

QUB School of History, Anthropology, Politics and Philosophy  
and  
American University School of International Service

**Level 2 International 'Maymester' module:  
PAI2020 Politics of Conflict Transformation**

**Dates: 14 May - 1 June 2018**

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**Module overview**

This international three-week interdisciplinary module is run as a partnership between the School of History, Anthropology, Politics and Philosophy (HAPP) at Queen's University Belfast and the School of International Service (SIS) at American University in Washington DC. Approximately 15 AU students will be taking the module and learning alongside 15 QUB students for three weeks. This is an exciting opportunity for a study visit to one of the US's most dynamic cities at one of the top universities for the study of International Relations.

The first ten days will be taught on the campus of American University in Washington DC and the second ten days on the Queen's University campus in Belfast. This intensive module involves classes and/or field trips on all weekdays. Students will need to make themselves available for daily classes for the entire period of the module. Typically, classes will be 3 hours per day, with the remainder of the day available for field visits or private study (QUB students will have access to the AU library; AU students will have access to the QUB library). Potential field trips in Belfast may include tours of the Troubles murals, visits to the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) and Stormont, and a day trip to Derry-Londonderry. In DC, field trips may include tours of the US Capitol and State Department, meetings with the US Institute for Peace and visits with policymakers.

**Module content**

This module, taught by scholars in HAPP and SIS, offers a multi-level study of conflict analysis and transformation in the United States and Northern Ireland. The module will explore theories and concepts of conflict prevention, analysis, and resolution at the local, regional and international levels. In Belfast, the module examines elements such as security sector reform, inter-governmentalism, and post-conflict developments, with substantial emphasis on the Northern Ireland conflict and peace process amongst others. In Washington, the course will examine the role of the US in diplomacy, negotiations and intervention in Northern Ireland and in other international conflicts. It will also explore issues and approaches related to conflict and societal divisions within American society and in Washington DC.

**Who can apply?**

This international module is open to current QUB Level 2 students in Politics, IPCS and IST (single and joint honours).

Any QUB students applying and selected for this module will drop one of their current semester 2 modules in 2017-18 and be registered for this module instead of one of their optional modules.

Numbers on this module are strictly capped at 15. Applicants will be assessed on the basis on a personal statement and performance at Level 1.

### **Practicalities and costs**

The Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at QUB will offer students selected for the module a bursary to help offset additional costs. ***However, it is anticipated that students will need to contribute £600*** and the deadline for payment will be Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018.

Accommodation for QUB students in Washington will be on campus in AU residence halls.

Accommodation for AU students in Belfast will be a QUB Elms Village.

QUB students can travel on the US Visa Waiver Scheme (UK/EU students only) but will be responsible for ensuring that their passports are in order and they complete the online ESTA procedure in advance of travel.

QUB staff will be available during the two weeks in Washington to provide support to students.

### **How to apply**

To apply for a place on the module for May 2018, students should send a letter of application (maximum one side of A4) including their name, student number, programme of study and setting out why they want to take this module and how they would benefit from taking it.

Applications should be submitted to Tricia Lock ([tricia.lock@qub.ac.uk](mailto:tricia.lock@qub.ac.uk)) by **12noon on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018**. Successful applicants will be informed the following week and arrangements will be made to adjust registration of modules.