



## 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?
- ▷ Will the rise of China be peaceful?
- ▷ Is the nation-state becoming irrelevant in a globalised world?
- ▷ How can peace be realised in Syria?
- ▷ Did the nuclear deal with Iran make the world a safer place?

“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.”

*Fabian Beitsma | The Netherlands*

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Core tracks World Politics				
IR and Diplomacy	Globalisation and Transnational Politics	Peace and Conflict Studies	International History	
<b>Core courses</b>				
<b>100-level</b>	• Intro IR and Diplomacy	• Intro Globalisation and Transnational Politics	• Intro Peace and Conflict Studies	• Birth of the Modern World
<b>200-level</b> <i>Example Methodology course: Thinking about Politics: Power and Sovereignty</i>	• Foreign Policy and Diplomacy • Nations and Nationalism	• Political Islam in the Middle East • European Integration	• International Security Studies • Conflict and Democracy	• Conflict and Democracy • Studies in War: From the Crimea to the Second World War • An American Century? The United States in the World since 1898
<b>300-level</b> <i>Example Methodology course: Political Research Methods</i>	• The Rise of China • Contemporary Russian Politics and Security	• Researching Terrorism and Counterterrorism • Global Political Economy	• Political Transitions in Africa • Ethics of Contemporary War	• History of the Middle East • Studies in Conflict: From Algeria to Iraq
<b>400-level</b>	<b>Capstone thesis</b>			

### What does the future hold?

#### Graduate Studies

- ▷ MA EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College d'Europe, Belgium
- ▷ MA Security Studies, King's College, UK
- ▷ MSc International Politics, KU Leuven, Belgium

#### Careers

- ▷ Diplomacy
- ▷ Public Affairs/Lobbying
- ▷ Policy Advisor