Stage 1 (University Foundation) – Law, Politics and International Relations

Duration: 2 semesters

Intakes: January & September

Since the School of Law launched its first qualifying law degrees in 2002, its undergraduate programmes have grown substantially, both in terms of student demand and the breadth of the curriculum. All University of Portsmouth Bachelor of Law (LLB) degrees are accredited by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and Bar Standards Board for England and Wales.

The Foundation has been designed for students who wish to study one of the following University of Portsmouth degree courses:

* BA (Hons) International Relations

*Our international relations degree combines the subject’s original focus on the sources of war and conflict in the international system with a much broader focus, including issues such as: global migration, terrorism, climate change, the rise and fall of major powers, state collapse, global development, Russian politics, Middle Eastern politics and the factors that trigger global protest movements.*

* BA (Hons) International Relations and Politics

*Are you interested to understand the causes of war and conflict in the international system? Do you want to know why some states are poor and others are rich? Are you also interested in what democracy, freedom and equality mean to different people (and the source of these ideas?). Do you want to understand developments in British politics, and the relationship between the UK and the EU? If so, an international relations and politics degree may well be right for you.*

* BA (Hons) Politics

*Between Brexit, major realignments in the Labour and Conservative parties, the rise (and tribulations) of smaller parties such as UKIP, tensions over issues such as migration, NHS funding and the future of the British Union, there has never been a more interesting time to immerse yourself in the study of politics.*

* LLB (Hons) Law

*Ever wondered who makes the law and what influences them? Or what the rules actually are for being arrested and charged? These are the sort of topics you will discuss as part of this course.*

* LLB (Hons) Law with Business

*Knowledge of the legal system and practices is a major plus for any business manager. Equally, an understanding of business practice and behaviour will benefit any law professional seeking employment in the business world.*

* LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology

*This is a course that applies law to topics concerned with criminological theory and practice. However, you won’t just study criminal law you’ll actually experience it through full-blown unscripted mock trial involving law, criminology, drama and forensic students from all over the University.*

* LLB (Hons) Law with International Relations

*Curious about what influences global law making and how countries are governed? On this course you’ll cover varied subjects such as why conflicts occur, the balance of international power and Third World poverty, all of which involve complex legal issues.*

**Course information**

One credit is equivalent to 10 hours of learning. This programme is comprised of 130 credit points, equivalent to 1300 notional hours comprised of 440 contact hours and 860 self-directed hours. You will study the following modules over two semesters:

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| **Module Name** | **Module Code** | **Core/ Option** | **Credit** | **Assessment Type** | **Weighting (%)** |
| ICT Skills**Contact hours per week:** **3h** | BUS107BL | Core | 10 | (A) Practical exercise covering word and excel skills | 40 |
| (B) 2 hour closed book exam | 60 |
| Introduction to Politics and International Relations**Contact hours per week:** **5h** | LAW106 | Core | 20 | (A) 1500 word essay – in-class test formal | 40 |
| (B) Final 2 hour closed book exam | 60 |
| Interactive Learning Skills and Communication**Contact hours per week:** **5h** | ILSCBL0 | Core | 20 | (A) Research and Reference a Topic | 10 |
| (B) Oral Presentation | 20 |
| (C) Group Project | 20 |
| (D) Closed Book Examination 2.5 hours to include listening component | 40 |
| (E) PDP Portfolio | 10 |
| Research Method, Critical Thinking & Expression**Contact hours per week:** **4h** | RES101 | Core | 20 | (A) 1 Hour in-class exercise | 20 |
| (B) 1000 word written argument | 20 |
| (C) Final 2 hour closed book exam | 60 |
| Legal Skills, Analysis and Discourse**Contact hours per week:** **3h** | LAW100 | Core | 10 | (A) 1500 word court report | 60 |
| (B) 15 minute individual oral presentation | 40 |
| (C) Essay and discursive writing skills | N/A |
| English Legal System**Contact hours per week:** **4h** | LAW101 | Core | 15 | (A) 1 hour open book citation and summary | 40 |
| (B) 1 hour closed book exam | 60 |
| Contract Law**Contact hours per week:** **4h** | LAW102 | Core | 15 | (A) Case file project | 30 |
| (B) Moot | 20 |
| (C) Final 2 hour closed book exam | 50 |
| Constitutional Law**Contact hours per week:** **4h** | LAW103 | Core | 15 | (A) 1 hour open book citation and summary | 40 |
| (B) 1 hour closed book exam | 60 |
| Legal Ethics**Contact hours per week:** **3h** | LAW105 | Core | 10 | (A) 1500 word essay | 30 |
| (B) 15 minute debate/moot | 20 |
| (C) Final 2 hour closed book examination | 50 |

You will be required to pass all modules (130 credits) in order to successfully complete Stage 1 (University Foundation).