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APPLYING FOR A POLITICS DEGREE

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The application process

- Admissions criteria
- Choosing a degree
- Entry tariffs
- Personal statement
- Academic reference

Key dates

- **1st September** – UCAS opens for 2016 entrants
- **15th October** – deadline for applicants to Oxford and Cambridge and those applying for medicine, dentistry and veterinary courses
- **15th January** – deadline for all other applicants
- Schools may have earlier internal deadlines.
- Applications received after the deadlines may be considered but unlikely for popular courses
- 5 choices – no limit on how many applications you make to each institution
- Clearing and adjustment

Choosing a degree

Why do you want to study politics?

Which fields of politics interest you most?

Do you just want to study politics or politics with...?

Things to consider:

1. The approach taken to studying politics – highly important
2. The substantive focus of modules – thematic, country-level, regional
3. Module choice
4. Scope for exploring related disciplines
5. Who will teach you
6. Approach to teaching – lectures, seminars
7. Study abroad

Politics degrees at King's

Undergraduate programmes | Search results | politics

These results are for 2016 entry. To view a list of 2015 entry programmes click [here](#) .

#	PROGRAMME TITLE	QUALIFICATION	STUDY MODE	UCAS CODE
1	Politics	BA	Part Time;Full Time	L240
2	Political Economy	BA/BSc	Part Time;Full Time	L200
3	European Politics	BA	Full Time	L241
4	War Studies	BA	Full Time	L252
5	Politics, Philosophy & Law	LLB	Full Time	LM21
6	Philosophy, Politics and Economics	BA	Full Time	L0V0
7	Religion, Politics & Society	BA	Part Time;Full Time	V621
8	European Studies (German pathway) with a year abroad	BA	Full Time	RR82
9	War Studies & Philosophy	BA	Full Time	LV95
10	War Studies & History	BA	Full Time	LV91
11	German & History with a year abroad	BA	Full Time	RV21
12	French & History with a year abroad	BA	Full Time	RV11
13	History	BA	Full Time	V100
14	European Studies (French pathway) with a year abroad	BA	Full Time	RR81
15	European Studies (Spanish pathway) with a year abroad	BA	Full Time	RR84
16	International Relations	BA	Full Time	L250

<http://www.kcl.ac.uk/prospectus/>

Other considerations - choosing a university

- Where do you want to live for the next three years?
- Campus-based university?
- What else is offered by your location?
- Does the university/department support student initiatives?

Entry tariffs and admissions criteria

Varies by institution and programme – at King’s these range from AAA to ABB
(IB: 34/35 points with three high level subjects at 655-666)

Admissions office assesses potential. They will look at:

1. Predicted or obtained A-Level grades (or equivalent) – no specific subject requirements
2. Potentially your GCSE grades
3. Understanding of the subject
4. Commitment to the subject
5. Transferable skills
6. Potential to contribute to university life beyond your studies

Some universities may choose to interview you before making an offer (not King’s)

Personal statement

Now extremely important for competitive courses - having the minimum predicted grades will not guarantee an offer.

The personal statement should convey your enthusiasm for the subject and your understanding of what you are applying for.

Can only write one so best to apply for similar subjects.

Write it in your own voice but ensure that it is clear and understandable.

Make your statement interesting – do you blog? Do volunteer work?

Read it. Re-read it. Read it again. Get someone else to read it.

Academic reference

Talk with your referee

Make sure they know about you, what you do in your spare time, your achievements and so on.

Choose a referee who knows you well – do not assume that the testimony of a head teacher or principal counts for more. More important that your referee can speak about you convincingly.

But... teachers have a duty to be honest with you and the universities that you apply to.

Summary

Get your application in on time – start early

Choose a course that is right for you – research them thoroughly

Make sure that you demonstrate your research of the courses in your personal statement

Choose a university that is right for you, not just because you want to go to ...

Take your time and prepare your personal statement thoroughly

Have clear goals but be realistic about what you will achieve

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