



Queen's University
Belfast

MSc Political Psychology

(1 year full time or 2 years part time)

Entrance Requirements

Applicants must normally possess or expect to possess by admission to the course, a First Class or 2.1 Honours degree in Psychology or Political Science, or another relevant discipline, or equivalent recognised qualification.

If the course is oversubscribed, applications will be ranked based on quality of academic performance, references and relevant qualifications. Applicants may be required to undertake an interview also.

Additional information for International Students

Applicants who are non-EEA nationals must satisfy the UK Border Agency immigration requirements for language for visa purposes, by providing 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. For more information, please visit: <http://go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs>

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The Subject

Political Psychology is a growing inter-disciplinary sub-field drawing on insights from a number of disciplines including Psychology, Political Science and History.

The MSc in Political Psychology adopts a predominantly critical social psychological approach, and places a strong emphasis on understanding how political psychological concepts may operate in practice.

Its aims are to:

- provide a critical understanding of the historical development of political psychology from different epistemological, ideological and disciplinary perspectives
- provide an advanced understanding of current theoretical debates within political psychology
- enable students to engage in multidisciplinary dialogue and research
- provide skills to use appropriate quantitative and qualitative methods to address research questions as well as with the skills to interpret quantitative and qualitative data
- train students to use political psychological theories to formulate research questions relevant to current political phenomena and provide skills to apply political psychological theories and empirical findings



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Why choose to study at Queen's?

The School has a longstanding reputation for its social psychological research on political issues. Being based in Belfast has helped us to study at first hand one of the most intractable and protracted conflicts in the world, and now the peace process which is fostering cohesion between communities.

The Course

The course consists of six compulsory elements and a dissertation. The taught modules include:

1. Applying Political Psychology to Current Social Issues
2. Principles of Qualitative Research Methods and Data Analyses
3. Quantitative Data Analysis
4. Research Design and Professional Skills
5. Theoretical Perspectives and Focal Issues in Political Psychology
7. Understanding Political Behaviours: Civic Engagement, Political Participation and Disempowerment

Careers

The MSc in Political Psychology will help those seeking a career in public policy or in local/national Government, international and European organisations, political parties, the media and lobby groups.

It will also provide the research skills and knowledge to carry out a PhD in Political or Social Psychology or other cognate discipline to pursue an academic career.

"What attracted me to the MSc in Political Psychology is that it is not taught anywhere else in Europe. Being based in Belfast makes it an even more attractive course given the recent political changes. I would definitely recommend this Masters as it really gives you a new interdisciplinary perspective on why things happen and the staff want to help you to succeed."

Margaret Schoop,
Germany