International Political Economy MA

2018 entry
Duration: full-time: one year, part-time: two years
Study mode: full-time, part-time

Our International Political Economy MA is an opportunity at an advanced level to explore the main theoretical assumptions, issues and research areas of international political economy, global politics, political thought and international relations. It is one of the most international courses in its field in the UK, currently attracting students from over 30 countries, offering you a rich diversity of backgrounds and perspectives.

Key benefits

- As an interdisciplinary course, this MA enables you to study international political economy from a variety of different perspectives.
- European & International Studies staff contributed in a major way to King’s College being ranked first for research power in the field of Politics & International Relations in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework.
- The Department provides a vibrant research community, designated as a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence.
- Through the internship module, this MA allows you to get a first-hand experience of the competitive job market in London.

Course details

This course offers an in-depth analysis of the major scholarly debates in international political economy. We will give you an understanding of global issues from a variety of perspectives, including critical and heterodox. You will examine a wide range of interdisciplinary approaches on the required module – International Political Economy: Theory, Methods and Issues – and then choose from a wide range of specialist modules covering specific regions or issues to allow you to pursue your own interests in greater depth. We also offer you a credited internship module, offering first-hand working experience in London, which will enhance your employability as well as supporting your academic and intellectual development.

The course is ideally suited to anyone with a degree in International Relations, Economics, Politics, International Political Economy and European & International Studies. We also welcome recent graduates from other disciplines in the humanities, the social sciences and law, as well as those from a professional background, as more diversity will enrich your experience.

www.kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/taught-courses/international-political-economy-ma.aspx
Teaching
You will have regular contact with our staff, who are world-leading experts in their fields, through lectures, seminars and supervision.

Lectures, seminars and feedback  Self-study
6 hours per week (full time)  34 hours per week
2-4 hours per week (part time)

Plus six hours of dissertation supervision.

Typically, one credit equates to 10 hours of work.

Assessment
You are assessed through a combination of coursework and examinations. The majority of European and International Studies modules are assessed by a 4,000-word essay, other optional modules may differ. The dissertation module is assessed by a 10,000 word essay.

Regulating body
King’s College London is regulated by the Higher Education Funding Council for England.

Course structure
Courses are divided into modules, and students on this course take modules totalling 180 credits.

Required modules
You are required to take the following modules:
- International Political Economy: Theories, Methods & Issues (40 credits)
- Dissertation (60 credits)

If you are taking the part-time course, you are required to take the 40 credit required module in Year 1 and the 60 credit dissertation in Year 2.

Optional modules
In addition, you are required to take 80 credits from a range of optional modules offered by both European & International Studies and other departments. Modules are grouped together under specialisms and may typically include:

The Middle East
- The Middle East in the Global Political Economy (20 credits)
- The US & the Middle East (20 credits)
- People, Protest & Mobilisation (20 credits)

The Americas
- Brazil: Social & Economic Development (20 credits)
- Political Ecology, Environment & Brazil (20 credits)
- Globalisation, Development & the Americas (20 credits)

Asia and China
- The EU & Asia: Economics, Politics & Security (20 credits)
- Political Economy of Korean & East Asian Development (20 credits)
- China’s International Relations (20 credits)

Development
- The Political Economy of Development (20 credits)
- Political Economy of Inequality (20 credits)
- Gender & Social Policy in Emerging Economies (20 credits)

India
- Democracy in India (20 credits)
- Indian Foreign & Security Policy (20 credits)
- Interpreting India (20 credits)

Russia
- Russia & the EU (20 credits)
- Contemporary Russian Politics & Policies (40 credits)
- Oil, Gas & Modernisation in Russia (20 credits)

Please note: we cannot guarantee spaces on modules listed that are run by other departments outside of European & International Studies.
Europe
- Globalisation & Social Movement in Europe (20 credits)
- Lobbying & Policy Making in the EU (20 credits)
- The Political Economy of Europe: Political Science Perspectives (20 credits)

Political Economy Theories
- Critical Political Economy (20 credits)
- Introduction to Economics for International Political Economy (20 credits)
- Research Methods for Social Sciences (20 credits)

Contemporary IPE
- The Political Economy of International Migration (20 credits)
- The Political Economy of Oil & Gas (20 credits)
- The Political Economy of Labour (20 credits)

The Dark Side of IPE
- Clandestine Side of Globalisation: Organised Crime, Terrorism & Corruption (20 credits)
- Islamist Movements: Jihad, Revolution & Consensus (20 credits)

If you are taking the part-time course, you are required to take one 20 credit module during Year 1, and 60 credits of optional modules in Year 2.

King’s College London reviews the modules offered on a regular basis to provide up-to-date, innovative and relevant courses of study. Therefore, modules offered may change. We suggest you keep an eye on the course finder on our website for updates.

Location
This course is primarily taught at the King’s College London Strand Campus. Please note that locations are determined by where each module is taught and may vary.

Career prospects
Graduates have gone on to prestigious positions, including in UK government departments such as the Foreign Office; global governance bodies such as the World Bank and the United Nations; major financial institutions such as Credit Suisse and HSBC; consultancy firms such as Mckinsey & Co; and lobbying groups within the European Commission. Overall our graduates have embarked on highly successful careers in the public and private sectors in the United Kingdom, the European continent, as well as further afield in countries ranging from Japan to the United States.

Fees and funding
Full-time and part-time tuition fees – UK
The UK tuition fees for the 2018–19 academic year are available on the course web page.

Please note that the tuition fees for subsequent years of study may be subject to increases in line with King’s terms and conditions.

Full-time and part-time tuition fees – EU
Current regulations allow some students to pay UK tuition fees on the basis of their EU citizenship or residency. Until these eligibility criteria are changed, the EU tuition fee will remain the same as the UK tuition fee.

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Full-time and part-time tuition fees – International
The International tuition fees for the 2018–19 academic year are available on the course web page.

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Deposit
When you receive an offer for this course you will be required to pay a non-refundable deposit to secure your place. The deposit will be credited towards your total fee payment.

The UK/EU deposit is £500.

The International deposit is £2,000.

For further information, please visit the fees and funding section of our website:
www.kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/fees-and-funding/index.aspx

Additional costs
In addition to your tuition fees, you can also expect to pay for:
- books if you choose to buy your own copies
- library fees and fines
- personal photocopies
- printing course handouts
- society membership fees
- stationery
- travel costs for travel around London and between campuses
- graduation costs.

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