Postgraduate Study in Politics at Manchester

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Outline of today’s talk

• An introduction to ‘who we are’ and ‘what we do’

• An overview of the MA programmes we offer and their structure

• Q&A
“We are at the 27th place in the world, 8th in Europe and 6th in the UK” according to the 2019 Academic Ranking of World Universities.
Politics at Manchester
Politics at Manchester: who are we?

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We are committed to high quality teaching

These are some of the prizes awarded to staff in the last few years:
- Best Lecturer in Humanities (UoM Teaching Awards)
- Best Dissertation Supervisor (UoM Teaching Awards)
- Sir Bernard Crick Awards for Outstanding Teaching for a New Entrant (PSA)
- Humanities Teacher of the Year (UoM award)
Research activity

Global Political Economy

Comparative Public Policy and Institutions.

Democracy and Elections

MANCEPT

Critical Global Politics
Major Institutes and Centres

Events
Explore upcoming and past events delivered by Manchester China Institute.

Sustainable Consumption Institute
Research-led Teaching
Wider resources at the University of Manchester
MA Programmes & Pathways

- MA Politics
- MA Political Science
  1. European Politics & Policy
  2. Governance & Public Policy
  3. Democracy & Elections
  4. Political Theory
  5. Philosophy and Political theory
- MA Human Rights
  1. Political Science;
  2. Law/Political Science
- MA International Relations
- MA International Political Economy
- MA Political Economy
- MA Peace & Conflict Studies
Two types of MA degree

Specialist (standard) Route – 180 credits
   More choice of modules

Research Route – 180 credits
   ESRC approved research training courses
   Qualify for entry into PhD programme
   Research methods training

Details:
http://www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/subjects/politics/postgraduate-taught/
Structure of Standard Route MA

1. Compulsory modules (45-60 credits)
   1. Dissertation Research Design (15 credits)
   2. Core methodology course (15 credits)
   3. Pathway specific core modules (30 credits)

2. Optional modules (60 credits)
   – Some pathway restricted, some open choice

3. Dissertation (60 credits)

*Human Rights Programmes: compulsory modules 75 credits

** Peace and Conflict Studies: alternative arrangements for dissertation
Structure of Research Route MA

1. Compulsory modules (90 credits)
   1. Pathway specific core modules x 2 (30 credits)
   2. Dissertation Research Design (15 credits)
   3. Quantitative Methods (15 credits)
   4. Qualitative Methods (15 credits)
   5. Philosophy of Politics Research (15 credits)

2. Optional pathway modules (30 credits)

3. Dissertation (60 credits)

* Human Rights Programmes 105 credits compulsory modules
Dissertation

- Independent research project
- Work closely with supervisor
- 60 credits
- Semester 2
- In conjunction with modules:
  - Dissertation Research Design
  - Peace and Conflict Studies Research
  - Core modules on your pathway
Qualifying for the PhD

Research Route

- Prepares for PhD with methodology courses
- Introduction to Quantitative Methods
- Qualitative Research Methods
- Philosophy of Politics Research
- 1 + 3 funding

PhD at Manchester

- Part of North-West Doctoral Partnership:
  - Lancaster University
  - University of Liverpool
  - University of Manchester
  - Keele University
  - methods@manchester
- Funding from ESRC or School of Social Sciences
Assessments

Varies across modules – but capped at 4000 words or work equal to that (for 15 credit modules)

Typical structure:
Essay (75%): 3,000 words
AND
Presentation (25%): Individual/group
OR
Short assignment (15%): 1000 words
Participation OR weekly journal (10%)
Future careers

- 85% in employment or further study within six months (Unistats 2017)
Politics works closely with the UoM Careers Service e.g. placements, job listings, visiting speakers, one-to-one support sessions
Destinations of previous Politics graduates

Types of jobs: Accountant, Assistant Editor, Assistant to the Congresswoman, Charity Worker, Finance Analyst, Graduate Claims Handler, Graduate Internship Economic Adviser, Investment Consultancy, Legal Assistant, Mergers and Aquisitions Intern, National Citizen Service Administrator, Parliamentary Assistant, Policy Adviser, PR Associate, Production Coordinator, Research Associate, Trainee Army Officer.

For further information…

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