

# The Application Process



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# Important Dates

- 1<sup>st</sup> September: UCAS applications open
- 15<sup>th</sup> October: Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science  
Oxford & Cambridge universities
- 15<sup>th</sup> January: All other applications
- Internal School / College deadlines earlier
- 5 choices - recommend no more than 2 at any university

# Admissions Criteria

- Academic performance to date - GCSE's
- Predicted Grades
- An understanding of what the programme requires
- Academic reference and personal statement
- Interview or admissions test

# Politics Courses - School of Social Sciences

- Politics and International Relations
- Politics / Philosophy / Economics
- BA Social Sciences – Politics / Philosophy / Criminology / Social Anthropology / Sociology
- BA Economic and Social Studies – Politics / Economics / Accounting / Finance / Business / Development Studies / Philosophy / Sociology / Criminology

# Other Politics Programmes at Manchester

- Law with Politics  
(School of Law)
  
- Politics and Modern History  
(School of Arts Languages and Cultures)

# First Year Politics Modules

- Introduction to Political Theory
- Introduction to International Politics
- Introduction to Comparative politics
- Making Sense of Politics
- Politics of the Global Economy

# Second Year Politics Modules

- The Politics of Globalisation
- Questions about International Politics
- The Politics of Development
- Arguing about Politics
- The Politics of Insecurity
- Comparative European Politics
- *Many other module options*



# Third Year Politics Modules

- Dissertation
- Business and Politics in Britain
- Borders Identity and Citizenship
- Ideologies of Global Capitalism
- Russian Politics
- Democracy and the EU
- *Many other module options*

# Entry Requirements

- A levels - ABB / AAB
- IB – 34 / 35 points
- Some courses have specific subject requirements
- Note: We also accept a range of other qualifications:

[www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate-courses/](http://www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate-courses/)

# Personal Statement

- Increasingly important element of the application
  - especially for competitive courses
- Predicted grades not enough to guarantee an offer
- Should be original, interesting and enthusiastic
- Should be applying for the course – not the career

# Personal Statement

- Introduction – why you want to study the course
- Main body – academic skills / knowledge / A levels / reading
- Work experience / voluntary work
- Extra curricular activities – sports / interests / hobbies
- Conclusion

# Academic Reference

- Communication with your academic referee/s is crucial
- Make sure they are aware of what you do outside the classroom e.g. extra-curricular, involvement in school/college activities, work experience
- Teachers like to be positive, but have a duty to you and your university choices to be realistic

# Summary

- Research courses thoroughly - attend open days / check university websites for up to date information
- Reflect this knowledge in your personal statement
  - Have clear goals but also be realistic and listen to the advice of your teachers on your predicted grades
  - Ensure you meet all deadlines and details on UCAS Form are accurate to avoid delays

# Pre-University Courses

- Six week academic courses taught at the University
- Successful completion will result in an one A level grade reduction for SoSS programmes
- Only school / University that offers such programmes
- Courses are delivered in the following subject areas:  
*Economics / Politics / Social Anthropology / Sociology / Philosophy*
- Free!

Eligibility and contact details can be found on the link:

<http://www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/visit-and-engage/schools-colleges-mature-students/colleges/>