


A military helicopter, possibly an Apache, is shown from a front-facing perspective, parked on a field. The scene is set during sunset or sunrise, with a warm, orange glow in the sky. The helicopter's main rotor blades are visible, and its landing gear is deployed. The overall mood is dramatic and professional.

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With a history that spans more than half a century, the Department of International Relations is internationally recognised as a leading centre of excellence for teaching and research in international relations. We have a lively and enthusiastic community of faculty and students that aspires to challenge the boundaries of International Relations as a discipline and make the world a better place.

What's special about studying in the Department of International Relations at Sussex?

The Department includes many distinguished scholars, many of whom have undertaken consultancy and commissioned work in a range of fields, including human rights, development studies, and security. Many of our graduates find employment in these fields, within which we have very strong international networks.

You will be exposed to ideas that are at the cutting edge of the discipline. The results of the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF) confirm Sussex International Relations' standing as one of the top three IR departments in the UK. The same results demonstrated that the policy and public impact work produced at Sussex is world leading and internationally excellent.

We have regional expertise that covers Europe and North America, the Middle East, East Asia, South Asia, Latin America and Africa.

Consistent with the University as a whole, we are committed to interdisciplinary study and a high standard of teaching. Teaching is conducted in small groups allowing for greater individual attention and enabling a close and rigorous analysis of problems.

In addition to attending weekly lectures and seminars, you are encouraged to participate in a wide range of regular lecture series and guest lectures. You can also opt to participate in one of our two field trips (to Brussels and Geneva).

Our staff and students come from a range of countries, so studying international relations at Sussex is an international experience in every sense.

If you are considering studying for a degree in International Relations at Sussex, feel free to contact us to talk it over. We are happy to meet with potential applicants to discuss any aspect of the process and more specifically what you can expect if you choose to study here. For more information about our postgraduate degrees, refer to our 2016 Postgraduate Prospectus at: www.sussex.ac.uk/ir/pgstudy/2016 and also contact our MA Convenor at: Eirpg@sussex.ac.uk.

STUDENT PROFILE

Our students come from all over the world, and have a background in many different disciplines. You will need:

- A Bachelors degree (an upper second class honours degree or equivalent qualification) in a relevant discipline, such as a social science or humanities (including those in political science, economics, philosophy, law, history, geography and sociology)
- An IELTS score of 6.5 (with no component below 6.0 and 6.5 in Writing)
- An interest in international affairs and the global political environment
- Relevant work and voluntary experience. This will be considered particularly where candidates fall short of the academic requirement.

MA Conflict, Security and Development

FULL-TIME, ONE YEAR OR PART-TIME, TWO YEARS

THE PROGRAMME

The challenges posed by civil wars, genocides, famines and other humanitarian crises show that security and development are closely linked today. Successful development and conflict resolution require the provision of security. Conversely, a lack of development can breed insecurity and violence.

This MA analyses the complex relationships that lie at the heart of this development-security nexus in the global south, focusing on:

the extent to which destructive cycles of insecurity and violence affect the possibility of development for large sections of the world's population

the difficulties that aid agencies, nongovernmental organisations (NGOs), governments and international organisations encounter when trying to negotiate these spirals of violence and insecurity – be it through armed intervention, the provision of aid, the sponsoring of peace-building processes, or assisting states in post-conflict reconstruction

the question of whether underdevelopment in the global south can be said to constitute a security threat by facilitating the international spread of terrorist and criminal networks.



This MA draws on Sussex's long-standing reputation for excellence in research and teaching in international relations and development studies. Sussex's interdisciplinary perspective on questions of peace, vulnerability and insecurity provides a distinctive grounding in concepts of conflict, security and development but also knowledge of the empirical problems associated with specific instances of this nexus.

This MA may be attractive if you aim to work in:

- Government foreign or defence ministries
- International organisations (e.g. the UN)
- Nongovernmental organisations (NGOs such as Oxfam, CAFOD, Amnesty International, the Red Cross and so on)
- International development
- International media or journalism
- Research (or wish to undertake doctoral study).

COURSE STRUCTURE

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You take two core modules:

- Conflict, Security and Development
- New Security Challenges.

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You take two options from the list on page 8.

*More options are available outside the Department of International Relations (including subjects such as international aid, migration, activism for development, climate change). Please note not all courses will run every year.

SPRING AND SUMMER

- Research Methods and Professional Skills
- Supervised Dissertation (or possibility for dissertation by placement).

MA Geopolitics and Grand Strategy

FULL-TIME, ONE YEAR OR PART-TIME, TWO YEARS

THE PROGRAMME

At the outset of the 21st century the world is undergoing a significant process of strategic and geopolitical redefinition. Several major powers have been developing comprehensive doctrines aligning a range of national economic, political and social policies with their wider strategic objectives in the 21st century: grand strategies. This MA investigates the geopolitical relationships and strategies of the major states within the international system. It focuses on:

the historical evolution and current revival of the concept of geopolitics, including global economic rivalries, energy security, competition over resources, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, the war on terrorism, and democracy promotion

the grand strategies developed by the major powers including the foreign and security policy of the US, the debate over American grand strategy, the re-emergence of Russia and its foreign/security policy, and the rise of China with its grand strategy

the key regional dynamics of contemporary geopolitics including the international security of the Middle East, NATO and the future of transatlantic security, European security, international security in south and east Asia, and geopolitical rivalries in Africa.

This MA draws on Sussex's established reputation for excellence in research and teaching in international security, international relations, global political economy, and area studies. Sussex's interdisciplinary perspective on questions of world politics provides a distinctive take on the new global geopolitics and grand strategic doctrines.

This MA may be attractive if you aim to work in:

- Government foreign or defence ministries
- International organisations (e.g. the UN)
- Nongovernmental organisations (NGOs such as Oxfam, CAFOD, Amnesty International, the Red Cross and so on)
- International development
- International media or journalism
- Research (or wish to undertake doctoral study).

COURSE STRUCTURE

AUTUMN

You take two core courses:

- Geopolitics and Grand Strategy
- New Security Challenges.

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You take two options from the list on page 8.

SPRING AND SUMMER

- Research Methods and Professional Skills
- Supervised Dissertation (or possibility for dissertation by placement).



MA Global Governance

FULL-TIME, ONE YEAR OR PART-TIME, TWO YEARS

THE PROGRAMME

This programme is designed to offer cutting edge engagement with theoretical and policy debates about the history, evolution and effectiveness of global governance systems and their responses to a range of the world's most pressing problems – from global financial and environmental crises, health epidemics and war to enduring poverty, institutional gridlock and terrorist threats.

Sussex offers a unique environment for studying global governance, with a strong interdisciplinary tradition, leading research centres active in key areas of global governance, and research-led teaching with experts on all aspects of global governance – from security and environment to finance, trade and labour, and gender, health and human rights.



You scrutinise the nature and assess the collective processes of international rules that have emerged in response to the confluence of poverty, insecurity, and humanitarian and environmental crises in the early 21st century. Then you delve into a specific aspect of global governance (e.g. international security, global economy, geopolitics, conflict and development). You also tailor your studies to your career path by adding regional specialisations, issue-specific expertise, broader historical surveys or deeper theoretical explorations.

This MA is particularly relevant to those wishing to pursue – or who are seconded from – a professional career in international organisations, NGOs, and public or private agencies that participate in and/or assess global governance processes in any of the fields examined during the course.

COURSE STRUCTURE

AUTUMN

You take two core courses:

- Global Governance: Theory and Practice
- Governing the Global Economy.

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You take two options from the list on page 8.

SPRING AND SUMMER

- Research Methods and Professional Skills
- Supervised Dissertation (or possibility for dissertation by placement).

MA Global Political Economy

FULL-TIME, ONE YEAR OR PART-TIME, TWO YEARS

THE PROGRAMME

Fundamental questions are being raised as to the ability of the global political economy to cope successfully with an ever-increasing number of challenges such as climate change, financial instability, food crises, energy, security, and the rise of new economic powers. This MA is uniquely placed to analyse the impact of these contemporary transformations.

You examine the historical emergence of the global political economy, contemporary transformations such as globalisation and environmental challenges, the changing nature of global governance, and the implications of the current economic crisis for the nature of the capitalist system and the global distribution of wealth and power.

Sussex is one of the leading UK centres for research in global political economy. Our Centre for Global Political Economy provides a unique forum for original interdisciplinary research on global politico-economic change.

This MA may be attractive if you aim to work in:

- Government foreign or economic ministries
- International organisations (e.g. UNDP)
- Nongovernmental organisations (NGOs such as Oxfam, as well as relevant economic think tanks)
- International development
- Global Economic Research and Risk Analysis
- International media or journalism
- Research (or wish to undertake doctoral study).

COURSE STRUCTURE

AUTUMN

You take two core courses:

- Global Political Economy
- Contemporary Theories in Global Political Economy.

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SPRING AND SUMMER

- Research Methods and Professional Skills
- Supervised Dissertation (or possibility for dissertation by placement).



MA International Relations

FULL-TIME, ONE YEAR OR PART-TIME, TWO YEARS

THE PROGRAMME

This MA examines a wide range of issues of contemporary relevance in global politics. More than any other, the contemporary era has thrust many of the core and emerging issues of international relations directly into our everyday lives, requiring us to reflect on them systematically. Taking the exciting and troubling times in which we live as its starting point, this course emphasises a philosophical and historical orientation with a distinctive critical edge for which international relations at Sussex has an international reputation.

This course brings together students from a wide range of educational, national, political and professional backgrounds. It is a theoretically grounded course, covering issues of theory and history of international relations, as well as a wide range of issues of contemporary relevance in global politics and international order.

Sussex is one of the leading UK centres for research in international relations theory. Our Centre for Advanced International Theory provides a unique forum for advanced fundamental research in international politics.

This MA may be attractive if you aim to work in:

- Government foreign or defence ministries
- International organisations (e.g. the UN)
- Nongovernmental organisations (NGOs such as Oxfam, CAFOD, Amnesty International)
- International development
- International media or journalism
- Research (or wish to undertake doctoral study).

COURSE STRUCTURE

Autumn You take two core courses:

- Foundations of World Politics
- International Relations Theory.

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You take two options from the list on page 8.

SPRING AND SUMMER

- Research Methods and Professional Skills
- Supervised Dissertation (or possibility for dissertation by placement).



MA International Security

FULL-TIME, ONE YEAR OR PART-TIME, TWO YEARS

THE PROGRAMME

This MA provides you with a rigorous understanding of contemporary security and emerging security challenges. Traditional elements of military power are now increasingly accompanied by technologies such as weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and electronic warfare and 'asymmetric' threats such as transnational terrorism, which have the potential to challenge existing balances of power and change the conduct of international security. At the same time, new issues have emerged within the international security agenda, with links being drawn between security and climate change, resource scarcity, gender and human security, the spread of infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS and avian flu, and complex emergencies in the global South.

'Security' itself remains a deeply contested term, with stark analytical and political disagreements on its use. Decision-makers, analysts and citizens therefore face an uncertain and complex field of thought and action in an ever-changing security environment.

You explore the many different understandings of 'security', their histories and futures, and look at how they matter to war, insurgency and foreign policy today. You learn how to produce theoretically and empirically informed analysis of a range of issues, including imperial war, civil wars, violence against civilians, military intervention, terrorism and new technologies of war. You also examine a variety of contemporary issues, from intelligence to resilience and from rising powers to WMDs and biosecurity.

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- Nongovernmental organisations (NGOs such as Oxfam, CAFOD, Amnesty International, the Red Cross and so on)

- International development
- International media or journalism
- Research (or wish to undertake doctoral study).

COURSE STRUCTURE

AUTUMN

You take two core courses:

- International Security
- New Security Challenges.

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You take two options from the list on page 8.

SPRING AND SUMMER

- Research Methods and Professional Skills
- Supervised Dissertation (or possibility for dissertation by placement).



Optional modules

MA PROGRAMMES	CORE MODULES	OPTIONAL MODULES
Conflict, Security and Development	Conflict, Security and Development New Security Challenges	Peace Processes and Post-Conflict Reconstruction Human Rights in International Relations
Geopolitics and Grand Strategy	Geopolitics and Grand Strategy New Security Challenges	Terror, Security and the State in Global Politics Science, Technology and War
Global Governance	Global Governance: Theory and Practice Governing the Global Economy	Global Queer Global Politics of Disease and Biosecurity
Global Political Economy	Global Political Economy Contemporary Theories in Global Political Economy	Foreign Policy Analysis East Asia and the International System The Middle East in Global Order
International Relations	Foundations of World Politics International Relations Theory	Russian Foreign and Security Policy Rethinking Imperialism
International Security	International Security New Security Challenges	Political Economy of Global Finance The Political Economy of Development Imagining America in the World Irregular Warfare Sex and Violence
		<p>IN THE SPRING AND SUMMER, STUDENTS ALSO TAKE:</p> <p>Research Methods and Professional Skills</p> <p>Supervised Dissertation (or possibility for dissertation by placement).</p> <p>More options are available outside the Department of International Relations (including subjects such as international aid, migration, activism for development, climate change). Please note not all courses will run every year.</p>

The information in this booklet is correct at the time of going to print (January 2016) but modules running in future academic years may be subject to change. Global Studies is a constantly developing area, so we regularly review and update our modules and options to reflect this and give you the best student experience. The most up to date information on courses and modules is available at: www.sussex.ac.uk/study/pg



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