

BA (Hons) Politics, Human Rights and International Relations / BA (Hons) Politics with Public Administration – SH 356/357C

1. Context and Objectives

Politics encompasses the study of ideas, political systems, governments, governance, institutions, decision-making processes, international relations, conflicts and cooperation, to name a few. The ways that institutions are structured, powers are distributed and processes through which decisions are made, both domestically and internationally, directly impact on people lives, whether this involve their economic and social wellbeing or physical security.

In this context, this course contains an interesting mix of modules that deal with both domestic and international aspects of politics. It creates opportunities for students to explore key aspects of political science while developing an in-depth knowledge of human rights, international relations and public administration, including political systems, law and governance. During the first year, students will be introduced with the context and foundations of the key aspects of strands of the course. The second and third years build on these foundations and offer students opportunities to use theories and concepts to critically analyse real world problems. They will be able to broaden and deepen their understanding of the factors that shape the economy, law, society and international relations. In the final year, students will further develop and apply their research skills in a research project or dissertation. The objectives of the course are to:

- (i) Provide students in both fields of specialisation with strong knowledge and transferable skills to work in a number of professions in private and public sector organisations. These include teaching, research, press, public service, public relations and diplomacy.
- (ii) Generate enthusiasm and prepare students for further studies in any branch of political science or other related field of studies.

2. Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of their programmes of study, graduates will be able to:

- Discuss the conceptual and theoretical foundations of politics, and human rights, international relations or public administration (depending on the option taken).
- Appraise the multilevel governance structures involved in the study of politics generally and their respective areas of specialisation more specifically
- Employ concepts and theories to independently examine and evaluate current events and issues at both domestic and international levels.
- Develop essential academic skills to conduct independent research in the fields of human rights, international relations, public administration and politics more generally.
- Demonstrate general employability skills like, for example, teamwork, time-management and communication skills (writing, oral and visual).

3. Teaching and Learning Methods

Main teaching methods are lectures, tutorials, seminars and working groups.

Learning methods will include: - case studies, the use of community resource persons, debates, group discussions, hypotheticals, mock trials, visual aid, participant presentations and exhibitions.

4. Entry Requirements

General

In accordance with the University General Entry Requirements for admission to undergraduate degree programmes.

Programme (Specific)

- A credit in English Language at Cambridge School Certificate / 'O' Level or equivalent.
- 2 GCE 'A' Level passes in 2 subjects.

5. Programme Duration

	Normal	Maximum
Degree	3 years	5 years

6. Minimum LCCS Credits Required

For Degree Award – 204

Degree	Core Modules	Electives	Dissertation or (Research Project + 1 Elective)	Total LCCS Credits
BA(Hons) Politics, Human Rights and International Relations	162	24	18 or (12 + 6)	204
BA(Hons) Politics with Public Administration	168	18		

7. Assessment and Deadlines

Each module will be assessed over 100 marks with details as follows (unless otherwise specified):

Assessment will be based on:

Continuous Assessment: 40%

Continuous Assessment will be based on a compulsory written class test and assignments/or oral presentations. The continuous assessment will count for 40% of the

overall percentage mark of the module(s), except for a Programme where the structure makes for other specific provision(s).

An overall total of 40% for combined continuous assessment and written examination components would be required to pass the module, without minimum thresholds within the individual continuous assessment and written examination. The same criterion will apply for modules being assessed jointly. Note that all overall mark for the two modules will be considered and not the individual marks for each of the two modules.

Examinations: 60%

A written examination of 2 to 3-hour duration counting for 60% of the overall percentage mark for the module.

Written examinations for all modules will be carried out at the end of the academic year except for semester modules (unless otherwise stated).

Submission Deadline for Dissertation / Research Project

Three copies of the dissertation (two spiral-bound copies and one soft copy in a single PDF text file on electronic storage media) should be submitted to the Faculty/Centre Registry and in addition, a soft copy of the dissertation in a single PDF text file should be uploaded on the "Turnitin' Platform", in the final assignment submission link indicated by the Programme/Project Coordinator.

All of the above should be submitted not later than the last week day of March of the academic year by 4.00 p.m. at latest, unless specified otherwise in the Programme of Studies.

8. List of Modules

CORE Modules

(Students opting for specialisation in Human Rights and International Relations)

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+T [#]	Total Self- Study/ Hrs	Other Learning Activities/ Hrs	LCCS Credits
POLI 1103(1)	Core Concepts in Political Science ¹	2+1	60	90	6
IREL 1002Y(1)	Foundations of Human Rights	2+1	120	180	12
IREL 1001Y(1)	Theories and Concepts of International Relations	2+1	120	180	12
HIST 1004Y(1)	International History since the end of the 19th Century	2+1	120	180	12
POLI 1003Y(1)	Political History of Mauritius: From Early Origins to Modern Times	2+1	120	180	12
ECON1012Y(1)	Introduction to Economic Theory	2+1	120	180	12
ENG 1011Y(1)	Communication Skills in English	2+1	120	180	12
IREL 2001Y(3)	Public International Law	2+1	120	180	12
IREL 2202(3)	Human Rights Institutions ²	2+1	60	90	6
PADM 2103(2)	The Ethics of Public Service ¹	2+1	60	90	6
POLI 2007Y(3)	Comparative Government and Politics	2+1	120	180	12
POLI 2009(3)	Mauritian Government and Politics ¹	2+1	60	90	6
POLI 2107(3)	Research Methods and Data Analysis ¹	2+1	60	90	6
IREL 3004Y(5)	Human Rights Issues in International Relations	2+1	120	180	12
IREL 3007 Y(5)	Security in International Relations	2+1	120	180	12
POLI 3002Y(5)	African Politics	2+1	120	180	12
POLI 3000(5)	Dissertation	-	-	-	18
POLI 3016Y(5)RP	Research Project	-	-	-	12

CORE Modules

(Students opting for specialisation in Public Administration)

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+T [#]	Total Self- Study/ Hrs	Other Learning Activities/ Hrs	LCCS Credits
PADM 1101(1)	Foundations of Public Administration ¹	2+1	60	90	6
POLI 1003Y(1)	Political History of Mauritius: From Early Origins to Modern Times	2+1	120	180	12
IREL 1104(1)	Issues in World Politics ¹	2+1	60	90	6
ECON 1012Y(1)	Introduction to Economic Theory	2+1	120	180	12
ENG 1011Y(1)	Communication Skills in English	2+1	120	180	12
LAWS 1199Y(1)	Mauritian Legal System and Laws Related to the Public Sector	2+1	120	180	12
IREL 2001Y(3)	Public International Law	2+1	120	180	12
MGT 1115(1)	Principles and Practice of Management ¹	2+1	60	90	6
POLI 2005Y(3)	Public Policy Making	2+1	120	180	12
POLI 2007Y(3)	Comparative Government and Politics	2+1	120	180	12
POLI 2009(3)	Mauritian Government and Politics ¹	2+1	60	90	6
POLI 2107(3)	Research Methods and Data Analysis ¹	2+1	60	90	6
MGT 3267Y (5)	Strategic Management for Public Sector and Non-Profit Organisations	2+1	120	180	12
POLI 3002Y(5)	African Politics	2+1	120	180	12
POLI 3001 Y(5)	Political Sociology	2+1	120	180	12
IREL 3002Y(5)	International Institutions	2+1	120	180	12
PADM 3102(5)	Public Administration in Mauritius ¹	2+1	60	90	6
POLI 3000(5)	Dissertation	-	-	-	18
POLI 3016Y(5)RP	Research Project	-	-	-	12

ELECTIVES

(Students opting for specialisation in Human Rights and International Relations)

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+T [#]	Total Self- Study/ Hrs	Other Learning Activities/ Hrs	LCCS Credits
IREL1203(1)	Gender and Human Rights ²	2+1	60	90	6
IREL1104(1)	Freedom of Religion or Belief ¹	2+1	60	90	6
IREL 1205(1)	Debates in Globalization ²	2+1	60	90	6
	Foreign Languages I	1½+0	60	90	6
IREL2203(3)	The Politics of Migration ²	2+1	60	90	6
POLI 2204(3)	Democracy and Democratisation ²	2+1	60	90	6
IREL 2103(3)	Contemporary Maritime Security Issues ¹	2+1	60	90	6
HIST 2214(3)	Contemporary India - History, Politics and Society ²	2+1	60	90	6
HIST 2119(3)	Contemporary China - History, Politics and Society ¹	2+1	60	90	6
IREL 2105(3)	Environment and Human Rights ¹	2+1	60	90	6
POLI 2106(3)	Introduction to Kinship and Political Anthropology ²	2+1	60	90	6
	Foreign Languages II	1½+0	60	90	6
IREL 3203(5)	Transitional Justice ²	2+1	60	90	6
IREL 3106(5)	International Commercial Arbitration ¹	2+1	60	90	6
POLI 3105(5)	Electoral Systems and Voting ²	2+1	60	90	6
HIST 3113(5)	Contemporary Mauritius – Cultural Diversity, Institutions and Society ¹	2+1	60	90	6
PADM 3103(5)	Policy Advocacy ¹	2+1	60	90	6
	Foreign Languages III	1½+0	60	90	6

ELECTIVES

(Students opting for specialisation in Public Administration)

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+T [#]	Total Self- Study/ Hrs	Other Learning Activities/ Hrs	LCCS Credits
IREL 1205(1)	Debates in Globalization ²	2+1	60	90	6
	Foreign Languages I	1½+0	60	90	6
MGT 1071(1)	Marketing Principles ¹	2+1	60	90	6
PADM 2103(3)	The Ethics of Public Service ¹	2+1	60	90	6
IREL 2113(3)	Non – Discrimination and Human Rights ¹	2+1	60	90	6
POLI 2204(3)	Democracy and Democratisation ²	2+1	60	90	6
PADM 2201(3)	Public Budgeting and Financial Administration ¹	2+1	60	90	6
HIST 2214(3)	Contemporary India - History, Politics and Society ²	2+1	60	90	6
HIST 2119(3)	Contemporary China - History, Politics and Society ¹	2+1	60	90	6
POLI 2106(3)	Introduction to Kinship and Political Anthropology ²	2+1	60	90	6
	Foreign Languages II	1½+0	60	90	6
MGT 2268(3)	Business Communications & Effective Negotiation ²	2+1	60	90	6
POLI 3105(5)	Electoral Systems and Voting ²	2+1	60	90	6
HIST 3113(5)	Contemporary Mauritius – Cultural Diversity, Institutions and Society ¹	2+1	60	90	6
PADM 3103(5)	Policy Advocacy ¹	2+1	60	90	6
	Foreign Languages III	1½+0	60	90	6

9. Programme Plan

YEAR 1

BA (Hons) Politics, Human Rights and International Relations
(78 LCCS credits for core modules+ 6 LCCS credits for elective=84 LCCS credits)

BA (Hons) Politics with Public Administration
(60 LCCS Credits for core modules+ 6 LCCS credits for elective=66 LCCS credits)

CORE MODULES

Common Core Modules

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+T [#]	Total Self- Study/ Hrs	Other Learning Activities/ Hrs	LCCS Credits
POLI 1003Y(1)	Political History of Mauritius: From Early Origins to Modern Times	2+1	120	180	12
ECON1012Y(1)	Introduction to Economic Theory	2+1	120	180	12
ENG 1011Y(1)	Communication Skills in English	2+1	120	180	12

Additional Core Modules for BA (Hons) Politics, Human Rights and International Relations only

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+ T [#]	Total Self- Study/ Hrs	Other Learning Activities/ Hrs	LCCS Credits
POLI 1103(1)	Core Concepts in Political Science ¹	2+1	60	90	6
IREL 1002 Y(1)	Foundations of Human Rights	2+1	120	180	12
IREL 1001Y(1)	Theories and Concepts of International Relations	2+1	120	180	12
HIST 1004Y(1)	International History since the end of the 19th Century	2+1	120	180	12

Additional Core Modules for BA (Hons) Politics with Public Administration only

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+ T[#]	Self- Study/ Hrs	Other Learning Activities/ Hrs	LCCS Credits
PADM 1101(1)	Foundations of Public Administration ¹	2+1	60	90	6
IREL 1104(1)	Issues in World Politics ¹	2+1	60	90	6
LAWS 1199Y(1)	Mauritian Legal System and Laws Related to the Public Sector	2+1	120	180	12

ELECTIVE MODULES*

Common Electives

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+ T[#]	Self- Study/ Hrs	Other Learning Activities/ Hrs	LCCS Credits
IREL 1205(1)	Debates in Globalization ²	2+1	60	90	6
	Foreign Languages I	1½+0	60	90	6
Any relevant electives offered by the Department					

Electives offered to BA (Hons) Politics, Human Rights and International Relations only

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+ T[#]	Self- Study/ Hrs	Other Learning Activities/ Hrs	LCCS Credits
IREL1203(1)	Gender and Human Rights ²	2+1	60	90	6
IREL 1104(1)	Freedom of Religion or Belief ¹	2+1	60	90	6
Any relevant electives offered by the Department					

Electives offered to BA (Hons) Politics with Public Administration only

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+ T[#]	Self- Study/ Hrs	Other Learning Activities/ Hrs	LCCS Credits
MGT 1071(1)	Marketing Principles ¹	2+1	60	90	6
Any relevant electives offered by the Department					

YEAR 2

BA (Hons) Politics, Human Rights and International Relations
(48 LCCS Credits for core modules+12 credit electives=60 LCCS credits)

BA (Hons) Politics with Public Administration
(54 LCCS Credits for core modules+ 12 LCCS credits for electives=66 LCCS credits)

CORE MODULES

Common Core Modules

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+ T[#]	Self- Study/ Hrs	Other Learning Activities/ Hrs	LCCS Credits
IREL 2001Y(3)	Public International Law	2+1	120	180	12
POLI 2007Y(3)	Comparative Government and Politics	2+1	120	180	12
POLI 2009(3)	Mauritian Government and Politics ¹	2+1	60	90	6
POLI 2107(3)	Research Methods and Data Analysis ¹	2+1	60	90	6

Additional Core Modules for BA (Hons) Politics, Human Rights and International Relations only

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+ T[#]	Self- Study/ Hrs	Other Learning Activities/ Hrs	LCCS Credits
IREL 2202(3)	Human Rights Institutions ²	2+1	60	90	6
PADM 2103(2)	The Ethics of Public Service ¹	2+1	60	90	6

Additional Core Modules for BA (Hons) Politics with Public Administration only

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+ T[#]	Self- Study/ Hrs	Other Learning Activities/ Hrs	LCCS Credits
MGT 1115(1)	Principles and Practice of Management	2+1	60	90	6
POLI 2005Y(3)	Public Policy Making	2+1	120	180	12

ELECTIVE MODULES*

Common Electives

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+ T[#]	Self- Study/ Hrs	Other Learning Activities/ Hrs	LCCS Credits
POLI 2204(3)	Democracy and Democratisation ²	2+1	60	90	6
HIST 2214(3)	Contemporary India - History, Politics and Society ²	2+1	60	90	6
HIST 2119(3)	Contemporary China - History, Politics and Society ¹	2+1	60	90	6
POLI 2106(3)	Introduction to Kinship and Political Anthropology ²	2+1	60	90	6
	Foreign Languages II	1½+0	60	90	6
Any relevant electives offered by the Department					

Electives offered to BA (Hons) Politics, Human Rights and International Relations only

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+ T[#]	Self- Study/ Hrs	Other Learning Activities/ Hrs	LCCS Credits
IREL 2203(3)	The Politics of Migration ²	2+1	60	90	6
IREL 2103(3)	Contemporary Maritime Security Issues ¹	2+1	60	90	6
IREL 2105(3)	Environment and Human Rights ¹	2+1	60	90	6
Any relevant electives offered by the Department					

Electives offered to BA (Hons) Politics with Public Administration only

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+ T[#]	Self- Study/ Hrs	Other Learning Activities/ Hrs	LCCS Credits
PADM 2103(2)	The Ethics of Public Service ¹	2+1	60	90	6
IREL 2113(3)	Non – Discrimination and Human Rights ¹	2+1	60	90	6
PADM 2201(3)	Public Budgeting and Financial Administration ¹	2+1	60	90	6
MGT 2268(3)	Business Communications & Effective Negotiation ²	2+1	60	90	6
Any relevant electives offered by the Department					

YEAR 3

BA (Hons) Politics, Human Rights and International Relations

(36 LCCS credits for core modules+ 6 LCCS credits elective and 18 LCCS credits for dissertation OR 36 LCCS credits for core modules+ 12 LCCS credits research project + 12 LCCS credits electives=60 LCCS credits)

BA (Hons) Politics with Public Administration

(54 LCCS credits for core modules+ 18 LCCS credits for dissertation or 54 LCCS credits for core modules + 12 LCCS credits for research project+ 6 LCCS credits for elective=72 credits)

CORE MODULES

Common Core Modules

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+ T#	Self- Study/ Hrs	Other Learning Activities/ Hrs	LCCS Credits
POLI 3002 Y(5)	African Politics	2+1	120	180	12
TO CHOOSE EITHER DISSERTATION OR RESEARCH PROJECT + ONE ELECTIVE OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT					
POLI 3000(5)	Dissertation	-	-	-	18
POLI 3016Y(5)RP	Research Project	-	-	-	12

Additional Core Modules for BA (Hons) Politics, Human Rights and International Relations only

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+ T#	Self- Study/ Hrs	Other Learning Activities/ Hrs	LCCS Credits
IREL 3007 Y(5)	Security in International Relations	2+1	120	180	12
IREL 3004Y(5)	Human Rights Issues in International Relations	2+1	120	180	12

Additional Core Modules for BA (Hons) Politics with Public Administration only

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+ T[#]	Self- Study/ Hrs	Other Learning Activities/ Hrs	LCCS Credits
MGT 3267Y (5)	Strategic Management for Public Sector and Non-Profit Organisations	2+1	120	180	12
PADM 3102(5)	Public Administration in Mauritius ¹	2+1	60	90	6
IREL 3002Y(5)	International Institutions	2+1	120	180	12
POLI 3002Y(5)	Political Sociology	2+1	120	180	12

ELECTIVE MODULES*

Common Electives

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+ T[#]	Self- Study/ Hrs	Other Learning Activities/ Hrs	LCCS Credits
POLI 3105(5)	Electoral Systems and Voting ²	2+1	60	90	6
HIST 3113(5)	Contemporary Mauritius – Cultural Diversity, Institutions and Society ¹	2+1	60	90	6
PADM 3103(5)	Policy Advocacy ¹	2+1	60	90	6
	Foreign Languages III	1½+0	60	90	6
Any relevant electives offered by the Department					

Electives offered to BA (Hons) Politics, Human Rights and International Relations only

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+ T[#]	Self- Study/ Hrs	Other Learning Activities/ Hrs	LCCS Credits
IREL 3203(5)	Transitional Justice ²	2+1	60	90	6
IREL 3106(5)	International Commercial Arbitration ¹	2+1	60	90	6
Any relevant electives offered by the Department					

Notes

- a) ¹Module taught and examined in Semester 1
- b) ² Module taught and examined in Semester 2
- c) *Offering of electives will be subject to the availability of resources and critical mass
- d) # L - Lecture and T - Tutorial

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