



The
University
Of
Sheffield.

Department Of
Politics &
International
Relations.

Postgraduate
study.

A photograph of a diverse group of students sitting in a lecture hall, listening attentively. In the foreground, a woman with dark curly hair, wearing a blue and white striped shirt, is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. Behind her, a man with a beard and a grey cap is also looking forward. To the left, another man in a dark blue shirt is looking towards the camera. A red water bottle is visible on a desk in the foreground. A dark blue diagonal banner is overlaid on the bottom left of the image, containing white text.

We are committed to offering postgraduate degrees that are distinct and reflect our core strengths, giving students the opportunity to study politics from different perspectives.

Our postgraduate courses are designed with two key objectives: Deepen your knowledge of your chosen subject and equip you with practical skills to support your professional development. We will prepare you to make a difference in a world with many political, social, economic and ecological challenges.

Dr Cemal Burak Tansel,
Lecturer in International Politics and
Director of Postgraduate Taught
Recruitment

Welcome.

We are proud to be one of the UK's leading departments for research and teaching in Politics and International Relations.

OUR RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXCELLENCE

The Department of Politics and International Relations has been ranked in the top three of every one of the UK's national research assessments since 2001 and is one of the top-ranked departments for the study of politics worldwide.

As a research-intensive department, research really lies at the heart of everything we do. We want our students to benefit from the ground-breaking research our academic staff are engaged in, so the courses and modules we offer are aligned to their expertise.

Our staff have a wide range of research interests and expertise, which are brought together around four research themes:

- International Relations
- Political Economy
- Environmental Politics
- Political Theory

Each of these themes has its own research group, which provides an important forum for staff and postgraduate students with similar interests to collaborate and share expertise. Research groups organise activities throughout the year such as workshops and seminars, which guest speakers from leading universities and civil society groups worldwide are invited to attend.

All postgraduate students have the opportunity to become an active member of one or more of our research groups, and we welcome the insights that our students bring.

You will also have the opportunity to get involved in the activities of University research centres, including:

- Sheffield Political Economy Research Institute (SPERI).
- Centre for Wellbeing in Public Policy.
- Sir Bernard Crick Centre for the Public Understanding of Politics.

A WELCOMING, SUPPORTIVE AND DIVERSE PLACE TO LEARN

By choosing to study here, you will be joining a friendly and supportive community of masters and research students. We have a diverse community of staff and students from around the world, which makes for a rich and varied postgraduate experience.

We are proud to offer an inclusive research culture; everyone is encouraged to work together, hold lively debates and benefit from others' best practice. Our community of researchers is diverse, and draws upon a wide range of methodologies and approaches to the discipline. When you join us, we will ensure that you have many opportunities to immerse yourself in all aspects of academic life of the department.

PERSONAL TUTOR

When you join the department, you will be allocated a personal tutor from our academic staff. This is someone you can talk about your course or any issues or concerns you may be experiencing that you feel is impacting on your academic study.

POLITICS SOCIETY

The Politics Society currently has more than 250 members and is managed by students from the Department of Politics and International Relations. It's a great way to immerse yourself in the department, meet new people and get involved in a number of different events throughout the year.

The support that you get and the way the staff engage with you as students is very much like you're interacted with as equals and you're always encouraged to become part of a community of scholars.

Remi Edwards,
MA Global Political Economy graduate

Our courses.

Our range of exciting postgraduate courses will give you the opportunity to develop a genuine specialism in your area of study. Throughout all our courses you will:

- ☐ **Think** deeply about the most pressing political challenges and controversies.
- ☐ **Engage** with contemporary political ideas and critique established theories.
- ☐ **Understand** the interconnectedness of the global world and the importance of culture and identity.
- ☐ **Develop** fresh perspectives on the dynamics of power that underpin political interactions between state and society.

OUR POSTGRADUATE COURSES

- MA International Relations
- MA Politics, Governance and Public Policy
- MA International Political Economy
- MA Political Theory
- MA International Relations and East Asia





MA International Relations.

The study of international relations will give you the tools to understand the interactions between states, societies, institutions and individuals. The course combines a rigorous study of key topics in global politics with cutting-edge approaches, and encourages you to think critically and pragmatically about the most pressing political issues of our time.

ABOUT THE COURSE

You will engage with a range of theoretical perspectives to make sense of emergent and rapidly evolving international political challenges, exploring normative arguments about the way that international relations should work. The course covers key topics in international relations such as global security and terrorism, alongside innovative critical approaches such as postcolonial and feminist perspectives on international relations.

As well as focusing on critical theoretical debates, students will also explore the real world in all its complexities, and you will be able to choose from innovative modules that examine the most urgent issues in world politics.

COURSE DURATION

1 YEAR FULL-TIME
2 YEARS PART-TIME

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You can apply to us with a good degree (first-class or 2:1 honours degree) in a relevant social science, arts and humanities, or related subject.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Overall IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in each component.

If you are an international student, please visit sheffield.ac.uk/international/howtoapply/pgtaught for more information.

HOW TO APPLY

If you would like to apply for a postgraduate course, please visit sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/apply to find out more information and guidance on the application process.



COURSE MODULES

Debating International Relations

This module will give you an advanced level of understanding of the theory and practice of international relations. You will look at different theoretical perspectives in the study of international relations and the issues that divide them, and consider if seemingly irreconcilable differences can be overcome.

Understanding Politics

The aim of this module is to introduce you to the dominant analytical and methodological traditions in politics broadly understood as 'positivism' and 'interpretivism'. By studying this module, you will be able to show your understanding of what the discipline involves, and what you consider the most appropriate way of studying and researching politics. This module is an essential precursor to your degree programme and dissertation.

Research and Dissertation Participation

This module is made up of a series of workshops to help and prepare you for writing the MA dissertation. You'll be given advice and guidance on the key stages of the research process including methodology and design. By completing this core module, you will have the skills, knowledge and understanding to carry out an extended piece of independent research; to develop a research proposal, strategy and timetable; and complete a dissertation under the guidance of an academic supervisor.

OPTIONAL MODULES

We offer a range of modules drawing on our academics' world-leading research. As well as choosing from a list of modules directly related to your degree programme, you will have the opportunity to select from a range of other postgraduate modules offered by the department.

Example modules include:

- Global Health and Global Politics
- Contemporary Global Security
- International Political Sociology of Civil Wars
- Feminist and Decolonising Approaches to International Relations

To find out more about modules please visit sheffield.ac.uk/politics/postgraduate/courses

DISSERTATION IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Putting into practice all of the skills, knowledge and understanding you have gained throughout your degree, you will complete a dissertation based on a topic of your choice. You will be expected to undertake research-led inquiry on the topic chosen but it must be relevant to your degree.

A dedicated dissertation supervisor will support you every step of the way, offering you one-to-one guidance at all stages of the dissertation process.

Debates like this are the substance of the MA International Relations



HAS THE WORLD OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CHANGED FUNDAMENTALLY SINCE 9/11?

Is the long historical practice of conducting wars in well-defined locales between professional armies of separate sovereign, nation states over and if so what implications does this have for security policy and security theory? Is Britain's expensive commitment to renewing Trident nuclear weapons now moribund since these cannot counteract terrorist insurgencies which can pop up anywhere in the world? Is Western humanitarian intervention a solution or is it just a reincarnation of the nineteenth-century imperial civilising mission? And, if so, has the world really changed all that much? Is such interventionism justified on universal humanitarian lines or is it a symptom of Western provincialism? How, if at all, is Western interventionism in the Middle East especially since 2003 responsible for the rise of ISIS? Equally, to what extent are Western interventions in the Middle East a continuation of the West's desire to secure raw materials, especially oil that spanned the 20th century.



MA Politics, Governance and Public Policy.

Our lives are governed by different policies formulated and enforced at national, regional and international levels, but how are policies planned and developed in the first place? If we do not agree with a policy how can we change or improve them? This course is designed for those who want to understand and play a part in the world of policymaking across national, regional and international settings.

ABOUT THE COURSE

By choosing to study this postgraduate course, you will gain an in-depth understanding of the relationship between governance and public policymaking. To prepare you for the policymaking world, the course balances the research undertaken by our world-leading academics with real-world examples.

The course explores the policy process across a range of regional, national and international settings, and equips you with many skills that will prepare you for the workplace. As well as developing a critical understanding of the relationships between governance and policymaking, you will also gain a practical understanding of the political, economic and social drivers that help shape the policy process.

sheffield.ac.uk/politics

COURSE DURATION

1 YEAR FULL-TIME
2 YEARS PART-TIME

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You can apply to us with a good degree (first-class or 2:1 honours degree) in a relevant social science, arts and humanities, or related subject.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Overall IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in each component.

If you are an international student, please visit sheffield.ac.uk/international/howtoapply/pgtaught for more information..

HOW TO APPLY

If you would like to apply for a postgraduate course, please visit sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/apply to find out more information and guidance on the application process.



COURSE MODULES

Analysing the Policy Process

Policymakers around the world play an essential role in translating political ideas into practice. This could be considering new ideas, implementing policy pledges or reviewing existing practices, all of which are vital to realising change. In this core module, you will examine the different stages of the policy processes and explore key analytical approaches to understanding governance and public policymaking. The module encourages a comparative approach in order to provide insights into the theory and practice of governance and public policy.

Understanding Politics

The aim of this module is to introduce you to the dominant analytical and methodological traditions in politics broadly understood as 'positivism' and 'interpretivism'. By studying this module, you will be able to show your understanding of what the discipline involves, and what you consider the most appropriate way of studying and researching politics. This module is an essential precursor to your degree programme and dissertation.

Research and Dissertation Participation

This module is made up of a series of workshops to help and prepare you for writing the MA dissertation. You'll be given advice and guidance on the key stages of the research process including methodology and design. By completing this core module, you will have the skills, knowledge and understanding to carry out an extended piece of independent research; to develop a research proposal, strategy and timetable; and complete a dissertation under the guidance of an academic supervisor.

OPTIONAL MODULES

We offer a range of modules drawing on our academics' world-leading research. As well as choosing from a list of modules directly related to your degree programme, you will have the opportunity to select from a range of other postgraduate modules offered by the department.

Example modules include:

- Policymaking in the Real World
- Governance and Politics of the EU
- Democratic Governance in the 21st Century

To find out more about modules please visit sheffield.ac.uk/politics/postgraduate/courses

DISSERTATION IN POLITICS, GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC POLICY

Putting into practice all of the skills, knowledge and understanding you have gained throughout your degree, you will complete a dissertation based on a topic of your choice. You will be expected to undertake research-led inquiry on the topic chosen but it must be relevant to your degree.

A dedicated dissertation supervisor will support you every step of the way, offering you one-to-one guidance at all stages of the dissertation process.

Issues like this are central to the study of governance and public policy



HOW SERIOUSLY DO POLICYMAKERS TAKE RESEARCH EVIDENCE?

The use of evidence in policymaking has a long history but has intensified in recent decades, spawning a variety of terms to capture the processes involved, such as 'evidence-based', 'evidence-informed' or 'evidence-inspired' policy. But what drives this interest in evidence in politics and policy? And how important is it in public policymaking? For some, evidence is crucial to dealing with increasingly complex public policy challenges. For others, it marks the existence of a relatively non-ideological climate where what matters is 'what works' rather than deeply held political convictions. Yet, evidence can also serve as a resource that can be manipulated to bolster established positions, and Mark Twain is credited with coining the phrase 'lies, damned lies and statistics' as a way of capturing how this particular form of evidence is used for political purposes.



MA International Political Economy.

International Political Economy is about the study of contemporary capitalism; how it operates, who wins and loses from it and possibly how we can make the world a better place.

ABOUT THE COURSE

The distribution of economic resources is often subject to many competing political pressures and the effects of these pressures differ throughout the world. On this course, you will engage with the most pressing problems in the global political economy and apply innovative ways of thinking to contemporary policy issues such as sustainable capitalist development, inequalities and poverty, migration, environmental degradation and climate breakdown, rapid technological breakdown, and emergent new powers.

By looking at the economy through a political lens you will question the ideas and decisions that shape it. You'll have the opportunity to engage in new ways of thinking and cutting-edge research to understand how contemporary economies work and how to achieve more equal and sustainable societies.

COURSE DURATION

1 YEAR FULL-TIME
2 YEARS PART-TIME

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You can apply to us with a good degree (first-class or 2:1 honours degree) in a relevant social science, arts and humanities, or related subject.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Overall IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in each component.

If you are an international student, please visit sheffield.ac.uk/international/howtoapply/pgtaught for more information..

HOW TO APPLY

If you would like to apply for a postgraduate course, please visit sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/apply to find out more information and guidance on the application process.



COURSE MODULES

Approaches to Political Economy

This core module equips you with an advanced understanding of competing approaches to the study of political economy. You'll compare the ideas and arguments of classical and modern political economists whilst considering the analytical approaches to the study of political economy. By exposing you to a wide range of different tools, methods and theories, you are encouraged to think critically about the way in which we try to understand the global political economy, and the relevance of capitalist development.

Understanding Politics

The aim of this module is to introduce you to the dominant analytical and methodological traditions in politics broadly understood as 'positivism' and 'interpretivism'. By studying this module, you will be able to show your understanding of what the discipline involves, and what you consider the most appropriate way of studying and researching politics. This module is an essential precursor to your degree programme and dissertation.

Research and Dissertation Participation

This module is made up of a series of workshops to help and prepare you for writing the MA dissertation. You'll be given advice and guidance on the key stages of the research process including methodology and design. By completing this core module, you will have the skills, knowledge and understanding to carry out an extended piece of independent research; to develop a research proposal, strategy and timetable; and complete a dissertation under the guidance of an academic supervisor.

OPTIONAL MODULES

We offer a range of modules drawing on our academics' world-leading research. As well as choosing from a list of modules directly related to your degree programme, you will have the opportunity to select from a range of other postgraduate modules offered by the department.

Example modules include:

- International Political Sociology of Civil Wars
- The Political Economy of Poverty and Inequality
- Development and the State
- Capitalism and Crisis

To find out more about modules please visit sheffield.ac.uk/politics/postgraduate/courses

DISSERTATION IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

Putting into practice all of the skills, knowledge and understanding you have gained throughout your degree, you will complete a dissertation based on a topic of your choice. You will be expected to undertake research-led inquiry on the topic chosen but it must be relevant to your degree.

A dedicated dissertation supervisor will support you every step of the way, offering you one-to-one guidance at all stages of the dissertation process

“My highlight was definitely doing the PREPPE project. Working alongside such experienced researchers really gave me an insight into what it would be like to do further study and maybe a career out of academia!”

Thomas Watts,
MA Global Political Economy

Issues like this, and many others, are explored in more detail on this course.



MAKE POVERTY HISTORY?

As globalisation has made the world smaller, the fact that the 'bottom billion' people in the world still live in a state of severe poverty has emerged as a major political challenge. For a long time, researchers and politicians have been asserting that humankind has the resources and knowledge to ensure everyone has a decent life. And yet, they don't. Why is this? And, what ideas seem best suited to addressing this major global issue? This raises important questions not only about the way the world's wealth is distributed, but also the way that these distributions are justified and contested. It is a question of who gets what and why. Perhaps the answers lies in 'more and better aid'. For some, mass global poverty requires more major changes to the way that global capitalism works. Or is capitalism itself the problem?



MA Political Theory.

What kind of ideas and philosophies shape our systems of political, social and economic governance? This course offers an in-depth examination of the ideas and institutions that govern our lives, and will give you a unique opportunity to apply political theories to real life issues such as global poverty, environmental breakdown and gender equality, plus much more.

ABOUT THE COURSE

The Political Theory MA is ideal if you have an interest in contemporary political philosophy and its historical underpinnings. You will study topics such as global justice, the environment, feminism, capitalism, equality, democracy and international political theory. During your studies, you will develop your philosophical skills and learn how to apply them to some of the important political and ethical questions asked today.

You will be taught by academics at the top of their field from the Department of Philosophy and the Department of Politics and International Relations.

sheffield.ac.uk/politics

COURSE DURATION

- 1 YEAR FULL-TIME
- 2 YEARS PART-TIME

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need a first-class or 2:1 honours degree from a UK university, or an equivalent grade from overseas university. A degree in philosophy, politics or a related subject is preferred, although we will consider applicants from a wide range of disciplines, particularly if they can demonstrate other experience relevant to the programme.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Overall IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in each component.

If you are an international student, please visit sheffield.ac.uk/international/howtoapply/pgtaught for more information.

HOW TO APPLY

If you would like to apply for a postgraduate course, please visit sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/apply to find out more information and guidance on the application process.

COURSE MODULES

Political Philosophy Research Seminar

Taught by the Department of Philosophy, this seminar will develop your philosophical skills through reading and discussion of important works in contemporary political and moral philosophy. Key papers will be discussed on a number of interesting topics in political theory, including justice and gender, anarchism, ideal and non-ideal theory, voting rights and much more.

OPTIONAL MODULES

We offer a range of modules drawing on our academics' world-leading research. As well as choosing from a list of modules directly related to your degree programme, you will have the opportunity to select from a range of other postgraduate modules offered by both the Department of Philosophy and the Department of Politics and International Relations.

You will choose three optional modules, to include at least one politics module. To find out more about modules please visit sheffield.ac.uk/philosophy/prospectivepostgraduates

DISSERTATION IN POLITICAL THEORY

Putting into practice all of the skills, knowledge and understanding you have gained throughout your degree, you will complete a dissertation based on a topic of your choice. You will be expected to undertake research-led inquiry on the topic chosen but it must be relevant to your degree.

A dedicated dissertation supervisor will support you every step of the way, offering you one-to-one guidance at all stages of the dissertation process.

WORK PLACEMENT

This allows you to spend time with an organisation from the voluntary sector, to gain skills and experience relevant to political theory in an applied setting. You will write a field report based on the time spent volunteering; and a philosophical essay exploring a practical issue that arises over the course of the work placement, informed by theoretical material from the wider MA programme.

“As researchers it’s a real pleasure to share your latest work – in my case, on the political theory of animal rights – with students who are eager to learn and challenge!”

Dr Alasdair Cochrane
Senior Lecturer in the Department of Politics and International Relations

Debates like this are the substance of political theory.



IS WAR EVER JUST?

August 9th, 1945 – the United States Air Force detonates a second atomic bomb on the city of Nagasaki in Japan, days after attacking the city of Hiroshima. Tens of thousands were killed by these actions in the closing days of the Second World War. In many ways the Second World War fits the classical definitions of a just war. But aggressive actions by the Allied Forces against civilians like the atomic bombings and the bombing of Dresden complicate matters. Can the war be judged morally justified by just war theory? This raises the wider questions of whether it's ever right to go to war. Pacifists object to this idea, contending that no war can ever be justified. On the other hand, those who call themselves realists regard the very question as naïve – war is a fact of human life.



MA International Relations and East Asia.

What are the major structures, actors and ideas shaping international politics in East Asia today? This course will examine these and introduce you to new theories about international order and identity linked to emerging trends in the region. Central themes will address changing power dynamics, regional identity and Asian centrism; leadership and the emerging multilateral architecture and ASEAN-led regionalism.

ABOUT THE COURSE

This course will examine the key issues within international relations and global politics with a particular focus on the East Asia region. You will gain a broad understanding of the political, economic, societal and cultural factors and ideas shaping international politics in East Asian contexts.

STUDYING AN EAST ASIAN LANGUAGE

If you wish to study an East Asian language, we offer a flexible, innovative and highly rated language programme in Chinese, Japanese and Korean at a variety of levels for non-native speakers.

COURSE DURATION

1 YEAR FULL-TIME
2 YEARS PART-TIME

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need a first-class or 2:1 honours degree from a UK university, or an equivalent grade from overseas.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Overall IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in each component.

If you are an international student, please visit sheffield.ac.uk/international/howtoapply/pgtaught for more information.

HOW TO APPLY

If you would like to apply for a postgraduate course, please visit sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/apply to find out more information and guidance on the application process.

COURSE MODULES

International Politics of East Asia

This module focuses on the major structures, actors, and ideas shaping international politics in East Asia today. A major aim is to introduce you to new theories about international order and identity linked to emerging trends in the region. Central themes address changing power dynamics and international order; regional identity and Asian centrism; leadership and the emerging multilateral architecture among other topics.

Research and Dissertation Preparation

This module is made up of a series of workshops to help and prepare you for writing the MA dissertation. You'll be given advice and guidance on the key stages of the research process including methodology and design. By completing this core module, you will have the skills, knowledge and understanding to carry out an extended piece of independent research; to develop a research proposal, strategy and timetable; and complete a dissertation under the guidance of an academic supervisor.

Dissertation

Putting into practice all of the skills, knowledge and understanding you have gained throughout your degree, you will complete a dissertation based on a topic of your choice. You will be expected to undertake research-led inquiry on the chosen topic but it must be relevant to your degree. A dedicated dissertation supervisor will support you every step of the way, offering you one-to-one guidance at all stages of the dissertation process.

OPTIONAL MODULES

These are examples of the optional modules you can choose from.

- The Political Economy of China
- Global Governance and Japan
- Global Health and Global Politics
- Contemporary Global Security
- Terrorism and Political Violence
- Feminist and Decolonising Approaches to International Relations
- Chinese Language
- Japanese Language
- Foundation in Korean Language

To find out more about modules please visit sheffield.ac.uk/seas

YOUR FUTURE

Knowledge and understanding of political, economic, societal and cultural factors shaping international politics in East Asia are highly valuable for careers within international relations and global policy specialising in both East Asia and the Pacific region. Its broad conceptual training will also prepare students for further study at doctoral level in the fields of East Asia and Politics.

“This degree brings together the expertise of two leading departments to provide you with the opportunity to blend a knowledge of how contemporary international relations work with an understanding of key developments in one of the most dynamic regions in the world.”

Professor Hugo Dobson
Professor of Japan's
International Relations

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Our academic staff are passionate about their subject and are equally passionate about bringing this to life through their teaching. Our research and teaching are closely linked and as a student here you will enjoy being taught by staff who are at the cutting-edge of the discipline and who are developing new important insights in their field.

How you will learn.

SEMINARS

Seminars are smaller classes led by an academic tutor where you have the chance to explore the topic and an in-depth and in a critical way. Seminars offer an engaging and dynamic learning experience, and you will be encouraged to debate with your fellow students and academic tutors to develop your own arguments and to engage with diverse perspectives. The seminar experience is the very foundation of postgraduate level study and offers an important place for you to develop knowledge and transferable skills.

LECTURES

In contrast to seminars, lectures are larger classes where you receive a presentation on a topic by an academic and have the opportunity to ask questions. Lectures provide an excellent means for introducing you to new concepts, ideas and theories, and for helping to structure your own independent study.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Alongside the taught part of your course, you will be expected to engage in independent study; and we ensure that you have the resources to do so effectively. Your timetable will allow you to fully prepare for all seminars; and you will be given access to extensive online resources including digitised texts and electronic journals. Independent study is a crucial skill to develop for postgraduate level study and provides you with the space to develop your own arguments and perspectives.

DISSERTATION SUPERVISION

Each of our degrees includes a dissertation, which is a substantive project in which you will be expected to undertake a research-led inquiry on a topic that is relevant to your degree. You will have a great deal of intellectual freedom to select your topic and define the parameters of enquiry. To support you with this, you will be given a dedicated dissertation supervisor, who will offer you one-to-one guidance at all stages of the dissertation process.

FEEDBACK AND CONTACT HOURS

Alongside the formal learning opportunities, we will provide you with the additional support that you need to enhance your career prospects. Every member of staff holds weekly feedback and contact hours, which gives you the chance to talk through your ideas, to ask questions and to get advice.

“Being in seminars with people who have different views and opinions of the world has been a life changing experience for me.
John Ikonmidis,
Politics graduate

“After completing my undergraduate degree in the Department of Politics, I didn’t want to leave! I went on to complete my Masters where I focused on security studies and research which gave me the skills, knowledge and drive I needed to go on to undertake my PhD. Thanks to my time in the Department, I’m now in the final year of my PhD, looking at experiences of UK counter-terrorism policy and teaching current undergraduates back where my ambitions of academia first began!

Natalie James,
Phd student and Teaching
Assistant

Your future.

Whether you want to enhance your employability, change your career path or deepen your knowledge and understanding of a subject, a postgraduate degree from the University of Sheffield can help you reach your goals.

You'll have many opportunities throughout your studies to develop the important transferable skills you can take into your chosen career and what employers look for. We have lots of events throughout the year that you'll be invited to, such as alumni talks and career workshops.

As well as all of the support services within the university, we also have staff in the Department of Politics and International Relations that students can go to for help and advice at any time.

WHAT DO OUR GRADUATES DO?

A postgraduate degree from the Department of International Relations and Politics really gives you a flexible career path. There are many possible careers available after studying politics and our graduates go on to work all over the world in both public sector roles, such as **government** and private sector roles, such as **research, media and communications and charity organisations**, plus many more.

PHD STUDY

A postgraduate degree is an ideal foundation if you wanted to continue into research and many of our graduates have chosen to do a PhD as their next step.

Our department has a very well-established reputation for an inclusive research ethos and for its research excellence.

Completing a PhD full time will usually take 3 years and part time 6 years.

You can find out more about PhD study in the Department of Politics and International Relations at sheffield.ac.uk/politics/phd



Join the world class.

Education is for everyone, for life

Wherever you are in your career and your life, if you're ready for a world-class masters we'd love to hear from you.

Our greatest strength is each other

Sheffield is an inclusive, supportive community where people of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities study together. You can't have a world-class university without this kind of openness and diversity.

You have to think global

We use our knowledge to help the whole planet, so there's a global dimension to everything we do. This clarity of purpose is why a degree from Sheffield is so highly respected.

We believe in you

You're part of the next generation of professionals who will change society for the better. Our job is to prepare you for that. We'll push you to amaze yourself and we'll support you every step of the way.



THE SHEFFIELD EXPERIENCE

There aren't many cities in the UK that can surprise you like Sheffield. For a big city to have such a strong sense of community is unusual. Then there's the fact that a third of the city is inside the Peak District National Park, an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Most of our student accommodation is in one of Sheffield's nicest residential areas, a short walk from campus. For an urban university, this is pretty special. As well as en suite apartments, we also have houses – near good schools – for students with families.

At the heart of everything is our students' union, ranked No1 in the UK for ten years running*. All your support services are based here. There are over 400 student societies to try out or join, hundreds of sports teams and one of the UK's biggest student volunteering programmes.

With a little guidance from us and lots of freedom to explore, you'll find this all adds up to a unique experience, one that sees you form strong relationships with your fellow students, deepen your ties to the community and discover what it means to be part of something.

**Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2009–2018*



The content of our courses is reviewed annually to make sure it's current and relevant. Individual modules may be updated or withdrawn in response to discoveries made through our world-leading research, funding changes, professional accreditation requirements, student or employer feedback, curriculum review, staff availability and variations in student numbers.

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this publication, for the reasons detailed above, changes may need to be made to modules, courses, entry requirements and fees between the date of this publication and the start of your course.

This publication is correct as at the time of print, but please see www.sheffield.ac.uk for the most up-to-date information about undergraduate/postgraduate study at the University. If there is any inconsistency between this publication and www.sheffield.ac.uk, the information on www.sheffield.ac.uk should be taken as correct.

GLOBAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

Our School is part of the University's Faculty of Social Sciences so our students can take part in exciting initiatives like our Global Learning Opportunities in the Social Sciences (GLOSS) scheme. GLOSS gives both undergraduate and taught postgraduate students the chance to apply to attend major international summits like the G20, and to engage in international development through our student-run social enterprise SIDshare.

Find out more here: sheffield.ac.uk/gloss

CAREERS SUPPORT

We want you to realise your potential, to be happy and lead the kind of life you want. So we support your development throughout your course and for up to three years after you graduate.

We cover everything from figuring out what you want to do to succeeding at interviews. There are lots of opportunities to network with employers in your field. And we'll help you find the kind of work experience that's right for you.

We take your ambitions seriously. Whatever you want to do, wherever in the world you choose to build your career, we can help.

FUNDING

We value talent, which is why we invest in scholarships (£4m in 2018–19) for exceptional UK and international students. Government loans are available for UK and EU masters students studying eligible courses. And if you did your first degree at Sheffield, you could get a discount on your tuition fees.

Find out more about loans, scholarships and other funding here:

sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/funding

Department of Politics and International Relations

The University of Sheffield

Elmfield Building

Northumberland Road

Sheffield

S10 2TU

sheffield.ac.uk/politics

+44 (0)114 222 1641

Politics-admissions@sheffield.ac.uk



[/ShefUniPolitics](https://www.facebook.com/ShefUniPolitics)



[@ShefUniPolitics](https://twitter.com/ShefUniPolitics)



[/ShefUniPolitics](https://www.instagram.com/ShefUniPolitics)