

# PO252-120 Work Placement Year

**23/24**

**Department**

Politics & International Studies

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 2

**Module leader**

Tom Parr

**Credit value**

120

**Module duration**

30 weeks

**Assessment**

100% coursework

**Study location**

Work Placement locations in the UK and abroad

---

## Description

### Introductory description

This module is for students taking a Full Intercalated Year Work Placement through the Department of Politics and International Studies. The module is worth 120 CATS, which count as the intercalated Year 3 of a 4 Year degree, but is assessed on a Pass/Fail basis and will not count toward the calculation of your degree classification. You need to Pass the Work Placement by fulfilling the participation and assessment requirements. In addition to completing your work placement, we expect you to be in regular contact with the Department during your period of work and to upload to Tabula a number of documents at designated points. These include information about your placement and confirmation from your employer of the duties you will undertake and the start and end dates. We ask that you also upload short reflective diary blogs to tell us how you are getting on, as well as the end of work placement assessed reflective essay. These reflective pieces offer you opportunities to tell us what you enjoy about the placement and to alert us to any problems or difficulties.

[Module web page](#)

### Module aims

To provide students with the opportunity to  
Complete an undergraduate work placement

Develop experience of, and confidence in, essential workplace skills.

Develop in a commercial, professional, industrial or other environment skills previously pursued in an academic setting.

Improve foreign language skills [in placements where the language is not English]

## **Outline syllabus**

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

The syllabus will vary as each placement may be different. A job description should be provided by the placement provider. The syllabus will comprise undertaking the approved work placement and maintaining and submitting to the department required reflective diary entries whilst on placement. The workload must be a minimum of 1,200 hours to maintain equivalence with that expected for a 120 credit module.

## **Learning outcomes**

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Apply, in a non-academic environment, the critical, analytical and interpersonal skills developed in pursuit of their disciplinary studies.
- Understand the work environment and their contribution to it.
- Demonstrate high level transferrable skills such as confidence, communication, flexibility, time management, team working.
- Where appropriate, demonstrate social and cultural sensitivity and ethical awareness.
- Understand how to apply work-based learning to other areas of personal development.
- Reflect on personal and professional progress, cogently and judiciously.
- make decisions, plan and thrive in the world of work.

## **International**

Although some students on this module will undertake work placements in the UK, the majority will likely undertake work placements abroad.

## **Subject specific skills**

Broadened their knowledge and understanding of their subject specialism(s).

## **Transferable skills**

Developed the qualities and transferable skills necessary for working or studying in another country and in a different academic system.

Developed enhanced oral and written language skills through the demands of study in a different country.

Developed transferable skills in sensitivity to diversity in terms of culture and inter-cultural competencies.

---

## Study

### Study time

Type	Required
Placement	1,200 hours (100%)
Total	1,200 hours

### Private study description

No private study requirements defined for this module.

### Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

---

## Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

### Assessment group A1

Assessment component	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Reflective Learning Essay (3000 word essay)	100%		Yes (extension)
The essay should contain contextual information on the host organisation, a description of and reflection on the process undertaken to secure the placement, its development, any reports submitted by the placement provider, the skills developed and how they relate to personal, academic and career development.			
Reassessment component is the same			

### Feedback on assessment

Feedback will be provided by the module director via Tabula.

---

## Availability

### Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 3 of UHIA-VM14 Undergraduate History and Politics (with Year Abroad and a term in Venice)
- Year 3 of UPHA-V7MM Undergraduate Philosophy, Politics and Economics (with Intercalated year)
- Year 3 of UPOA-M101 Undergraduate Politics (with Intercalated Year)
- Year 3 of UPOA-M16B Undergraduate Politics and International Studies (with Intercalated Year)
- Year 3 of UPOA-ML14 Undergraduate Politics and Sociology (with Intercalated year)
- Year 2 of UPOA-M165 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Italian
- Year 3 of UPOA-M167 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Quantitative Methods (with Intercalated Year)

This module is Core optional for:

- Year 3 of UHIA-VM12 Undergraduate History and Politics (with Year Abroad)
- UPHA-V7MM Undergraduate Philosophy, Politics and Economics (with Intercalated year)
  - Year 3 of V7MS Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Bipartite with Economics Major) (with Intercalated Year)
  - Year 3 of V7MQ Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Bipartite) with Intercalated Year
  - Year 3 of V7MM Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite) (with Intercalated year)
- Year 3 of UPOA-M168 Undergraduate Politics and International Studies with Chinese
- Year 3 of UPOA-M163 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and French
- UPOA-M164 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and German
  - Year 2 of M164 Politics, International Studies and German
  - Year 3 of M164 Politics, International Studies and German
- UPOA-M166 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Hispanic Studies
  - Year 2 of M166 Politics, International Studies and Hispanic Studies
  - Year 3 of M166 Politics, International Studies and Hispanic Studies
- UPOA-M165 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Italian
  - Year 2 of M165 Politics, International Studies and Italian
  - Year 3 of M165 Politics, International Studies and Italian
- Year 3 of UPHA-V7MX Undergraduate Politics, Philosophy and Law (with Intercalated Year)

This module is Option list C for:

- Year 2 of UPOA-M163 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and French