

As a political science major, there are a wide variety of host institutions to choose from in Britain, Ireland, South Africa and Botswana. However, studying political science in a different country allows you to learn familiar topics from a completely new perspective, including topics that are not covered by all US institutions. While a variety of traditional political science courses are offered, here are some highlights unique to your host country's perspective. If you would like to see the full range of political science offerings contact Interstudy for more information at 800.663.1999.

## BRITAIN

### Goldsmiths, University of London

PO51009A UK and European Comparative Governance and Politics

The main institutions of British government are introduced, as well as the policy making process within British government. You examine the constitutional framework, the core executive, the civil service, Parliament, local government, territorial government and the role of the judiciary, and discuss the policy making process within Whitehall and Westminster. The course also introduces you to the history and politics of post-1945 Europe through a study of the politics, political cultures and institutions of the Federal Republic of Germany and Italy.

Other Courses Offered: PO53007A Political Economy of the European Union, PO52001A Public Administration, PO51012A Idea, Ideologies Conflicts, PO51010A World Politics

### King's College, University of London

4SSW1004 Contemporary Security Issues

The course builds on the skills that students obtained through the Art of War Studies course. It emphasises the honing of essay writing, knowledge-acquisition, and presentation skills. The course aims to provide students with a theoretical framework within which to consider the changing problem of security in the twenty first century. It examines the security issues that have come to prominence in the post-Cold War period against the backdrop of the major traditions of thought within International Relations (IR) as an academic discipline (Realism, Liberalism and Critical Theory). Special emphasis is given throughout the course to the changing nature of problems of war and security in contemporary international relations. By the end of the semester students should be familiar with the major schools of thought within IR and the views of international relations they present. Students should also have a good understanding of the key security issues that have arisen in the post-Cold War period, and should be able to discuss and write about these in conceptual and analytical terms. The lectures will provide general introductions to these issues. The seminars provide a forum for exploring ideas and issues raised in the lectures in greater depth. Seminars will provide feedback on the performance of each student and be an opportunity for students to get individual assistance in gaining the skills necessary for success in the Department.

Other Courses Offered:

SGX252 Environmental Thought and Practice  
4AAGA113 German Politics and Society

SGX356 Political Economy of Hazardscapes  
4AANB006 Political Philosophy

### Queen Mary, University of London

POL215 British Political System

This module will provide you with an advanced knowledge of the British political system. It is divided into two principal parts: the study of the institutions of British politics, and the study of political culture, behaviour and participation within those institutions. Topics covered include: the constitution, Parliament, Prime Minister and the Cabinet system, civil service devolution, local government, the electoral and party system, political parties, representation, and electoral behaviour.

Other Courses Offered: POL103 Comparative Government and Politics, POL350 Analysing Public Policy, POL239 Global Governance and Civil Society, POL361 Gender and Politics

## BRITAIN

### University of Westminster

1EPO411 Immigration: The European Experience

This module examines the ways in which immigration affects the political identities, political systems, policies and societies of European 'host' states. It focuses on recent developments including the securitisation of immigration and attempts to control the numbers and characteristics of foreign incomers. It evaluates immigration policies both at the national level and at the level of the EU.

Other Courses Offered: 1POL684 Politics and Media Freedom, 1POL507 Democracy in America, 1EPO509 European Foreign Policy, 1POL508 Gender, Politics and the State

### University College London

POLS6001 Introduction to British Politics

This course introduces students to the structure of British government and the functioning of British politics in practice. It will have a contemporary and practical flavour, taking full account of recent constitutional change and using case studies and official documents to illustrate the role of different actors in policy development. It will emphasise the role of political forces of the parties, social movements and the media as well as the formal institutions of the state. By the end of the course the students will: be familiar with the basic functioning of the contemporary British political system.

Other Courses Offered: POLS6004 - Britain's Constitutional Revolution, POLS6006 - Politics of the EU, POLS6008 - Gender and Politics, POLS6009 - Global Environmental Politics

### University of Glasgow

ONVU Politics 1a: Introduction To Liberal Democracy

To deal with the nature of liberal democracy by focusing on institutional structures in the United Kingdom, elections and referenda, political parties and organised interests. A multilevel governance approach will examine these issues in Scottish, British and European Union politics.

Other Courses Offered: 0QYU Politics 1b: Comparative Politics, 0QHV Politics 2a: History Of Political Thought, 0QFV Politics 2b: International Relations

### Swansea University

PO118 War and Peace in the Nuclear Age

This module traces the fluctuating fortunes of the key actors in international relations since the end of WWII. You will assess the origins of the Cold War, learn about the failure of communist containment in Vietnam, the period of tripolarity, detente, the second cold war and the end of the cold war. The module will also provide an overview of the key features that have emerged during the post-cold war era, including humanitarian intervention, state failure and the prospect of a clash of civilizations.

Other Courses Offered: PO202 History of Political Thought, PO3001 Political Ideologies, PO209 The State and Political Institutions, PO119 Politics and the People

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## IRELAND

### National University of Ireland, Galway

SP647.I Northern Ireland: The Politics of a Divided State

A political science class unique not only to the Irish perspective, but from a commentary on Northern Ireland from a National University of Ireland perspective.

Other Courses Offered: SP419 Marxist Theory, SP352 US Politics, SP305 Comparative Public Policy, SP421.ii Women in Irish Society

## IRELAND

### University College Dublin

POL30040 Irish Voting Behaviour

The objectives of this module are to provide an introduction to data management and statistical methods in order to enable students to conduct statistical analyses of original, individual-level data with a view to developing a deeper understanding of Irish voting behaviour. The module will focus on the 2002 Irish National Election Study (INES) using SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences) software. Module components include: Overview of theories and data; Introduction to SPSS; Individual definition of research problem and research strategy; Data analysis workshops; Completion of individual projects; Students will be expected to read widely in the literature on Irish voting behaviour.

Other Courses Offered:

POL10010 Introduction to Irish Politics

POL30080 Irish Politics and Policy

POL20010 Individuals and the State

POL20050 Analysing Politics

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### University of Limerick

PO4043 Introduction to Irish Politics

The module is designed to introduce students to Irish government and politics via the study of three main components: the institutional framework of government and administration - the executive, legislature and bureaucracy; political behaviour - including government, parties, party system, electoral behaviour and political culture; and an analysis of the public administration and policy making - looking at territorial administration and sub-national government, economic policy-making and the advent of partnership government; the welfare state and social policy; plus Ireland's role in the EU and beyond.

Other Courses Offered:

PO4023 Comparative European Politics

PO4022 Modern European Political Thought

PO4033 Political Theory

PO4032 Russian Politics

### Trinity College Dublin

PO3630 Irish Politics

The course covers: the political culture of the Irish Republic; the Constitution; Irish political parties; elections and the electoral system; the Government and the Oireachtas; policy making; the position of the Taoiseach; Ireland and the EU; corruption and accountability in Ireland; the local government system and Northern Ireland.

Other Courses Offered: POL2610 History of Political Thought, PO2 PO3680 European Union Politics, POL2650 Comparative Politics, PO3670 Democracy and Development

**NB: All Politics classes offered at Trinity College Dublin are for the full academic year, semester study abroad students are not eligible.**

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## BOTSWANA

### University of Botswana

POL201 Botswana Politics

A political science class unique not only to the Southern Africa perspective, but from a Botswana specific view within the region.

Other Courses Offered:

POL 204 Media and Politics

POL305 Politics of Southern Africa

POL 301 Modern Political Thought

SOC336 Development Policy Analysis

## **SOUTH AFRICA**

### **Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University**

SLP202 South African Political Economy

Introduction to Political Economy. Background of the South African Political Economy. Development trends in South African Political Economy. Political development in the post-apartheid South Africa Economy.

Other Courses Offered:

SLP404 Trends in South African Politics, SL202 Political Studies, SLP102 Contemporary South African Politics and Policy

### **Rhodes University**

Political and International Studies

The answers to the questions which we ask in Political Studies are the subject of uncertainty and debate. To study Politics is to learn to argue and defend positions, to critically evaluate the nature of the evidence that people provide for what they believe to be true. Because our graduates emerge out of three years of studying Politics as articulate critical thinkers who can read widely with insight and understanding and who are capable of coming to reasoned independent judgments, they are sought-after in business, industry, NGOs, government and academic settings. **NB:** Course codes are only available shortly prior to beginning of the semester.

### **University of Cape Town**

POL1005S International Politics

This course provides a survey of fundamental issues and concepts in international relations. In particular, it analyses the interface of globalisation and international politics and the extent to which this affects the behaviour of actors in the international system.

Other Courses Offered:

POL2036F Introductory Political Economy, POL3039F Advanced South African Politics, POL2002S Political Theory

### **University of KwaZulu-Natal, Howard College Campus, Durban**

POL203 H2 Politics and Public Policy in Southern Africa

To provide basic information and critical perspectives on politics and policy in the Southern African region, to better equip students for the working world.

Other Courses Offered:

POL303 H2 P2 Political Change in Developing Regions    POLS302 H1 Political Communication  
POLS201 H1 P2 Issues in International Affairs            POLS314 H2 Human Rights and Conflict Resolution

### **University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg**

POLS307 P1 South Africa: Apartheid and After

To explore the central descriptions and explanations of South African politics from the 1990s up to the present.

Other Courses Offered:

POLS204 P1 Politics and Law in South Africa            POLS301 H1 P1 Modern Political Thought  
POLS309 P2 Comparative Asian Politics                POLS207 H2 P2 History of Political Thought

### **University of the Witwatersrand**

POLS1008 States, Power and Governance

This course examines different ways of ruling in selected states. It deals with issues such as state power, who rules, how and through what institutions. It pays specific attention to competing conceptions of how power should be distributed in different political cultures as well as its exercise through executive and other bodies. The course looks at different case studies in the 20th century including 'socialist' countries and contemporary capitalist societies.

Other Courses Offered:

POLS2006 Social Theories of Modernity                POLS3008 Political Sociology III  
POLS2012 South Africa: Politics and Governance    POL3012 Rational Choice Theory III

## SOUTH AFRICA

### Stellenbosch University: Summer Program

Course 5: Growth, Unemployment and Inequality in South Africa: Past and Future Challenges\*

South Africa is a developing country marked by severe inequalities. While in many aspects its economy reflects that of a developed nation, the exorbitant unemployment rate and the large number of people living in absolute poverty are characteristic of low-income countries. This course first attempts to shed light on South Africa's unique path of economic development: what were the causes of such an unequally divided society? The post-Apartheid government has made multiple attempts to eradicate poverty and redress inequality. We discuss the successes and failures of these policies. Finally, we look to the future, and discuss the scenarios that could either lift South Africa to high-income status or allow it to become another 'African failure'.

Course 7: CHALLENGES FOR DEMOCRATIC CONSOLIDATION \*

We explore some of the most urgent policy challenges currently facing the country (including the high crime rates, poverty and social delivery), asking questions about the violent nature of crime in South Africa, and the government's plans and policies for combating poverty and improving service delivery. The impacts of half a century of social engineering do not disappear overnight, and so we further investigate the politics of identity, race and nation-building. In particular, we explore government's efforts to promote a sense of unity, and the tensions between national unity and multiculturalism. We also look at the identities of particular groups in South Africa – such as the Coloured and Xhosa communities, which will include an exploration of the role of tradition in South Africa today. In light of the 2010 Soccer World Cup, we specifically focus on sport as a driver of national identity. Finally, we also take a look at the role the South African state plays in Africa and internationally, with specific focus on the tension between the different identities it tries to project at regional and international levels, and between domestic and foreign policy priorities. The overarching question will be, given the immense challenges, what are the prospects for the future of democracy in South Africa?

\* **NB:** Courses are subject to availability. Course titles and descriptions based on Summer 2011 course offerings.