

PROGRAMME CONVENOR BACKGROUND



Dr Viviane Gravey is a political scientist specialised in the European Union. Her current research focuses on European integration and disintegration, environmental and agricultural policies as well as on the on-going negotiations for the UK to leave the EU and what Brexit would mean for Northern Ireland. Dr Gravey convenes the MA in Politics as well as modules at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Her research has been cited by committees in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

“The MA in Politics equips you with key methodological skills and offers you the opportunity to engage with major theoretical debates at a time of great uncertainty for Irish, UK and European Union politics. There has never been a better time to study politics!”

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MA
POLITICS

GLOBAL
CHALLENGES:
CONFLICTS AND
COOPERATION IN
CONTEXT

SHAPING
A BETTER
WORLD
SINCE 1845

MA POLITICS

The aim of the MA in Politics is to deepen students' understanding of important contemporary issues in political studies through the enhancement of students' analytical skills, research and writing talent, and capacity for utilising theoretical

approaches. These are all important transferrable skills, highly valued in the job market. The programme is of particular interest to those wishing to know more about Irish politics (North and South), European politics, political conflict, and political theory.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

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

Semester 1

- Approaches to Research Design (compulsory)

AND

- Government and Institutions of Northern Ireland

OR

- Politics of Northern Ireland

Plus, one optional modules from the following list of:

- Theories & Issues in International Politics
- Violence, Terrorism & Security
- Democratic Challenges

Semester 2

- Institutions and Politics of the EU (compulsory)

Students must also take two of the following:

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

Note that this is not an exclusive list and these options are subject to staff availability.

Semester 3

Dissertation (15,000 words maximum)

Assessment

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

“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 have 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 in Politics graduate

SPECIAL FEATURES

- Politics is about conflict, debate and the contest of ideas, making Belfast, where such things are part of everyday reality, an ideal place to study the subject. The modules build on our expertise in Northern Irish, Irish and EU politics to offer a unique perspective on multi-level politics in Europe, at the regional, national and European levels.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.



“The MA in Politics at Queen’s is an excellent programme that helped me to significantly develop the skills and interests which I had built up at undergraduate level. My transition to postgraduate study was expertly managed by professional academic staff in a welcoming and vibrant educational and research environment. The opportunities provided by undertaking the MA have allowed me to successfully navigate the academic and professional worlds. I highly recommend the MA in Politics at Queen’s.”

Sophie Long

PhD student