultural context that is identified as being able to address and refine core features of the PhD candidate's theoretical model. In the final year of postgraduate training, analysis of research findings is carried out in consultation with supervisors and other

staff members, leading to the production of a thesis of up to 80,000 words.

WHY QUEEN'S?

Our world-class academics provide research students with excellent supervision, covering topics including religious beliefs and ritual actions, secularism and atheism, social cognition and agency. A flourishing programme of events, seminars and research groups complements our postgraduate courses and doctoral supervision.

As a student you will be a member of a vibrant graduate community which hosts regular lectures, seminars and conferences and will be encouraged to present the results of your research at these events and more widely at international conferences and workshops.

This is a burgeoning interdisciplinary field in which you'll seek to explain cultural patterns using the cognitive and evolutionary sciences. We recognise the need to cross traditional disciplinary divisions in the scientific study of cultural phenomena, covering topics including religious beliefs and ritual actions, secularism and atheism, social cognition and agency.

The production, development and investigation of scientific hypotheses in each of these domains of human culture are grounded in the body of knowledge emerging from the evolutionary and cognitive sciences.

FEES AND FUNDING

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PhD HISTORY



ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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.

DURATION

3 years full-time / 6 years part-time

OVERVIEW

History is a dynamic and growing research area at Queen's, with recent appointments adding to our strengths in public history, the history of religion, modern Ireland, modern Britain, modern Europe, the United States and twentieth-century Europe. It is the largest group of historians at any university on the island of Ireland.

Queen's offers significant expertise around women's/gender history, urban history, the history of religion, social and cultural history, oral history, political history, economic history, and public history. The breadth of our expertise in the last area led to the launch of the Centre of Public History to which many of our doctoral students are affiliated. The postgraduate skills training programme for research students includes mentored employment as tutorial assistants. We are part of the AHRC Northern Bridge Partnership supporting

postgraduate research and training.

Major research resources close at hand include the extensive collection of Irish manuscripts, books and pamphlets in the Queen's University Library's Special Collections. The state-of-the-art McClay Library has extensive book and journal holdings, and also subscribes to many of the principal online resources for historical study. The wide ranging collections of Belfast's historic Linen Hall Library, the newly enhanced Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI), and other local depositories. The collections of the Irish National Archives and National Library of Ireland in Dublin are within commuting distance.

The School boasts a number of regular research seminars, run by research students themselves. The Irish History Students' Association, of which Queen's is a founder member, holds an annual conference at which postgraduate students from across the island meet and read papers. Other regular seminar series are in religious studies, US history, Irish Studies, 18th-Century Studies, Medieval Studies and Postcolonial Studies. Queen's students also have the opportunity to attend rich variety of public lectures and research seminars, highlighted by our annual Wiles lecture series, delivered by a historian of global standing.

WHY QUEEN'S?

- Queen's is one of the premier research centres globally for Irish History from the twelfth to the twentieth centuries. Within this field we have notable strengths in the history of religion, gender, Irish-British relations, economic development and thought, political ideologies, and in the history of modern Ulster.

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- Our other particular areas of historical expertise are in the United States (especially the Southern states since c1800), early-modern British intellectual and religious history, the British Empire since c1800, British-Chinese relations and twentieth-century Britain and Europe.
- The School boasts the following Research Centres:
Institute of Irish Studies – a pioneering centre for interdisciplinary Irish scholarship and teaching.
Centre for Public History – a lively hub for people engaged in researching, teaching and practising public history.
- The History postgraduate community is centred around our weekly research seminars, in which students present their own research. Other recent speakers have included historians from the universities such as Oxford, Cambridge, Georgia, Glasgow, Princeton, UCL, Trinity College Dublin, and the Folger Shakespeare Library. Postgraduates within the School have published or had accepted for publication articles in *Historical Journal*, *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, *Church History*, *Scottish History Review*, *Irish Historical Studies*, *History Workshop Journal*, *Immigrants and Minorities*, *Journal of American Studies*, and *History Ireland* amongst other publications.

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PhD INTERNATIONAL STUDIES



ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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.

DURATION

3 years full-time / 6 years part-time

OVERVIEW

International Relations at Queen's assembles one of the largest and most diverse group of scholars in the UK covering almost all areas of politics. We offer a comprehensive range of academic approaches, and regional expertise includes Europe and the USA, Africa, East Asia and Latin America. The School has a strong international reputation for innovative research, across a wide range of specialist research strengths:

- Governance and Public Policy (with a particular emphasis on European Union politics, public opinion, gender studies, governance)
- Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict Studies (with a particular focus on European minority politics, human rights, conflict resolution and peacebuilding)
- Political Theory (particularly green political thought, post-structuralism, democratic political theory and the politics of recognition)

- Irish and Northern Irish Politics (including contemporary Irish political history)
- International Relations and Politics (including International Political Economy, energy politics, security and terrorism, foreign policy).

We pride ourselves on our global outlook within the School. This is reflected in our wide range of international partners and in the diverse nationalities represented across the staff and student bodies. The School hosts international visitors and speakers throughout each academic year and students benefit from the wide range of national and international topics being discussed and researched within the school.

The School boasts the Centre for Advancement of Women in Politics that works to promote politics, government and public decision making in the UK and Ireland.

Ours is an excellent department in which to pursue a wide range of postgraduate research projects in close collaboration with academic supervisors, leading to the degree of PhD. Our postgraduate community comprises over 40 part time and full-time research students whose research is facilitated by a range of supportive research centres including:

- Centre for Gender in Politics
- Centre for the Study of Ethnic Conflict
- Centre for Sustainability, Equality and Climate Action
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We provide a challenging intellectual atmosphere for our postgraduates. You'll see our thriving research culture yourself, through visits and talks, conferences and workshops, reading groups and the staff seminar series.

Our PhD student body reflects a growing and diverse global community giving you near unrivalled opportunities to make new friends, debate aspects of your research with a substantial peer group, and begin making those networks that will stand you in good stead throughout your careers.

You'll become part of our vibrant postgraduate research culture, focused on areas in international relations.

The postgraduate community within the School is lively, energetic and diverse and, contribute enormously to the research culture of the school. It includes many of our own graduates, as well as graduates of British and Irish universities such as Edinburgh, Glasgow, Oxford, and UCD, and international institutions such as Princeton, Georgetown and Minzu University Beijing.

We are part of the AHRC Northern Bridge Partnership, the ESRC Northern Ireland and North East Doctoral Training Partnership (NINE DTP), and the Leverhulme Interdisciplinary Network on Cybersecurity and Society (LINCS), that support postgraduate research and training.

FEES AND FUNDING

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PhD PHILOSOPHY

There are two entry routes for Philosophy PhD and Philosophy MPhil. Applicants should select either Philosophy PhD or Philosophy MPhil on the Direct Application Portal via go.qub.ac.uk/pgapply

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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.

DURATION

3 years full-time / 6 years part-time

OVERVIEW

Philosophy at Queen's has a strong international reputation for innovative research, across a wide range of specialist research strengths. These include:

- Applied Ethics
- Philosophy of Science
- Epistemology
- Philosophy with a particular emphasis on metaphysical, philosophy of mind, local, epistemology, moral and political philosophy
- Politics Theory, particularly green political thought, post-structuralism, democratic political theory and the politics of recognition
- Political Philosophy



- Philosophy of Religion

In each of these areas, important and pioneering work has been published by members of staff and major projects of research are ongoing. Postgraduate students are supervised by leading researchers in their philosophical field, and are encouraged to contribute to the School's vibrant research calendar of events, workshops, reading groups and conferences.

There are opportunities to undertake cross-disciplinary work where this is appropriate.

WHY QUEEN'S?

We provide a challenging intellectual atmosphere for our postgraduates. You'll see our thriving research culture yourself, through visits and talks, conferences and workshops, reading groups and the staff seminar series. You will be a member of a vibrant graduate community which hosts regular lectures, seminars and conferences and will be encouraged to present the results of your research at these

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Philosophy was ranked joint 1st in the UK for Research Intensity (Complete University Guide 2021).

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PhD POLITICS

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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DURATION

3 years full-time / 6 years part-time

OVERVIEW

Politics is an established and prolific area of study at Queen's. You will experience our thriving research culture through visits and talks, conferences and workshops, reading groups and staff seminar series. The research interests of the School and the expertise of its staff include:

- Comparative Politics
- Contemporary British and Irish Politics
- Politics of Northern Ireland
- European Union Politics
- Public Policy and Administration
- Political Theory
- Public Opinion
- Gender Politics
- Environmental Politics

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- Democracy Group
- Centre for Gender in Politics
- Centre for the Study of Ethnic Conflict
- Centre for Sustainability, Equality and Climate Action
- The Senator George J Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice

WHY QUEEN'S?

Politics at Queen's is an excellent environment in which to pursue a wide range of postgraduate research projects in close collaboration with academic supervisors and other postgraduates. Our postgraduate community comprises over 40 part time and full-time research students engaged in studies ranging from Brexit and deliberative democracy, to international migration and cybersecurity. Queen's is one of the leading universities globally for the study of Politics and International Studies and boasts a large and active team of researchers in this field. Some specialisms include British and Irish politics, EU politics, post-conflict studies, gender studies, terrorism and security studies,

behavioural politics and international relations. Other areas of particular research expertise include public policy and administration, international political economy, environmental and natural resource politics and political party systems. Our regional expertise includes Europe and the USA, the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America.

Postgraduate research students participate in reading groups, writing retreats and School seminars, and are encouraged and supported to present their work at national and international conferences. An increasing number of our PhDs have their work published in peer-reviewed journals before their final degree award and contribute actively to our intellectual community by organising and hosting international conferences and workshops. The School features a number of regular research seminars with speakers drawn from our own postgraduate community, our academic staff as well as leading researchers from across the globe. We are part of the AHRC Northern Bridge Partnership, the ESRC Northern Ireland and North East Doctoral Training Partnership (NINE DTP), and the Leverhulme Interdisciplinary Network on Cybersecurity and Society (LINCOS), that support postgraduate research and training.

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