

11. Programme structure¹, levels, modules, credits, and awards

The Political Science Programme is an Honours Programme studied over four years. It comprises a preparatory year and a three-year degree Programme. Students are required to pass 120 credits in each of the four years of the Programme.

The Programme is divided into units called modules. Each module studied successfully contributes 10, 20, or 30 credits toward the degree. The credit rating of a module is proportional to the total workload and one credit is nominally equivalent to 10 hours of student effort. The 'level' of a module indicates its position in the progressive development of academic abilities and/or practical skills. In addition to presenting students with introductory modules in the Political Science discipline, the preparatory year Programme provides students with English, Research Methods, History of International Relations, Economics, Information Technology, Public speaking and personal effectiveness, and Statistics modules. The remaining three years in the degree Programme contain compulsory and optional modules² focused on the mainstream sub-disciplines of Political Science. The number of optional modules available and maybe offered for student registration is decided annually by the Political Science Departmental Council, based on several factors, including but not limited to, the students' preferences, the job market's needs, and available resources, along with others³. Such an arrangement provides the Political Science Programme with flexibility and, accordingly, possibility to accommodate a fast changing world. It, also, exposes students to intellectually challenging academic possibilities.

Preparatory Year – Level S; 120 credits

Semester I (6 Obligatory Modules)

25POLSENGL01	10	English for Academic Purposes
25POLS01P	10	Introduction to Political Science
25POLS02P	10	Information Technology for Political Science
25POLS03P	10	Research Methods for Political Science
25POLS04P	10	Academic Writing for Political Science
25POLS05P	10	Introduction to Economics for Political Science

Preparatory Year – Level S

Semester II (6 Obligatory Modules)

25POLS06P	10	Introduction to Comparative Politics
25POLS07P	10	Humanities: History of International Relations
25POLS08P	10	Issues in Political Sociology
25POLS09P	10	Statistics for Political Science
25POLS10P	10	Public Speaking and Personal Effectiveness
25POLSENGL02	10	English and Academic Writing

¹ The Programme offers the opportunity for taking 30 credits in the Summer Assessment Period, if the student is interested in acquiring the degree in less than four years.

² Students may choose their optional modules within one of the main sub-disciplines of Political Science: Comparative Politics, Thought and Theory, International Relations, and General.

³ For an optional module to operate, a minimum of five students enrolled in the module is required, unless otherwise decided by the Departmental Council.

Year 1 - Level 4 (Certificate); 120 credits**Semester I (4 Obligatory Modules and 2 Optional Modules)**

25POLS01C	10	Classical Political Thought
25POLS02C	10	Introduction to International Relations
25POLS03C	10	Theory of Comparative Political Systems
25POLS04C	10	Egyptian Politics, Government, and Society

Year 1 - Level 4 (Certificate)**Semester II (4 Obligatory Modules and 1 Optional Module)**

25POLS05C	10	International Organizations
25POLS06C	20	Political Theory
25POLS07C	10	Western Political Systems
25POLS08C	10	Theory of International Relations

List of Optional Modules for Level 4 (Certificate)

25POLS09C	10	Theories of Nationalism
25POLS10C	10	Theories and Practices of Leadership
25POLS11C	10	Public Law
25POLS12C	10	Political Anthropology
25POLS13C	10	Introduction to Identity Politics
25POLS14C	10	Political Geography
25POLS15C	10	Politics of the Gulf
25POLS16C	10	Comparative Party and Electoral Systems
25POLS17C	10	Theories of Ethics and Justice
25POLS18C	10	Political Psychology
25POLS19C	10	Constitutional Law
25POLS20C	10	Macroeconomics for Political Science

Year 2 - Level 5 (Intermediate); 120 credits**Semester I (3 Obligatory Modules)**

25POLS01I	20	Foreign Policy: Theories and Analysis
25POLS02I	20	Social Quantitative Research Methods Seminars
25POLS03I	20	Contemporary Public Policy Making and Analysis

Year 2 - Level 5 (Intermediate)**Semester II (3 Obligatory Modules and 3 Optional Modules)**

25POLS04I	10	Arab Political Systems
25POLS05I	10	Contemporary Issues in Development
25POLS06I	10	Environmental Policies, Sustainability, and Climate Change

List of Optional Modules for Level 5 (Intermediate)

25POLS07I	10	Theories and Practices of Negotiations and Conflict Resolution
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25POLS08I	10	Politics of Cybersecurity
25POLS09I	10	Peace Studies
25POLS10I	10	Post-Colonial Theories of World Politics
25POLS11I	10	Theories and Practices of Political Islam
25POLS12I	10	Art and Politics
25POLS13I	10	Egyptian Political Thought
25POLS14I	10	Political Ideologies
25POLS15I	10	Epistemology for Political Science
25POLS16I	10	Introduction to Entrepreneurship for Political Science
25POLS17I	10	Introduction to International Business for Political Science

Year 3 - Level 6 (Honours); 120 credits

Semester I (2 Obligatory Modules and 3 Optional Modules)

25POLS01H	10	Global Political Economy
25POLS02H	10	African Political Systems

Year 3 - Level 6 (Honours)

Semester II (2 Obligatory Modules and 2 Optional Modules)

25POLS03H	10	Modern and Contemporary Political Thought
25POLS04H	10	Contemporary International Issues

Year 3 – Level 6 (Honours)

Full Year (1 Module: 10 credits in semester 1 and 20 credits in semester 2)

25POLS05H	30	Final Year Project
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List of Optional Modules for Level 6 (Honours)

25POLS06H	10	Politics and Governance of the European Union
25POLS07H	10	International Law
25POLS08H	10	American Studies
25POLS09H	10	Government and Politics of Modern Asia
25POLS10H	10	Latin American Politics
25POLS11H	10	Gender in Politics
25POLS12H	10	Political Journalism
25POLS13H	10	Comparative Local Government and Governance
25POLS14H	10	Comparative Approaches to Political Power and Discourses
25POLS15H	10	Transitional Justice and Memory Politics
25POLS16H	10	Democracy, Citizenship, and Human Rights
25POLS17H	10	Special Topics in Political Science (Arabic)
25POLS18H	10	Modern British Politics
25POLS19H	10	Special Topics in Comparative Politics
25POLS20H	10	Security Studies
25POLS21H	10	Migration and Refugee Studies
25POLS22H	10	Diplomatic and Consular Affairs
25POLS23H	10	Egyptian Foreign Policy

25POLS24H	10	International Relations of the Middle East
25POLS25H	10	International Human Rights Law
25POLS26H	10	Critical Theories in Political Analysis
25POLS27H	10	Urban Politics
25POLS28H	10	Introduction to Project Management for Political Science