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A Note on This Handbook

In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the General Regulations published in the University Calendar and information contained in programme or local handbooks, the provisions of the General Regulations in the Calendar will prevail.

Alternative formats of the Handbook can be made available on request.

Section 1 – General College Information

Student Services and Support

The Programme Administrator is your first port of call of all general queries. College also provides a range of administrative, academic and wellbeing supports and services to help smooth your route through college; these include College Health, the Disability Service and a range of other activities. You can find further information at the links below:

- Careers Advisory Service - <http://www.tcd.ie/Careers/>
- Graduate Studies Office - <http://www.tcd.ie/graduatestudies/>
- Mature Student Office - <https://www.tcd.ie/maturestudents/>
- Student Services Website and Information booklet – www.tcd.ie/student-services,
[http://www.tcd.ie/students/assets/pdf/Student_Services_Booklet_\(web_version\).pdf](http://www.tcd.ie/students/assets/pdf/Student_Services_Booklet_(web_version).pdf)
- Trinity Disability Service - <http://www.tcd.ie/disability/>

Support Provision for Students with Disabilities

Trinity has adopted a [Reasonable Accommodation Policy](#) that outlines how supports are implemented in Trinity. Student seeking reasonable accommodation whilst studying in Trinity must apply for reasonable accommodations with the Disability Service in their student portal my.tcd.ie. Based on appropriate [evidence of a disability](#) and information obtained from the student on the impact of their disability and their academic course requirements, the Disability Staff member will identify supports designed to meet the student's disability support needs. Following the Needs Assessment, the student's Disability Officer prepares an Individual [Learning Educational Needs Summary \(LENS\)](#) detailing the Reasonable Accommodations to be implemented. The information outlined in the LENS is communicated to the relevant School via the student record in SITS.

Examination accommodation and deadlines

Students should make requests as early as possible in the academic year. To ensure the Assessment, Progression and Graduation Team can set your accommodations for examination purposes the following deadlines are applied:

- Semester 1 assessments and Foundation Scholarship assessment: the last Friday in September (27th September 2019)
- Semester 2 assessments: the last Friday in January (24th January 2020)
- Reassessments: the last Friday in May (29th May 2020)

Student responsibilities for departmental assessments/course tests

Students are required to initiate contact with the School/Department and request reasonable accommodations as **per their LENS report, or email received following their needs assessment** for particular assessments for School/ Department administered assessment. Students are advised to make contact **at least two weeks prior** to the assessment date to enable adjustments to be implemented.

Co-curricular Activities

TCD Sports Clubs

College has 50 sports clubs in a range of disciplines, from Basketball to Archery, you can find information on all of the clubs on the Trinity Sport website, here: <https://www.tcd.ie/Sport/student-sport/clubs/>

TCD Societies

College offers over 100 societies across the University. From arts, culture, politics and debating to gaming, advocacy and music, you're sure to find your niche. You can find a list of all of the societies here: <http://trinitysocieties.ie/>

Student Union

GSU

The Graduate Students Union represent the postgraduate student body at College level. You can find further information about the union, and how to get involved, on their website, here: <https://www.tcdgsu.ie/> and can find information on the student representation structures here: <https://www.tcdgsu.ie/becomearep>

Emergency Procedure

In the event of an emergency, dial Security Services on extension 1999. Security Services provide a 24-hour service to the college community, 365 days a year. They are the liaison to the Fire, Garda and Ambulance services and all staff and students are advised to always telephone extension 1999 (+353 1 896 1999) in case of an emergency. Should you require any emergency or rescue services on campus, you must contact Security Services. This includes chemical spills, personal injury or first aid assistance. It is recommended that all students save at least one emergency contact in their phone under ICE (In Case of Emergency).

Data Protection

Please note that due to data protection requirements Staff in the School of Social Sciences and Philosophy cannot discuss individual students with parents/guardians or other family members. As the University considers students, even if they are not yet 18, to have the maturity to give consent for the use of their data, in normal circumstances, the University will not disclose personal data to the parents, guardians or other representatives of a student without the student's consent. The University's preference is to receive written consent by way of email from the student where possible. Without such consent the University will not release any details regarding students including details of their registration, attendance, results, fee payments etc. Trinity College Dublin uses personal data relating to students for a variety of purposes. We are careful to comply with our obligations under data protection laws, you can find further information on how we obtain, use and disclose student data here: https://www.tcd.ie/info_compliance/data-protection/student-data/

Health and Safety Statements

The College Safety Statements can be found at the following link: <https://www.tcd.ie/estatesandfacilities/health-and-safety/>

Personnel

Course Director, M.Sc. in International Politics:

- Dr Peter Stone (2491; pstone@tcd.ie)

Course Administrator, M.Sc. in International Politics:

- Sarah Cunningham (4687; polgrad@tcd.ie)

Lecturers (in addition to the Course Director):

- Dr Constantine Boussalis
- Dr Noah Buckley
- Dr Thomas Chadeaux
- Dr Michelle D'Arcy
- Dr Jesse Dillon-Savage
- Dr Dino Hadzic
- Dr Alexander Held
- Dr Lisa Keenan
- Dr Liam Kneafsey
- Dr Roman-Gabriel Olar

M.Sc. Postgraduate Student Representative:

- To be appointed by Course Director

Head of Department:

- Dr William Phelan

Head of School of Social Sciences & Philosophy:

- Dr Carol Newman

Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate), School of Social Sciences & Philosophy:

- Dr Thomas Chadeaux

Further details: https://www.tcd.ie/Political_Science/people/

Key Dates

6 September	Mandatory Orientation Session for all incoming International Politics M.Sc. students
9 September	Michaelmas Term begins
29 November	End of Michaelmas Term instruction
2 December	Draft syllabi distributed for optional Hilary Term modules; students select optional modules on a first-come first-served basis
1 January	Students submit dissertation topics
13 January	Students assigned dissertation supervisors
20 January	Hilary Term begins
9 March	Dissertation proposals due
10 April	End of Hilary Term instruction
20 April	Trinity term begins; Dissertation Seminar begins
31 May	Trinity term ends
12 June	End of dissertation supervision
10 August	Dissertations due

Programme Governance

The MSc. in International Politics programme is governed by the Course Director, along with the Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate) and the Head of Department.

ACADEMIC YEAR CALENDAR 2019/20

Academic Calendar Week	Week beginning	2019/20 Academic Year Calendar	Term / Semester
1	26-Aug-19	Reassessment* (Semesters 1 & 2)	←Michaelmas Term begins/Semester 1 begins
2	02-Sep-19	Orientation (undergraduate); Marking/Results	
3	09-Sep-19	Teaching and Learning	←Michaelmas teaching term begins
4	16-Sep-19	Teaching and Learning	
5	23-Sep-19	Teaching and Learning	
6	30-Sep-19	Teaching and Learning	
7	07-Oct-19	Teaching and Learning	
8	14-Oct-19	Teaching and Learning	
9	21-Oct-19	Study/Review	
10	28-Oct-19	Teaching and Learning (Monday, Public Holiday)	
11	04-Nov-19	Teaching and Learning	
12	11-Nov-19	Teaching and Learning	
13	18-Nov-19	Teaching and Learning	
14	25-Nov-19	Teaching and Learning	
15	02-Dec-19	Revision	
16	09-Dec-19	Assessment*	←Michaelmas term ends Sunday 15 December 2019/Semester 1 ends
17	16-Dec-19	Christmas Period - College closed 24 December 2019 to 1 January 2020 inclusive	
18	23-Dec-19		
19	30-Dec-19		
20	06-Jan-20	Foundation Scholarship Examinations [^]	
21	13-Jan-20	Marking/Results	←Hilary Term begins/Semester 2 begins
22	20-Jan-20	Teaching and Learning	←Hilary teaching term begins
23	27-Jan-20	Teaching and Learning	
24	03-Feb-20	Teaching and Learning	
25	10-Feb-20	Teaching and Learning	
26	17-Feb-20	Teaching and Learning	
27	24-Feb-20	Teaching and Learning	
28	02-Mar-20	Study/Review	
29	09-Mar-20	Teaching and Learning	
30	16-Mar-20	Teaching and Learning (Tuesday, Public Holiday)	
31	23-Mar-20	Teaching and Learning	
32	30-Mar-20	Teaching and Learning	
33	06-Apr-20	Teaching and Learning	
34	13-Apr-20	Revision (Monday, Easter Monday)	←Hilary Term ends Sunday 19 April 2020
35	20-Apr-20	Trinity Week	←Trinity Term begins
36	27-Apr-20	Assessment*	
37	04-May-20	Marking/Results (Monday, Public Holiday)	
38	11-May-20	Marking/Results	
39	18-May-20	Marking/Results	
40	25-May-20	Research	←Statutory (Trinity) Term ends Sunday 31 May 2020/Semester 2 ends
41	01-Jun-20	Research (Monday, Public Holiday)	
42	08-Jun-20	Research	
43	15-Jun-20	Research	
44	22-Jun-20	Research	
45	29-Jun-20	Research	
46	06-Jul-20	Research	
47	13-Jul-20	Research	
48	20-Jul-20	Research	
49	27-Jul-20	Research	
50	03-Aug-20	Research (Monday, Public Holiday)	
51	10-Aug-20	Research	
52	17-Aug-20	Research	
53	24-Aug-20	Research	

* Note: extra contingency days may be required outside of the formal assessment/reassessment weeks.

[^] Note: it may be necessary to hold some exams in the preceding week.

Module Registration and Timetable

Lecture Timetable

Lecture Timetables are published to student portals (my.tcd.ie) at least one week before the beginning of the academic year. Once a student is registered, they can view their timetable on their student portal. The onus is on students to check their timetable at regular intervals to identify any changes to venues or lecture times.

Module Registration

Students will be automatically registered for their compulsory modules. They should email the Course Director and Course Administrator regarding their chosen modules for the Hilary Term.

Key Locations

- The Political Science Department is located on the fourth and fifth floors of 3 College Green. All instructors and administrative staff for the course can be found here unless otherwise indicated. (To find the fifth floor, take the lift to *four*; to find the fourth floor, take the lift to *three*).
- Lectures generally take place in the Arts Building on the main campus and in Phoenix House, 7-9 Leinster St South, just off campus.
- The Library is at the heart of the College's research facilities. It includes a book stack of more than 4 million volumes, one of the largest in Europe. As the only copyright library in Ireland it enjoys the privilege of receiving, automatically and by right, all Irish and UK copyright material. Postgraduate students can apply for a library carrel, which guarantees them study space within the library.
- Special Facilities for Graduate Research Students include a Graduate Common Room located in house 7 in Front Square. There is also a Graduate Students Union Officer. Graduate students are also represented on College committees and at Departmental Staff meetings.
- The 1937 Reading Room is a designated postgraduate library and study area for research students. It is located in the Front Square beside the Exam hall. There is a 24-hour swipe card access, seven days a week for postgraduate students. The 1937 Reading Room is fully equipped with computers on the ground floor, a basement computer room, and lockers. The lockers are run by the Graduate Students' Union and Research Students can sign up to get one for the coming year in the Graduate Students' Union office (second floor, House 6, Front Square).

Blackboard

Blackboard is the College online learning environment, where lecturers will give access to material like lecture notes and discussion forums. The use of Blackboard varies from module to module and individual lecturers will speak to you about the requirements for their module. In order to access a module on Blackboard you should be registered to the module by your Course Administrator. Blackboard can be accessed via <https://tcd.blackboard.com/webapps/login/>

Email

All official email correspondence will be sent to TCD email addresses only. You should check your email on a regular basis. When emailing the Administration students should include their TCD Student ID Number at all times.

Student Portal

My.tcd.ie allows students to view their own central student record containing all relevant information related to the course for which you are registered. To access the system you will need your College username and network password. If your personal student information is incorrect you should contact the Academic Registry (via email academic.registry@tcd.ie) stating your full name and student ID number. If your timetable module list is incorrect, you should contact the Course Administrator.

Section 3 – Teaching and Learning

Programme Architecture

The International Politics M.Sc. course is designed to run for one year on a full-time basis. The course commences on the Monday of the first teaching week in the College's academic year structure in mid-September. The programme concludes with the submission of the dissertation in the following August.

The course is structured around 3 terms, each of which is compulsory. In each term, students take modules summing to 30 ECTS, where the dissertation in Trinity term counts for the full 30 ECTS. Thus, the degree programme sums to 90 ECTS. (See “ECTS.”)

Most modules in the M.Sc. programme are taught around weekly seminars, with assessment based upon participation, short assignments, and a paper. Some modules (notably Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods) will involve lectures.

Students are expected to attend class every week. In addition, please note that written work can be assigned during study week and between term times.

Michaelmas Term

Seminars may be scheduled from the Monday of teaching week 1 of Michaelmas term up to the Friday of teaching week 12 of Michaelmas term.

All students will take the following three compulsory modules (each worth 10 ECTS):

- Research Design (PO8046/PO8047)
- International Politics (PO8048/PO8049)
- International Conflict (PO8050/PO8051)

Hilary Term

Seminars may be scheduled from the Monday of teaching week 1 of Hilary term up to the Friday of teaching week 12 of Hilary term.

There will be one compulsory full-term module (worth 10 ECTS):

- Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods (PO8006)

In unusual circumstances, this requirement can be waived for a student with a sufficiently strong background in statistics. If this occurs, the student will be expected to substitute a different (more advanced) research methods module.

Each student must also select four half-modules, where two half-modules must be taken in the first half of term and two in the second half. Each half module counts for 5 ECTS. At the discretion of the relevant lecturer and Course Director, students may choose to audit an extra half-term module in the Hilary Term—i.e., five half-modules instead of four. This extra module is not for credit and so will not count towards final degree grades. Taking an extra half-term module is not required or even recommended and students should consider carefully whether they will be able to manage the required workload.

Trinity Term

There will be a (compulsory) dissertation seminar scheduled in the Trinity Term. (See “Academic Year Structure.”) Students should arrange to be present at Trinity College throughout this period, as seminars may be scheduled at any time during this period. Students will engage in intensive research and writing for the dissertation during this period.

Part-Time Students

We offer a part-time option. This is achieved by spreading the coursework over two years. The Course Director will advise on the order in which modules should be taken over the course of the two years. The dissertation must be submitted at the end of the 2nd year.

The Dissertation

Students are required to submit a dissertation of 10,000 words on a research question of their choice. Dissertations should normally be of an empirical nature, providing an explanation for observable variation in political phenomena, building on political science scholarship. These should not be (merely) descriptive or prescriptive. We also welcome political theory dissertations, but to ensure proper supervision of this kind of work, students considering writing such a dissertation must consult with the Course Director in writing at an early stage.

After successfully completing the dissertation, students should be able to:

- Identify a research question worthy of sustained scholarly attention.
- Design a research plan appropriate to answering that question within given time and resource constraints.
- Implement all stages of that research design independently, including the structured collection of new information, the application of appropriate analytical techniques and the interpretation of the results.
- Present their research in written form in a manner that withstands scrutiny.

The examiners are instructed to assess the dissertation according to the standards commonly used for peer-reviewed journals. In particular, examiners assess:

- The importance of the research question in the context of the academic literature and the appropriateness of its formulation.
- The appropriateness of the evidence basis examined and the analytical tools brought to bear.
- The extent to which the interpretations and conclusions are justified on the basis of the analytical results.
- The contribution that the dissertation makes to knowledge on the particular question it addresses.

Students will attend a weekly seminar during Trinity Term during which they will present their work in progress.

Students should be aware that writing a successful dissertation is a much more demanding activity than obtaining good grades in taught modules. Although students will be introduced to a variety of research methods during the M.Sc. programme, they are recommended only to use research methods, whether quantitative or qualitative, that they are confident they are capable of executing.

Dissertation Supervision

Each student will be supervised by a member of staff who will provide feedback on the student's dissertation work. Supervisors will be assigned by the beginning of Hilary Term. Each student must hand in a complete research proposal by **Monday 9 March 2020**. This proposal must be approved by the supervisor and the Course Director.

Student-supervisor meetings are expected to take place during the months of April, May and June. Each student should submit a draft of the dissertation to the supervisor for comments in June. Part of academic life is learning to work independently, and the dissertation must be an independent exercise. With this in mind, advisors cannot be expected to provide feedback on dissertation drafts

after **Friday 12 June 2020**. Students are expected to work independently to complete their dissertations in July and August.

Dissertation Submission, Declaration and Format

The final dissertation is due by **Monday 10 August 2020**. On or before this date, please submit your final dissertation in the following two formats:

1. Submit one copy electronically via turnitin.com.
2. Submit two hard copies in the department mailboxes, one to your dissertation supervisor and one to the Course Director (two to the Course Director if he is also your dissertation supervisor). If you are hand delivering them, make sure you give yourself enough time to make it to the department office, as it will close early on that date. If you are not in College, you may post two copies to the departmental office with instructions on who is to receive them. The envelope should be postmarked 10 August or earlier. Do not bind the hard copies in any fancy way, but each copy should be stapled together.

In terms of format, the dissertation must be 10,000 words or less, including all words contained in the dissertation (bibliography, appendices, footnotes, tables, abstract etc.) in this count. Dissertations longer than 10,000 words may be penalized by a reduced grade. A word count should be included on the front page of the dissertation. The dissertation should be double-spaced and written in 12-point font. A short abstract (100 words or less) should be included.

On the first page of the dissertation, the student should type the following declaration: "I have read and I understand the plagiarism provisions contained in the General Regulations of the University Calendar. I declare that the assignment being submitted represents my own work and has not been taken from the work of others save where appropriately referenced in the body of the assignment." (See "Academic Standards" below for references to the University Calendar sections referring to plagiarism).

Assessment

Modules will be assessed by a combination of written coursework and other forms of in-class assessment. The Department of Political Science uses the following grading scheme for overall module assessment:

- Excellent	70-100
- Good	60-69
- Fair	50-59
- Condonable Fail	40-49
- Uncondonable Fail	0-39

Note that all marks given during the year are provisional and subject to change by the external examiner at the end of the year. After a lecturer has returned marks to students at the end of a module, they may not be changed other than at the course meeting at the end of the year.

Each dissertation will be marked by two readers, who will agree on a mark on the main numerical grading scale. The external examiner will be consulted where there is a significant disagreement between marks given by two examiners and for any dissertation deemed to have failed or achieved 70+. If a student passes the taught elements of the course but is deemed to have failed the dissertation, the student may request a viva voce examination in which he or she may defend the dissertation. Students are required to be present in Dublin during the course meeting, usually held between mid-September and mid-October, if they wish to avail of this option.

Grades and comments for module work should be returned in a prompt manner, and students should politely approach instructors for module grades if they have not been provided by the end of first week of the following term (end of first week of HT for MT grades, end of first week of Trinity Term/dissertation workshop for HT grades).

Late Work

Late work will be penalized in accordance with the guidelines of the department. For more information on this policy, please consult the department's Undergraduate Handbook, which can be found at:

https://www.tcd.ie/Political_Science/undergraduate/module-outlines/UndergradHandbook.pdf.

Dissertations will not be accepted after the deadline without a valid reason. If a student misses the dissertation deadline, the student must appeal to the Course Director for permission to submit the dissertation. Permission will only be granted in the case of a valid medical certificate or documentation of other serious concern. A dissertation submitted after the deadline unexcused cannot receive a mark higher than a pass, and may be deemed a "fail" due to late submission. Note that late submission of dissertations may also prevent students from graduating in December with many of their colleagues.

A student who is facing difficulties with the M.Sc. course is strongly advised to approach the module instructor immediately (and certainly well in advance of any deadlines) to discuss how the issue can be best addressed.

Research Ethics

We wish to draw your attention to the need for you to comply with the School's research ethics policy. Full details can be found at <http://www.tcd.ie/ssp/research/ethics/>. The most consequential aspect of this that, should you be planning to observe, interview, poll, or experiment on human beings, you will need to get ethics approval. This involves completing a form that you will find via the link above and then having it approved/signed by the Department's Research Ethics representative. **Failure to comply with the School's research ethics policy could result in penalties, up to and including a zero mark for the dissertation.**

Plagiarism and Referencing Guide

It is clearly understood that all members of the academic community use and build on the work and ideas of others. It is commonly accepted also, however, that we build on the work and ideas of others in an open and explicit manner, and with due acknowledgement. Plagiarism is the act of presenting the work or ideas of others as one's own, without due acknowledgement. Plagiarism can arise from deliberate actions and also through careless thinking and/or methodology. The offence lies not in the attitude or intention of the perpetrator, but in the action and in its consequences. It is the responsibility of the author of any work to ensure that he/she does not commit plagiarism. Plagiarism is considered to be academically fraudulent, and an offence against academic integrity that is subject to the disciplinary procedures of the University.

Plagiarism can arise from actions such as:

- a) copying another student's work;
- b) enlisting another person or persons to complete an assignment on the student's behalf;
- c) procuring, whether with payment or otherwise, the work or ideas of another;
- d) quoting directly, without acknowledgement, from books, articles or other sources, either in printed, recorded or electronic format, including websites and social media;
- e) paraphrasing, without acknowledgement, the writings of other authors.

Examples (d) and (e) in particular can arise through careless thinking and/or methodology where students:

- (i) fail to distinguish between their own ideas and those of others;
- (ii) fail to take proper notes during preliminary research and therefore lose track of the sources from which the notes were drawn;
- (iii) fail to distinguish between information which needs no acknowledgement because it is firmly in the public domain, and information which might be widely known, but which nevertheless requires some sort of acknowledgement;
- (iv) come across a distinctive methodology or idea and fail to record its source. All the above serve only as examples and are not exhaustive.

Plagiarism in the context of group work

Students should normally submit work done in co-operation with other students only when it is done with the full knowledge and permission of the lecturer concerned. Without this, submitting work which is the product of collusion with other students may be considered to be plagiarism. When work is submitted as the result of a Group Project, it is the responsibility of all students in the Group to ensure, so far as is possible, that no work submitted by the group is plagiarised.

Self-Plagiarism

No work can normally be submitted for more than one assessment for credit. Resubmitting the same work for more than one assessment for credit is normally considered self-plagiarism.

Avoiding Plagiarism

Students should ensure the integrity of their work by seeking advice from their lecturers, tutor or supervisor on avoiding plagiarism. All schools and departments must include, in their handbooks or other literature given to students, guidelines on the appropriate methodology for the kind of work that students will be expected to undertake. In addition, a general set of guidelines for students on avoiding plagiarism is available at <http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism>, where students must also complete the Online Tutorial 'Ready Steady Write'.

If plagiarism as referred to in paragraph (1) above is suspected, the Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate) or his/her designate will arrange an informal meeting with the student, the student's Supervisor and/or the academic staff member concerned, to put their suspicions to the student and give the student the opportunity to respond. Students may nominate a Graduate Students' Union representative or PG advisor to accompany them to the meeting. The student will be requested to respond in writing stating his/her agreement to attend such a meeting and confirming on which of the suggested dates and times it will be possible for them to attend. If the student does not in this manner agree to attend such a meeting, the Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate), or designate, may refer the case directly to the Junior Dean, who will interview the student and may implement the procedures as referred to in Section 5 (Other General Regulations).

If the Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate) forms the view that plagiarism has taken place, he/she must decide if the offence can be dealt with under the summary procedure set out below. In order for this summary procedure to be followed, all parties noted above must be in agreement and must state their agreement in writing to the Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate) or designate. If one of the parties to the informal meeting withholds his/her written agreement to the application of the summary procedure, or if the facts of the case are in dispute, or if the Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate) feels that the penalties provided for under the summary procedure below are inappropriate given the circumstances of the case, he/she will refer the case directly to the Junior Dean.

If the offence can be dealt with under the summary procedure, the Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate) will recommend one of the following penalties:

Level 1: Student receives an informal verbal warning. The piece of work in question is inadmissible. The student is required to rephrase and correctly reference all plagiarised elements. Other content should not be altered. The resubmitted work will be assessed and marked without penalty;

Level 2: Student receives a formal written warning. The piece of work in question is inadmissible. The student is required to rephrase and correctly reference all plagiarised elements. Other content should not be altered. The resubmitted work will receive a reduced or capped mark depending on the seriousness/extent of plagiarism;

Level 3: Student receives a formal written warning. The piece of work in question is inadmissible. There is no opportunity for resubmission.

Provided that the appropriate procedure has been followed and all parties in (6) above are in agreement with the proposed penalty, the Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate) should in the case of a Level 1 offence, inform the Course Director and, where appropriate, the Course Office. In the case of a Level 2 or Level 3 offence, the Dean of Graduate Studies must be notified and requested to approve the recommended penalty. The Dean of Graduate Studies may approve or reject the recommended penalty, or seek further information before making a decision. If he/she considers that the penalties provided for under the summary procedure are inappropriate given the circumstances of the case, he/she may also refer the matter directly to the Junior Dean who will interview the student and may implement the procedures as referred to under conduct and college. Notwithstanding his/her decision, the Dean of Graduate Studies will inform the Junior Dean of all notified cases of Level 2 and Level 3 offences accordingly. The Junior Dean may nevertheless implement the procedures as set out in Section 5 (Other General Regulations).

If the case cannot normally be dealt with under summary procedures, it is deemed to be a Level 4 offence and will be referred directly to the Junior Dean. Nothing provided for under the summary procedure diminishes or prejudices the disciplinary powers of the Junior Dean under the 2010 Consolidated Statutes.

Plagiarism Declaration

Each coversheet that is attached to submitted work should contain the following completed declaration:

"I have read and I understand the plagiarism provisions in the General Regulations of the University Calendar for the current year, found at <http://www.tcd.ie/calendar>.

I have also completed the Online Tutorial on avoiding plagiarism 'Ready Steady Write', located at <http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism/ready-steady-write>."

The College plagiarism policy can be downloaded here: <https://www.tcd.ie/teaching-learning/assets/pdf/PlagiarismPolicy%2002-06-2016.pdf> and the College Calendar here: <https://www.tcd.ie/calendar/>

Documentation

The Department does not require that sources be documented in any particular format. If you are unsure about what reference format to use, however, we recommend the American Political Science Association Style Manual, at <https://connect.apsanet.org/stylemanual/>. This style manual is generally an excellent resource for writing political science papers.

ECTS

The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) is an academic credit system based on the estimated student workload required to achieve the objectives of a module or programme of study. It is designed to enable academic recognition for periods of study, to facilitate student mobility and credit accumulation and transfer. The ECTS is the recommended credit system for higher education in Ireland and across the European Higher Education Area. The ECTS weighting for a module is a measure of the student input or workload required for that module, based on factors such as the number of contact hours, the number and length of written or verbally presented assessment exercises, class preparation and private study time, laboratory classes, examinations, clinical attendance, professional training placements, and so on as appropriate. There is no intrinsic relationship between the credit volume of a module and its level of difficulty. The European norm for fulltime study over one academic year is 60 credits. 1 credit represents 20-25 hours estimated student input, so a 10-credit module will be designed to require 200-250 hours of student input including class contact time, assessments and examinations. ECTS credits are awarded to a student only upon successful completion of the programme year. Progression from one year to the next is determined by the programme regulations. Students who fail a year of their programme will not obtain credit for that year even if they have passed certain component. Exceptions to this rule are one-year and part-year visiting students, who are awarded credit for individual modules successfully completed.

As noted before, all mandatory, full-term modules are worth 10 ECTS, and all optional, half-term modules are worth 5 ECTS. (See also “Module Listing.”)

Progression Regulations

For College progression regulations please reference the College Calendar at: <https://www.tcd.ie/calendar/graduate-studies-higher-degrees/complete-part-III-hl.pdf>

Withdrawal

Where a student withdraws from an M.Sc. programme, all questions relating to fees, etc. are to be referred to the Graduate Studies Office.

Publication of Results

Publication of results take place following the Course of Examiners. Results are published to your Student Portal my.tcd.ie.

Transcripts

Transcript requests may be made by emailing the Course Administrator. Transcripts are never issued to a third party, such as a parent or prospective employer, without the consent of the person named on the transcript.

Awards

The final M.Sc. is awarded in accordance with University convention as either Pass or Distinction. In addition, the Department of Political Science may award the predicate Merit to a student whose overall performance falls between these categories.

Pass	<p>The pass mark for the programme is 50%. To obtain an MSc., students must achieve <u>all</u> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a passing mark for the dissertation • an overall (weighted) average pass mark in the taught elements of the course; • pass marks in individual modules amounting to at least 50 ECTS • a mark of not less than 40% in the remaining modules
Postgraduate Diploma	<p>Students who pass the required modules but fail to meet the required standard on the dissertation are eligible for the award of a Postgraduate Diploma (exit only).</p>
Merit	<p>The Department may recommend that the M.Sc. be awarded with the predication 'Merit' to students who achieve <u>both</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a mark of 60% or above in the dissertation • an overall (weighted) average mark across all taught modules of at least 58%, where modules amounting to at least 30 credits have a mark of 60% or above. <p>A merit cannot be awarded where the candidate has failed any credit during the course.</p>
Distinction	<p>The Department may recommend that the M.Sc. be awarded with the predication 'Distinction' to students who achieve <u>both</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a mark of 70% or above in the dissertation • an overall (weighted) average mark across all taught modules of at least 68%, where modules amounting to at least 30 credits have a mark of 70% or above. <p>A distinction cannot be awarded where the candidate has failed any credit during the course.</p>

Careers Information & events

We will arrange a meeting with a representative of the Careers Advisory Service over the course of the year. We also encourage you to contact the Careers Advisory Service should you have questions of your own. For more information about the Careers Advisory Service, visit <http://www.tcd.ie/Careers/>.

External Examiner

To be announced.

Learning Outcomes

After successfully completing this course, students should be able to:

- Assess the major theories of international relations.
- Explain variation in developmental trajectories as a consequence of the interplay between domestic and international factors.

- Evaluate critically theoretical and empirical research on how the interaction between international and domestic politics affects a range of key outcomes in the field of development.
- Formulate policy-relevant research questions in the fields of international politics and related issues such as development and the environment.
- Design appropriate research strategies, applying quantitative and/or qualitative methods as appropriate, for answering policy-relevant research questions.
- Conduct independent research relevant to international politics using qualitative and/or quantitative methods.

Graduate Attributes

The course aims to provide students with the necessary skills for a range of research-related careers, as well as careers in other areas. It is suitable for students who wish to progress to doctoral research, or to pursue careers in applied policy research, the civil service, international organisations, non-governmental organisations, or the media.

Module Listing

At the start of each term, the relevant lecturer will provide a detailed syllabus for the module, detailing readings and assignments, as well as assessment criteria.

Attendance Requirements

Attendance is not optional. Absences should be cleared with the relevant instructor, who should be provided with medical or other documentation as appropriate.

University Regulations

Please reference the links below for College regulations, policies and procedures:

- Academic Policies - <http://www.tcd.ie/teaching-learning/academic-policies/>
- Student Complaints Procedure - https://www.tcd.ie/about/policies/160722_Student%20Complaints%20Procedure_PUB.pdf
- Dignity and Respect Policy- <https://www.tcd.ie/equality/policy/dignity-respect-policy/>

Feedback and Evaluation

Evaluation of courses and their constituent modules is an important component of College's commitment towards improving the quality of teaching and the support of learning. To this end, all postgraduate programmes that are taught by the School of Social Sciences and Philosophy are evaluated on a yearly basis using an online survey. These survey is anonymous, and the results are used in reviewing and improving aspects of each programme and its delivery.

Finally...

Any questions which arise during the year can be directed to the Course Administrator at polgrad@tcd.ie / extension 4687 / Room 5.02, 3 College Green.