

Work Placement Programme



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BSc Government and Political Science

Programme Overview

The BSc Government and Political Science degree is a four-year programme which combines political science with a range of topics in business, law and IT. It is aimed at equipping graduates with both academic and practical knowledge thus enhancing the learning experience of students and meeting the needs of the employment market.

Course Content Includes:

- ▶ Government (International, National, Regional and Local)
- ▶ Public Management Concepts
- ▶ International Security
- ▶ Policy Making in the EU
- ▶ Citizen Participation
- ▶ Public Law
- ▶ Theories of Political Science
- ▶ Political Corruption Concepts

The BSc Government has a strong vocational element including:

- ▶ Presentations and report writing
- ▶ Tailored career development
- ▶ Work Placement option

Work Placement Module

Headline Information:

Start date:	March
Duration:	3-6 months
Payment:	Ideally, we seek paid placements for our students.

What is Work Placement?

Work placement is a three-way partnership between students, employers and the University. The work experience on offer should give students the opportunity to gain practical experience, relevant to their course and allow them to put into practice the theories and methodologies studied at University. It gives you, the employer, the chance to develop a valuable source of skilled graduates for your organisation.

Students undertake a minimum 12-week placement in Year 3, of their 4-year degree programme and are available to work from March –August. The students are ideally suited to work as researchers and/or as administrators in a range of sectors and businesses.

What is required of me as a placement employer?

- ▶ Identify a clearly defined role and provide a dedicated mentor to support the student for the duration of the placement.
- ▶ The mentor will act as a contact point for the University and the Employer and will meet with the Academic Mentor mid-way through the placement.
- ▶ Complete and submit placement paperwork as required.

How do I select a student?

- ▶ Employer provides a job description which is advertised to students.
- ▶ Students' CVs will be sent to Employer for their consideration and review.
- ▶ Employers will shortlist candidates for interview.
- ▶ The University will facilitate every aspect of interview process for Employer.

How is placement assessed?

- ▶ Students complete a self-assessment essay on their experience in the placement organisation.
- ▶ The Employer completes an assessment form at the end of the placement

