

Undergraduate Study

History and Politics, BA (Hons)

History and Politics at Cambridge



History and Politics at Cambridge is a joint degree that gives you the opportunity to combine the study of politics and history. You'll engage with contemporary social and political issues, reflecting on their relationship.

Number 2 in the UK for History (The Complete University Guide 2024)

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This course balances a strong grounding in history and politics. You'll explore the ways that historical and political understanding illuminate the modern world.

Our course covers a range of subjects from our history, politics and international relations courses. These include:

- political science
- history of political thought
- a wide variety of modern British, European, American and world history
- conceptual issues in political science
- quantitative methods

Teaching and facilities

Teaching

You'll be taught by some of the most eminent academics in the world.

Staff in the Faculty of History and in the Department of Politics and International Studies have a wide range of shared interests in political and international history, and the historical origins of contemporary domestic and international politics and political ideas.

Facilities

You will have access to both Faculty of History and Department of Politics and International Studies facilities. They include:

- Faculty of History's Seeley collection, with 95,000 books, periodicals, theses and an audio-visual collection

You'll also have access to the impressive Cambridge University Library, one of the world's oldest university libraries.

Course costs

When you go to university, you'll need to consider two main costs – your tuition fees and your living costs (sometimes referred to as maintenance costs).

Your living costs will include costs related to your studies that are not covered by your tuition fees. There are some general study costs that will apply for all students – you can find details of these costs [here](#).

Other additional course costs for History and Politics are detailed below. If you have any queries about these costs, please contact the Department.

Books and set texts

There is no expectation to buy any set books as these are available at the University and College libraries, but you might find it useful to buy your own copies of a small number of core texts. These will not usually exceed £100 in total.

Field trips

You may have additional costs as you pursue your dissertation research (eg travel), but travelling is not necessary in order to prepare an outstanding dissertation. Funding is sometimes available to cover these expenses. Please visit the Department website for more details.

Your future career

When you graduate you'll be able to work independently, evaluate and discriminate between evidence, and present arguments clearly and persuasively. These skills are attractive to employers.

Recent graduates have progressed to careers in:

- media
- law
- public administration
- finance
- teaching
- the charity sector

Key information

Minimum offer level

A level: A*AA

IB: 41-42 points, with 776 at Higher Level

UCAS code

VL12

Course length

BA (Hons) 3 years full-time

Start date

October 2025

Study at

All Colleges

Applicant numbers

2023 cycle:

Applications per place: 5

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Related courses

Classics, BA (Hons)

History, BA (Hons)

Human, Social, and Political Sciences, BA (Hons)

Theology, Religion, and Philosophy of Religion, BA (Hons)