



World Politics (BA)



The World Politics major examines the big ideas and the powerful forces – political, military, economic, social and cultural – that shape the world at every level, from the global to the local and everything in between. Particular attention is paid to how governments interact with each other, and how they interact with non-state actors, including multinational corporations, NGOs, protest movements, diasporas and terrorist networks. Political conflict is a key driver of many of these interactions and this can escalate into wars and insurgencies, but it can also produce better understanding and cooperation.

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

- ▶ Why do governments go to war? How can this be prevented?
- ▶ How is foreign policy made and how does diplomacy work in practice?
- ▶ Will the rise of China be peaceful?
- ▶ What lessons can be learned from the failed peacebuilding efforts in Afghanistan?
- ▶ What can international and regional organizations do to facilitate cooperation on key governance issues, such as global warming and mass migration?

“I chose World Politics because I realised that by understanding the political, I would also be able to make better sense of other fields such as the economic, social, cultural and environmental. The excellent balance between theory and practice deepened my understanding of the intricate processes and debates that shape the contemporary world. It taught me how to tackle pressing issues with an interdisciplinary approach and from diverse perspectives; today, I can make use of these skills in my work as a diplomat at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.”

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	Core tracks World Politics			
	IR and Diplomacy	Globalisation and Transnational Politics	Peace and Conflict Studies	International History
	Core courses			
100-level	• 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: Advanced Quantitative 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

- ▶ Politician, Policy Advisor
- ▶ Diplomat, civil servant
- ▶ Journalist
- ▶ Consultant, lobbyist, public relations
- ▶ Educator, researcher