

Welcome to Politics and International Relations

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Welcome Week events

Mon

Induction to PolIR

Tues/Wed

Explore campus; library; Students Union

Thurs

Meet your Academic Advisor (11-12, Keynes)

Frontlines: PolIR uncovered (2-3, KS6)



Thurs/Fri

Engage with Kent societies

Timetable

12:05-12:30: Introduction to learning in PolIR (Ben Seyd)

12:30-12:45: Academic Advisors (Rubrick Biegon)

12:45-12:55: Student Advisory Service (Charlotte de Moor)

12.55-13.05: Kent Student Union

13:05-13:15: Library resources for PolIR students (Andy Prue)

13:15-13:30: Using Oxford Politics Trove (Ben Corlett, OUP)

... breath, and pizza lunch

Programmes in PolIR

Politics and International Relations

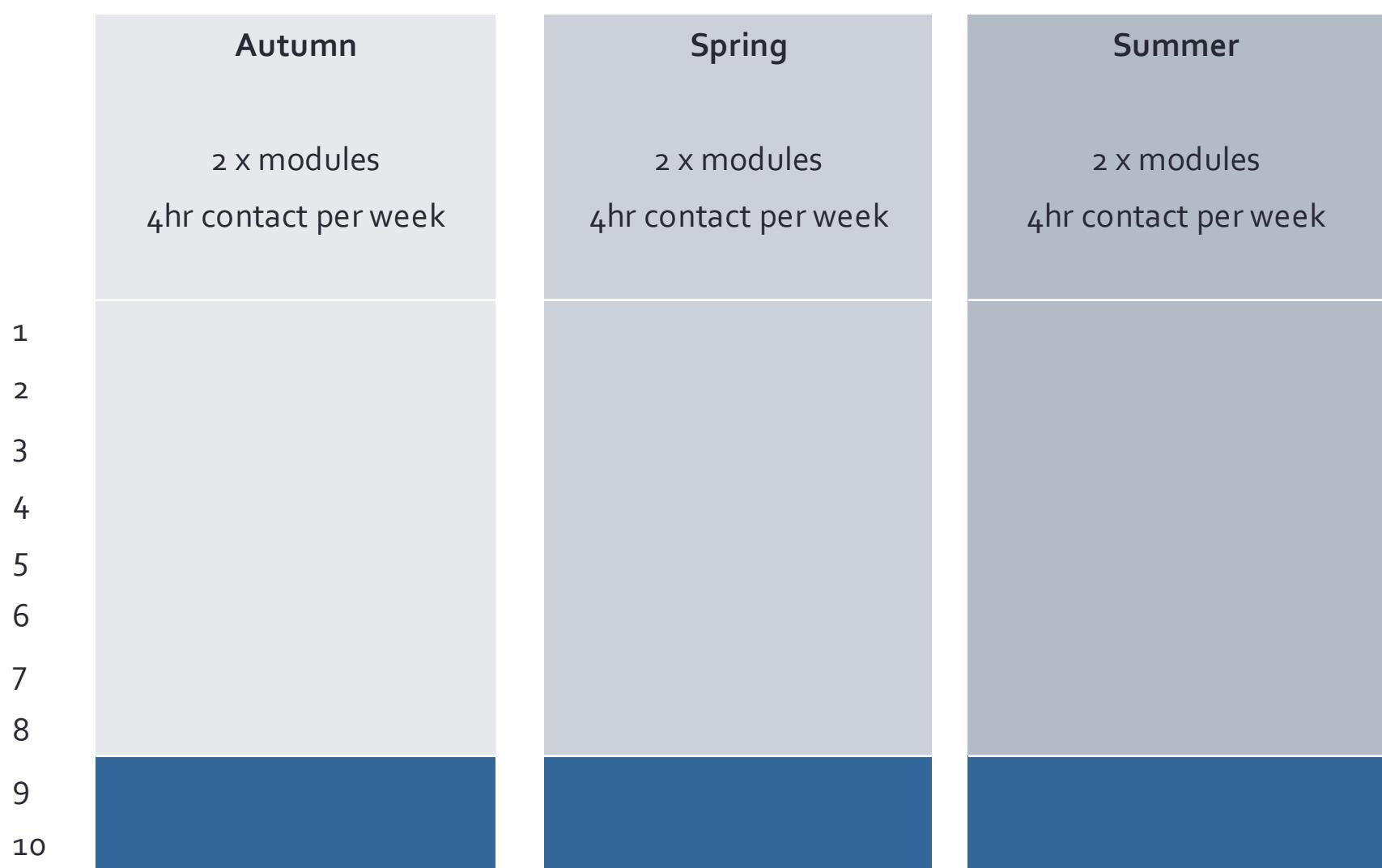
with a year in Industry

with a year in Continental Europe/N America/Asia-Pacific

Economics and Politics

Law and Politics

(New) Kent structure



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	Autumn	Spring	Summer
1	2 x modules	2 x modules	2 x modules
2	4hr contact per week	4hr contact per week	4hr contact per week
3	POLI4000: Roots of Contemporary Politics	POLI4002: States and the World	POLI4004: The Power of Political Ideas
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5	POLI4001: Making Sense of Politics	POLI4003: Understanding Change in British Politics	POLI4005: War, Violence and Peace
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(New) Kent structure: Stages 2-3

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Stage/Year 2 Global governance of peace and security* Democracy under threat State and revolution	Stage/Year 2 Doing politics with words* Politics of the EU Politics of climate change	Stage/Year 2 Doing politics with numbers* American politics Foreign policy
Stage/Year 3 Contemporary political theory Transforming British politics Politics of the Middle East and North Africa Security challenges in the Indo-Pacific	Stage/Year 3 Dictatorships Who do you think you are? Negotiation - Theory and practice Social research in practice	Stage/Year 3 Public opinion in politics Political theory of the future Politics of the global economy Social research in practice
	Final year project*	Final year project*

Methods of teaching

Format

Lectures; lecture-seminars

Seminars

Workshops



Duration: 1hr or 2hrs

Teachers

Senior staff; Graduate Teaching Assistants

Attendance

Class attendance logged via Presto ([link](#))

Attendance rates are monitored ([engagement policy](#))

Assessments

Usually two per term (Weeks 6 and 10)

- Annotated bibliography
- Multiple Choice Quiz
- Presentation
- Blog post
- Policy briefing
- Conflict report
- Essay

Marking criteria: module-specific and general.

Kent categorical marking.

Problems meeting a deadline? Engagement Support office.

Sources of support

In PolIR

- Module-level support from your **module convenor**
- General academic support from the **Director of Studies**
Office hours: Monday 3-4pm (D1 08); Thursday 4-5pm (online)
- General learning support from **Academic Advisor**
- Staff office hours

Wider professional services (<https://student.kent.ac.uk/support>)

- Student support and well-being
- Skills for Academic Success
- Careers and employability

Sources of support



To apply: <https://forms.office.com/e/d6K85bMXfT>

Politics Common Room



Keynes, C staircase, 1st floor, room 7 (C107)

Successful PolIR events last year

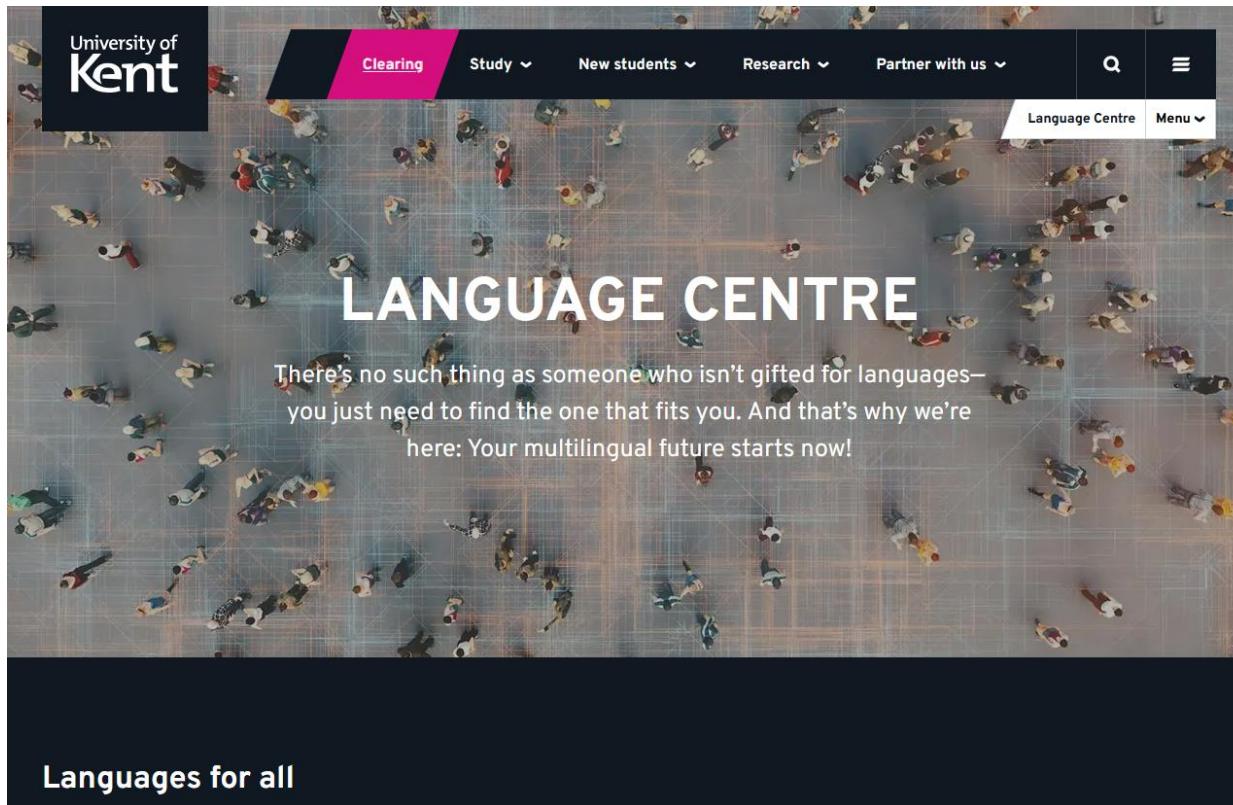


On the US election



The future of social democracy
in Britain

University resources



<https://www.kent.ac.uk/language-centre>

Student Voice

- Student Voice Forums held each term (all Stages)
- Held at School (Econ, Pol and IR) and/or subject level (Pol-IR)
- Formal meetings that provide opportunities for students to feedback to academic and professional service staff; usually chaired by Student Rep(s), attended by Student Exp Lead
- Problems in modules? Concerns with teaching delivery? Issues with resources?
- Student Reps attend and convey the views of their peers
- SVFs are also open for other students (non-Reps) to attend#
- Keep you eye out for communications on SVF and get to know your Reps (or volunteer to be a Rep with KU!)

Student Reps

Represent and Support your peers and help make meaningful change!

As a Student Rep you'll be the first point of contact for students within your school, department or division; answering questions, listening to feedback and actioning change.

Attend termly Student Voice Forums – Division specific meetings for students and staff to come together for feedback and to improve the student academic experience.

Sign up today to help make meaningful change at Kent

kentunion.co.uk/studentreps



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STUDENT
REPS!

What is the Academic Advisor Programme?

- You will all be assigned an academic advisor for the entirety of your degree at Kent.
- This will be someone who teaches in POLIR.
- Someone you can go to for:
 - Continuity across the three years of your degree beyond individual modules.
 - Academic and pastoral support.



What Can My Academic Advisor Help Me With?

A few examples:

- Developing your academic skillset (e.g. reading, note-taking, essay writing).
- How best to respond to and improve upon feedback on your assessments.
- Signposting you to other resources and services around the University.
- Developing your CV and your employability alongside your studies.
- Advice on further study in your third year, and references in support of applications.



Academic Adviser Meetings

All meetings appear in your Presto Timetable. You can also request extra meetings if needed

