



World Politics (BA)



The major World Politics examines interactions between states and non-state actors, including multinational corporations, nongovernmental organisations, civil society, diasporas and terrorist networks. Political conflict is a key driver of these interactions, which can escalate into wars and insurgencies or produce better understanding and cooperation. In short, our core concern is how to manage conflict and transform them. Our aim is twofold: we will help you develop a deep understanding of the complexity of World Politics and to link theory and practice since many of the professors have worked as practitioners before joining LUC.

This major might be for you if you are interested in the following questions:

- ▷ How is foreign policy made and how does diplomacy work in practice?
- ▷ Will the rise of China be peaceful?
- ▷ What are the key challenges and opportunities of a globalised world?
- ▷ How do international and regional organizations facilitate cooperation on key governance issues, such as global warming and economic development?
- ▷ What lessons can be learned from the failed peacebuilding efforts in Afghanistan?

"I chose World Politics because of the exciting courses and the unique opportunity to learn from some of the top former practitioners in the political field. The major has helped me develop a holistic understanding of World Politics. My favorite classes were 20th Century Diplomatic History and Russian Politics because they offered very different perspectives on very similar topics."

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| Core tracks World Politics | | | | |
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| | IR and Diplomacy | Globalisation and Transnational Politics | Peace and Conflict Studies | International History |
| Core courses | | | | |
| 100-level <i>Example Methodology course: Thinking about Politics: Power and Sovereignty</i> | • Intro IR and Diplomacy | • Intro Globalisation and Transnational Politics | • Intro Peace and Conflict Studies | • Birth of the Modern World |
| 200-level <i>Example Methodology course: Political Research Methods</i> | • Foreign Policy and Diplomacy • Nations and Nationalism | • Political Islam in the Middle East • European Integration • International and Regional Organisations | • Ethics of Contemporary War • Conflict and Democracy | • Studies in War: From the Crimea to the Second World War • Studies in Conflict: From Algeria to Iraq |
| 300-level <i>Example Methodology course: Political Research Methods</i> | • Diplomacy of International Conflict • The International Politics of Climate Change • Regional Trends: The Rise of China | • Researching Terrorism and Counterterrorism • Regional Trends: The EU and Its Neighbourhood • Religion in World Politics | • Designing Policy Interventions: Peace-building, Development and Public Health • The Lusophone South Atlantic | • History & Politics of Global Migration • Totalitarianism • Public Diplomacy: History, Theory, Practice |
| 400-level | Capstone thesis | | | |

What does the future hold?

Graduate Studies

- ▷ MA EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College d'Europe, Belgium
- ▷ MPhil Global and Area Studies, Oxford University, UK
- ▷ MA International Security, Sciences Po, France
- ▷ MA Global Thought, Columbia University, USA

Careers

- ▷ Diplomacy
- ▷ Policy Advisor
- ▷ Consultancy, PR, lobbyism
- ▷ Education, research, journalism