Politics
Undergraduate Study.
Welcome to the Department of Politics

We are incredibly proud to be one of the UK’s leading centres for research and teaching in Politics and International Relations. If you are interested and passionate about Politics, we offer our students an exciting and rewarding place to come and learn.

Our staff are working at the cutting edge of the discipline, doing groundbreaking research on a huge range of topics that are fascinating and important to the development of policy and societies around the world. Our research directly informs what we teach you.

As a politics student, we will help you to develop skills and knowledge that you can apply to the analysis of today’s big political questions, and you will work alongside us in debating some of the most pressing contemporary questions in politics and international relations. Our aim is to nurture your interest and expose you to new ideas and ways of thinking.

We will give you the chance to explore the issues that excite you most, offer you opportunities to gain work experience and to study abroad, and provide you with the skills and experiences you need to realise your career ambitions.

If you would like to find out more about studying Politics here at Sheffield, booking onto one of our open days is a great opportunity to experience the campus and facilities for yourself. Please visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/opendays for the full list of dates and how to register your attendance.

Choosing the right degree and university can be a difficult decision, and we hope you find this brochure helpful and it gives you the information you need.

Professor Andy Hindmoor
Head of Department
Why choose Politics at Sheffield?

A truly outstanding department

We’ve been ranked in the top three departments in the discipline in every one of the UK’s National Research Assessments since 2001. What makes us special is that the cutting-edge research conducted by our academics directly informs what you’ll learn as a student.

World-class teaching, informed by world-class research

We believe that the study of politics and international relations should be interesting, engaging and up-to-date. We’ll work with you to investigate the big political questions of today and tomorrow, using innovative teaching methods, backed by world-class research, to bring politics to life.

Alongside your academic studies, you can choose to add a year’s placement in work or abroad, learn a language, take up volunteering opportunities, develop your career plans, or learn how to set up a business - you have the flexibility to make your course your own.

A course that’s perfect for you

Our academic staff are all engaged in groundbreaking research and their research shapes and inspires what you’re taught - and in turn as one of our students you help us identify exciting new questions and research directions.

In our learning community, research and teaching really do feed off one another.

A thriving community and friendly place to study

Academically, we aim to be the best. But it’s just as important to us to give you a warm welcome. Our diverse University is home to students from over 120 different countries, of all ages and from all backgrounds, and the Department of Politics truly reflects this diversity and inclusiveness.

Outside of formal classes, there are lots of things going on. Our Students’ Union (voted number one in the UK for the tenth consecutive year in the Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2018) has over 300 clubs and societies catering for all interests - including our student-run Politics Society (see page 36), which puts on a packed programme of social and educational events.

A unique city

Sheffield is vibrant and exciting, with everything you’d expect from one of England’s biggest cities. It’s also one of the safest cities in which you can study, and the people of Sheffield warmly welcome the student community.

The cost of living is less here than just about every other university town in the UK.

Did you know Sheffield has a reputation as the greenest city in England? It’s well deserved with the parks and woodlands nestled throughout the city and the Peak District National Park on its doorstep - this is a place with something for everyone.

A degree that opens doors

We’ve got a network that reaches across the globe. Our students have taken work placements in the UK Parliament, the US Congress and the European Union, as well as with leading businesses and charities. You can also choose to take a semester or a year abroad at another of the world’s leading universities, with partners across Europe, North America, Australia and Asia.

You’ll have the opportunity to meet leading politicians, business people and academics from across the world who regularly visit the department.

Our Politics students often have big plans for their working lives, and helping you to achieve your goals is something we take very seriously. Our graduates have gone on to develop careers in all sorts of fields. You can be confident that a degree with us will set you up for a bright future.

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The study of politics covers much more than you might think, and in Sheffield we have an enormously diverse range of topics and approaches on offer.

The very definition of ‘politics’ is hotly disputed - and what constitutes politics is a core question you’ll tackle during your degree. But to get us started, maybe we can sum it up like this: politics is about who or what has power over whom or what, and how it’s used.

In this sense, politics is present in every aspect of human life - from global political institutions right down to personal relationships. Over the next few pages we’ll take a look at some examples of our work in some of the key areas of the discipline.

Dr Matthew Bishop

I’m interested in development, with a particular focus on small island states, such as those in the Pacific and Caribbean. These countries often do better than much bigger and poorer developing countries, but they also suffer from a range of pronounced development challenges which, because of their size, can undermine their progress dramatically (and even overnight). These include: massive exposure to economic shocks and natural disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions; un-diversified economies which generate low growth rates and rising debt burdens; and deteriorating governance, along with the intensification of criminal activity, especially drugs and weapons trafficking.

I look at these kinds of issues in my second-year module, ‘Development’. This module examines how development has been conceived since the Industrial Revolution - in both “developed” and “developing” countries - but focuses a lot on smaller places and their intellectuals that are often marginalised from conventional accounts of this story. My Caribbean research has increasingly begun to focus on questions of drug policy, gang activity, trafficking and violence, so I’ve launched a new third-year module on ‘Narcopolitics’, which will look at the history of prohibition and the ‘War on Drugs’.

What does it mean to study Politics?

Over the next few pages, we’re going to give you a taste of the fascinating issues we’re researching here in Sheffield, research you'll get to grips with when you study here.
A government minister faces the nightmare scenario: trying to protect the public from a credible terrorist threat. The clock on a hidden time bomb is ticking and you have a suspect in custody. Do you negotiate? Do you resort to torture? And if you did, would you be willing to trust the information you were given? If you were that minister, what would you do?

What you’ll learn
In Security Studies, you ask questions like this and more. You’ll consider what happens to politics when nations feel that they face threats to their security.

• How do governments respond - and how should they respond?
• How do members of the public behave when they feel scared?

In today’s world it’s not only invading armies or terrorist groups that threaten our security. Researchers of contemporary Security Studies consider issues like disease pandemics, migration, and environmental catastrophe - not to mention the implications of new technologies for our cyber security.

Our academics are currently carrying out cutting-edge research on topics including the ethics of intelligence agencies’ work, the nature of terrorism, the dynamics of civil wars, and responses to global health crises.
Political participation

Political participation is puzzling. In democratic countries throughout the world, turnout in elections has fallen. People are turning away from the ballot box and away from established political parties. Yet at the same time, citizens are increasingly engaged with new forms of participation such as online petitions and campaigns, and on many occasions in recent years we have seen massive street demonstrations organised against government policies. Meanwhile the business of government goes on.

What you’ll learn
By studying political participation, you ask questions about what these changing forms of participation mean for governments and the governed.

On the one hand, our researchers study these new ways in which citizens engage in politics. On the other, we have a number of specialists who study how the formal institutions of government work, and where power actually lies.

Professor Matthew Flinders

My research covers three main areas:
- Governance and public policy
- Parliamentary studies
- Democratic change

I’m currently the special advisor to the House of Lords Select Committee on Citizenship and Civic Participation and I also hold a professorial fellowship in the House of Commons to study the Restoration and Renewal of the Palace of Westminster. I’ve worked for governments and parliaments all over the world to explore democratic change and political innovations.

Is there really a democratic crisis and, if so, what can be done to address anti-political sentiment?

These are some of the issues that I discuss with final year undergraduates on my Parliamentary Studies module. However, I don’t want students to just think: I want them to engage.

As a student taking this module, you’ll get the chance, with my support, to design and write a submission of evidence for a ‘live’ select committee in the House of Commons or House of Lords. It’s through this active learning you’ll understand the day-to-day tensions and realities of politics. Last year, around half had their submissions formally accepted as evidence and published by Parliament.
Many industries are dangerous. Many have low pay. But in some, the workers aren’t there by choice. It might shock you, but many people across the world endure forced labour in the present day. The research conducted by our academics suggests this doesn’t take place on the margins: **twenty-first century slavery is an integral part of global supply chains** - the supply chains that may deliver the coffee that you drink and the jeans that you wear.

**What you’ll learn**

Research on forced labour is part of the study of political economy. In this area of research, you study the interplays between **political power** and **economic power**.

Our political economists study a huge range of subjects - from the banking crash of 2007-8 and the subsequent austerity policies of governments across Europe, to the wellbeing of people in rural Bangladesh.

**Professor Genevieve LeBaron**

My research investigates the business of modern slavery. We know that 40.3 million people were subjected to modern slavery in 2016, but we know very little about the often small and informal business networks that profit from them. My work explores the patterns of modern slavery in global supply chains, with a view to understanding and addressing its root causes.

My modules focus on modern slavery, forced labour, and human trafficking in the global economy, as well as broader dynamics of multi-national corporations, the labour market, and migration. You’ll learn about modern slavery and how its dynamics differ in the various industries, including clothing, agriculture, and domestic work, as well as debating solutions to the problem, including corporate social responsibility, boycotts, government intervention, and activism.
Dr Alasdair Cochrane

My research explores how the interests of animals affect our political institutions, structures and ideas. Lots of thought has been given to asking questions such as whether we should be vegan, use cosmetics that have been tested on animals, keep animals as pets, and so on. My work goes beyond this to ask how the value and welfare of animals should shape our political world. Should animal rights be enshrined in state constitutions? Should there be a dedicated Minister for Animals? Should animals have their own representatives in our legislatures?

We explore these and other questions in my undergraduate module 'Animals, Ethics and Politics'. This is one of the very first modules in the world dedicated to this emerging field of animal politics and students really enjoy engaging with this cutting edge field of enquiry. After all, if animal interests matter morally, given the profound impact of our political institutions on them, it is vital that we investigate how politics might evolve for their benefit.
Dr Anastasia Shesterinina

My field-based research explores the internal dynamics of and international intervention in contemporary armed conflict, with a focus on ordinary people’s mobilisation and civilian protection norms and practices. I ask how individuals move from uncertainty presented by the outbreak of civil war to a range of decisions about whether and in what capacity to participate in the war. I also ask why the bulk of civilians at risk in armed conflict are unlikely to attain protection from international organisations, particularly the United Nations.

When conflict breaks out, other countries and organisations like the United Nations are sometimes prepared to intervene in an attempt to bring about peace. But when should intervention take place? Should foreign powers intervene directly – or work through local forces, a strategy the international community has shifted towards? What do we even mean when we refer to an ‘international community’?

What you’ll learn

Questions about how politics operates between, across and above nation-states form the study of International Relations, one of the major branches of political studies. Our academics have conducted research on institutions like the European Union and the United Nations, the proliferation of nuclear weapons, and the organisations responding to migration and climate change. They have also conducted important work on what it means to study International Relations, how we should define the field, and what theories and methodologies should be used.

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Our teaching philosophy

Our aim as a department is to take students who are fascinated by politics and turn them into independent researchers and analysts, able to ask and answer the political questions that they find most important and exciting.

We do this through the three years of our undergraduate degrees by giving you solid foundations in theory, methods and analytical skills, whilst at the same time offering you the choice to specialise in those areas of the discipline that you find most interesting. As a large and diverse department, the breadth of that choice is enormous.

Level One

Studying Politics
Here we give you a flavour of all of the key areas of the discipline, support you in making the transition to degree-level study, and start to provide you with the foundational knowledge and the analytical and methodological 'toolkits' that you will later apply to whatever areas of politics you decide to pursue.

Level Two

Debating Politics
We give you the chance to delve deeper and to explore a range of perspectives on some of the big political issues of today, to further develop your methodological capabilities, and to get ready to become an independent researcher in your own right.

Level Three

Researching Politics
We support you in carrying out your own research, and allow you to choose taught modules where you engage with us in learning about the cutting-edge research that we’re doing right now. By this point, you’ve developed the skills and expertise that we’d expect of our graduates – and what employers look for.
Undergraduate Degree Courses
BA History and Politics

UCAS code: VL12
Standard duration: Three years

This degree combination equips you with the skills to flourish as both a historian and as a political analyst.

You'll develop your knowledge of critical historical events and themes. You'll gain expertise at working with historical sources and thinking about how we study the past, and then apply this to the exciting and expansive range of periods researched by the experts in the Department of History. You might want to complement your study of politics with a deeper understanding of modern political history, or contrast it with the study of societies in the ancient or medieval world.

BA Economics and Politics

UCAS code: LL12
Standard duration: Three years

Studying economics alongside politics is a natural combination. The study of politics gives you a greater appreciation of the context for governments and policy-makers, and your studies in the Department of Economics will give you a special understanding of economic dynamics.

These range from macroeconomics (the big picture) to microeconomics (the actions of individual economic actors); and from the specialist study of the monetary system to that of health, education, or labour.

BA Politics and Modern Languages and Cultures

UCAS code: RL60
Standard duration: Four years

This course gives you the opportunity to examine political issues from different cultural perspectives and set your study of languages and cultures in their broader political contexts during the built-in placement year abroad.

You can study either one or two of the eleven different languages on offer: Catalan, Czech, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Luxembourgish, Polish, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. You'll develop high-level language skills and will combine these with optional modules which include linguistics, literature, society and politics, history, philosophy and film studies.

BA International Relations and Politics

UCAS code: L201
Standard duration: Three years

Taking a degree in International Relations and Politics provides you with a strong grounding in the core skills of political analysis and political theory, whilst emphasising the international dimensions of the study of politics.

On this course you will explore many of the key theories of international relations, applying them to issues such as international trade or migration, alongside a flexible choice of module options. This course is perfect if you already know that this is the area of political studies that really motivates you.

BA Politics

UCAS code: L210
Standard duration: Three years

A degree in Politics allows you to take a comprehensive overview of the subject. You'll be introduced to a wide range of topics from political theory through to international relations. On this course, you will learn how to apply the concepts, theories and methods used in the study of politics to the analysis of political ideas, institutions and practices.

As your degree progresses, you can choose whether to work across all the research areas outlined in this brochure, combining the insights they offer, or develop a specialism in a particular approach to the study of politics.

BA Politics and Philosophy

UCAS code: LV25
Standard duration: Three years

This degree enables you to spend time in the Department of Philosophy, engaging with a wide range of moral, theoretical and philosophical issues that complement your political studies.

You can study more political philosophy, and learn more about the thought of major figures such as Plato, Kant and Hegel; as well as pursuing the key areas of philosophy including ethics, philosophy of mind, theory of knowledge, metaphysics, and logic. You might want to focus on political theory during your time in the Department of Politics, or take modules where you can apply the insights from philosophy to real-world cases.

BA Politics and Sociology

UCAS code: LL23
Standard duration: Three years

You'll study in the Department of Sociological Studies alongside your study of politics.

The sociological perspective emphasises the need to understand how individual attitudes, beliefs and life chances follow wider patterns, how people's personal experience relates to wider structural forces and social processes. Sociologists are especially interested in social change, and how the forces of modernity such as globalisation and the information revolution affect people's everyday lives.

To see the full list of entry requirements for each degree, please visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/politics

To see the modules and options available for each degree, see pages 24-27.
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**Economics modules**
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**History modules**
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**Languages and Cultures modules**
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**Philosophy modules**
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**Sociology modules**
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- **Compulsory modules**
- **Optional modules - you will choose two**

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- **Compulsory modules**
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We know that the way to make the best start as a graduate is to already have valuable transferable skills and experience. That’s why, alongside your academic study, we give you the opportunities to leave Sheffield with the very best CV.

Degree with Employment Experience

Our Degree with Employment Experience incorporates a placement year spent in employment and provides an excellent opportunity to apply the knowledge, understanding and skills that you have developed during the earlier stages of your degree. A year in employment will also enable you to further develop your transferable skills, become more commercially aware and may even secure your entry onto the graduate career ladder. Placements are usually taken in the penultimate year of study, most commonly between the second and final years of your degree. We have a dedicated Placements Team to help you find and apply for placements, in the UK or abroad.

Work-Based Learning Dissertation

You can choose to write a Work-Based Learning Dissertation (WBLD) in your final year. This option gives you the chance to work closely with an outside organisation (an NGO or a political party, for example), to undertake a piece of research specific to that organisation’s needs. Previous examples include advising a UK housing association on the impact of welfare changes and working with a US multi-national company to lobby the EU.

SURE

SURE (Sheffield Undergraduate Research Experience) offers funded research scholarships to The University of Sheffield’s undergraduate students, usually in their penultimate year of study, to work in partnership with an academic on a dedicated piece of research. SURE gives you the opportunity to take part in ‘real life’ research projects and work alongside academic staff and/or work collaboratively in a research group.

Careers Service

The Careers Service is essential to your University journey. Staff can support you from gaining part-time employment right through to getting your first graduate role. If you’re looking for a part-time job to fit around your studies, our Student Jobshop helps you to find opportunities to work while you study both on and off campus. You could also consider registering for a Taste of Work, where you’ll have the opportunity to undertake a single, bitesize (3-4 hour) work taster with a University or Union department.

Internships and Volunteering

Internships can be a great way to work alongside your degree and gain valuable experience. Those opportunities can be paid or unpaid. Volunteering is also a good way to meet people and it looks great on your CV. The University of Sheffield has one of the biggest volunteering programmes in the UK.

Make your degree go further

“I’ll soon be joining the Business Intelligence team at JustEat, after working at a market research company specialising in higher education. It was my studies at Sheffield that gave me a real interest in quantitative research. I chose to write a Dissertation in Political Analysis, for which I received the YouGov prize - I was really pleased to get this recognition for my specialism in statistics. Being able to analyse and communicate data has been instrumental to my career.”

— Joanna

“I did a placement year as part of my undergraduate degree, spending 13 months at a consumer insights consultancy in London. This practical experience of working in a fast-paced environment, as well as the analytical skills acquired through my degree, allowed me to succeed in the Fast Stream application process and start a career in government.”

— Richard

“As part of my Degree with Employment Experience, I completed a placement year with a leading management, engineering and development consultancy. As a result of my placement, I was offered a graduate position as a socio-economic researcher working for the same company, in the Economic and Social Development team. It’s because of the skills, experience and connections I gained on my degree at Sheffield that I got my career off to a flying start.”

— Anna

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Global opportunities

When you come to Sheffield, you’re joining a global community. We are proud of our commitment to offering all of our students an international experience, whether that’s through travelling abroad or experiencing different cultures right here in Sheffield.

Degree with International Experience
If you want to get experience of working or studying in another country, you may decide to add a ‘sandwich’ year abroad as part of a Degree with International Experience. You will spend your third year studying at one of our partner institutions around the world, before returning to Sheffield for your final, fourth year.

Study Abroad and Erasmus+
On all of our courses, you can apply to study abroad for part of your degree at one of our partner universities. The University’s two schemes, Study Abroad and Erasmus+, offer exciting opportunities to study in renowned international universities during your second year and have it count towards your Sheffield degree. Living abroad can boost your confidence and enhance your academic and personal skills.

Global Leadership Initiative
The Global Leadership Initiative (GLI) offers you the unique chance to attend major international summits taking place during the academic year. This is an opportunity to gain first-hand experience of international policy debates at the highest level, to attend press conferences and produce policy analysis that is read by an international audience, enhancing your research skills and employability.

Find out more at: www.sheffield.ac.uk/gloss/gli

Summer Schools
Summer schools are a great way to gain global experience, travel and make new friends. The Global Opportunities and Exchanges Team can help you arrange to spend between one and eight weeks at one of our partner university summer schools, in Europe or further afield.

For more details see: www.sheffield.ac.uk/summerschools

Languages for All
Learning or improving a foreign language is a great way to boost your employability in a global market. Languages for All is a University-wide programme which allows you to study a language module, either as part of your degree, or on a not-for-credit basis.

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—— Jack

“I gained real insight into the world of policy making by attending the G7 summit in Quebec, Canada in 2018. We were the only UK based students there – and it was incredible to have our policy briefs published by the Global Policy Journal. The Global Leadership Initiative is amazing: no other University offers anything like it.”
—— Hannah

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“I want a career in international politics, so languages are essential! I chose to learn French because it’s a working language of the UN and the EU, as well as many international aid organisations - just think of Médecins Sans Frontières. It also means I can read the UN’s French news centre and listen to EU politicians like Jean-Claude Juncker during my studies.”
—— Evelyn

“I attended a summer school that was highly relevant to my politics degree. I studied the course ‘Youth, Drugs and the Night-Time Economy’, and the highlight was an excursion to learn about different drug treatment approaches, which challenged me to reconsider my own preconceptions.”
—— Michael

Politics students attending the G7 summit in Quebec, Canada 2018
What do Politics graduates do?

There are lots of possible careers available after studying Politics and our graduates go on to work all over the world. We believe in combining research-led teaching with the development of key transferable skills that will appeal to many employers.

Here are just some of the fields our graduates go on to work in:

**Politician’s Assistant**

Politician’s assistants provide administrative support to elected politicians. They also help with research, publicity and campaigning. They may be referred to as Parliamentary or Constituency Assistants, Personal Assistants, or Research Assistants.

**Public Affairs Consultant**

Public affairs consultants provide information and advice on public policy and political issues, researching social, economic and political factors and monitoring developments using personal contacts and the media.

**International Aid / Development Worker**

International development involves applying solutions to problems in different parts of the world. Issues addressed are diverse and include governance, healthcare, education, equality, relief work, economic and infrastructure development, human rights, conflict and the environment.

**Social / Political Researcher**

Researchers design and conduct social, economic or political research projects, preparing and disseminating reports and making recommendations to influence relevant policy or action.

**Public Relations and Communications**

This involves the communication of key messages about organisations, companies and individuals to the public and media. Staff work to maintain a positive image of their client, providing them with advice and using a range of media channels e.g. press releases, statements, newsletters, the internet and corporate communications.

**Market Research**

This involves the collection and analysis of information about a variety of public opinions, choices and preferences. Staff collect data from various sources and use it to inform decision making about many topics, from companies’ products to public sector services or political policy development.

**Administration**

This is a large area of work, broadly involving the development, management and implementation of procedures to ensure the smooth running of an organisation and its activities. Opportunities exist in the private and public sectors, as well as the ‘third sector’ (charities, NGOs and other not-for-profit organisations).

**Charity Officer**

There are various roles which fall under the general heading of charity administration. Activities undertaken by staff include marketing, volunteer coordination, fundraising and budgeting.

**Journalism and Publishing**

Journalists research, write and present stories for national, regional and local news media. Traditionally using print, TV and radio formats, journalism and current affairs broadcasting now exist across a variety of multimedia formats.

**Further / Higher Education Lecturer**

Further education (FE) teachers work primarily in post-16 educational settings such as FE colleges, sixth-form centres, and adult and community centres. Higher education lecturers teach and conduct research in Universities.

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“During my time at Sheffield, I was able to pursue work experience opportunities which were invaluable, and I don’t think other departments would have been so flexible and helpful. I think the flexibility makes the course dynamic, and I think that’s important when there’s so much competition for jobs after graduation.”

--- Beth

"At Sheffield I gained a broad understanding of how things in the real world might actually fit together, coupled with sharp skills of enquiry. My career has been with YouGov - the UK’s most-quoted research company. I was a founding director in 2000 and after a variety of senior positions, I’m now leading the Political and Social Research team. My advice for university? Be prepared, be different, be resilient - but most importantly: do it all."

--- Joe
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My memories of the department are very much about the time to read, to think and to absorb lessons from the past whilst I practiced politics as a very young member of Sheffield City Council. I was not to know then that I would be responsible as the Secretary of State for Education and Employment for the renewed expansion of higher education and injection of substantial funding. Nor, that I would end up as Home Secretary in the immediate period before, and therefore coping with the aftermath of, the attack on the World Trade Centre in New York on 11 September 2001.

My time at the University of Sheffield stood me in very good stead. I’m very proud now to have returned as Professor of Practice teaching students and continuing to support the wider goals of the University. I have come full circle but am now a much wiser and hopefully more useful contributor than the slightly bolshie 22-year-old who first joined the department all those decades ago.

The Politics Society: Come and join us

The Politics Society has over 250 members and is one of the best ways for Politics students to get to know their course mates and settle into university life.

What do we do?

**Socials:** We organise lots of social events throughout the year so there’s plenty of opportunities to meet new friends.

**Trips:** Every year we run a trip abroad which is a great opportunity to deepen friendships or make new ones! This year we visited Amsterdam. The past five years we have run a trip to Westminster, which this year also included a Q&A with Louise Haigh MP and Paul Blomfield MP.

**Academic Events:** This year we have run a series of debates, hosted speakers from think tanks such as the IEA, and hosted a Question Time event featuring speakers from Labour, the Conservatives and the Liberal Democrats.

**Charity and Volunteering:** For the past few years we have been involved in two volunteering schemes: The Breakfast Club and The People's Politics. In addition, every year we raise money for a local charity, this year Sheffield Mind, through running events such as book sales, bake sales, charity socials and open mic nights.

**Sports:** For those who love sports we run both football and netball teams who play in the intramural leagues each year. Footballers and netballers also enjoy their own sporting socials run by the team captains.

**End of Year Ball:** Whether you’re a first year or a PolSoc veteran, our summer ball is the only way to finish off the year!

If you would like to see more of what we get up to and keep up to date with our activities you can find us at: www.facebook.com/PolSocSheffield

Ben Dugher, Politics Society President 2017/18.

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If you want to visit us

We run two types of Open Day. We take part in the University Open Days between June and October, where you can attend a Politics talk and meet our staff and students. During the Open Day you can take a tour of campus, the Students’ Union and our accommodation. Most important of all, you get to find out how it feels – the atmosphere, the people, the campus and the city.

When you receive an offer from us to study Politics as a single or dual honours degree you will be invited to visit the department on one of our departmental post-offer Open Days.

The day will normally include:

• Introductory talk on courses, the University and life in Sheffield;
• An opportunity to meet staff and talk to current students;
• A tour of the department;
• Politics taster session in the form of a mini lecture.

Find out more at: www.sheffield.ac.uk/politics/study/undergraduate/open-days

If you want to apply

If Sheffield sounds like the place for you, then start your application. You should apply through the Universities and Colleges Admission Service (UCAS). We accept a wide range of UK and international qualifications and full details - including entrance requirements and tuition fees - are on our website.

Find out more at: www.sheffield.ac.uk/politics/study/undergraduate/applying

If you want more information

Choosing the right University and degree can be a difficult decision. If you would like further information about our Politics degrees, the University or the city, please visit: www.sheffield.ac.uk/politics

If you want to get in touch

If there’s anything else you’d like to ask - please get in touch!

Katie Hunter, Undergraduate Admissions and Recruitment Officer, is your main point of contact.

You can get in touch with Katie by email at: politics-admissions@sheffield.ac.uk or by phone on: +44 (0)114 222 1641.

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