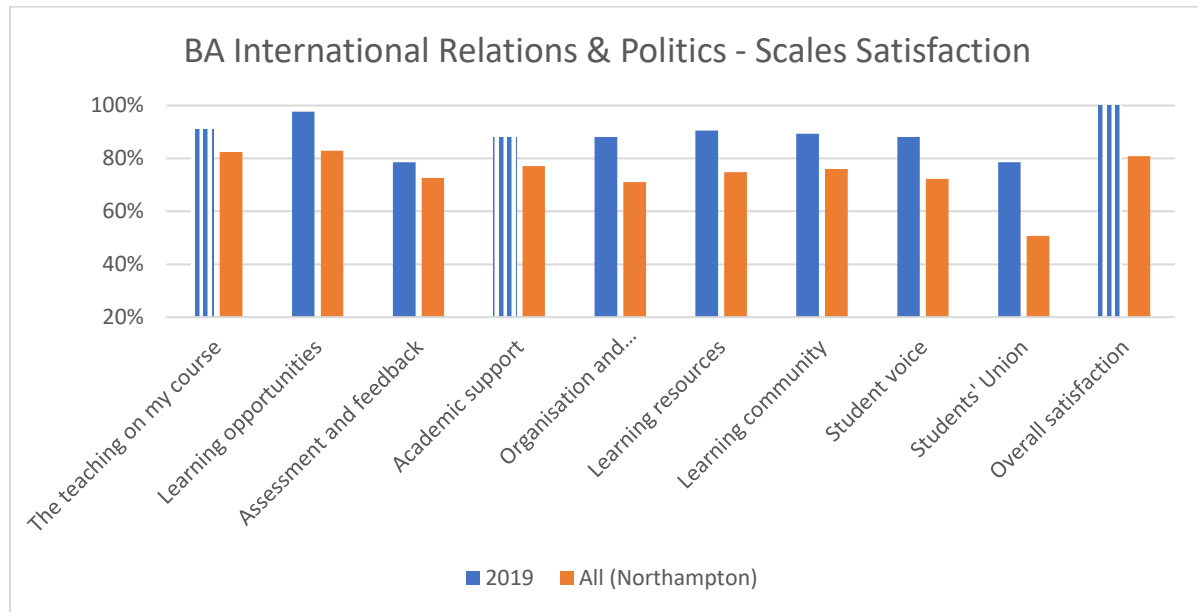


BA International Relations & Politics

For this programme, scores are not available for 2018, so we just contrast against the University as a whole. BA International Relations & Politics achieved maximum overall satisfaction, a figure that was 19 ppts beyond that for the University. Indeed, programme approval scores outperformed those for the University across every scale.

In the cases of course teaching and academic support, contentment was hitting the University's targets. Regarding the former, scores for individual questions were consistently high, with only the ability of staff to explain things (Q1) having a statistic below 90%. Furthermore, all respondents asserted that they could contact staff when required (Q12, academic support scale).



The learning opportunities scores were even more impressive:

- Opportunities to explore new ideas (Q5): 100% (18 ppts above the University);
- Opportunities to bring information together (Q6): 100% (16 ppts above the University);
- Opportunities to apply what has been learnt (Q7): 93% (10 ppts above the University).

Across questions, the only relative struggle was on fair marking (Q9, assessment and feedback scale), returning a figure of 71%. Yet, last year's withdrawal rate of 40% was far too high.

One respondent said that they would 'highly recommend' the programme, adding: "The course has been very enjoyable, I have got to know my lecturers well and have enjoyed learning from them." Another continued: "At first, I was unsure about whether politics was for me as I had not studied politics before, but I'm so glad I did it. I have learnt so much and my interest in the subject continues to grow each day." The variety of module options in the third year was also praised.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Given 61% of known ethnicity on the programme are currently BAME students (across stages), the lower fair marking score provides evidence for the introduction of anonymous marking across the institution, where possible. The high withdrawal rate may require further investigation.