



Module Specification

The Berlin Republic

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Part 1: Information

Module title: The Berlin Republic

Module code: UZQY66-15-3

Level: Level 6

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

Faculty: Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences

Department: HAS Dept of Social Sciences

Partner institutions: None

Field: Politics

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: Not applicable

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: See learning outcomes.

Outline syllabus: This module will present an analysis of the main political institutions in the Federal Republic of Germany, and important concepts in the study of their development after reunification. It will examine an influential political system

in continental Europe and the key challenges it faces in the 21st century. The module highlights the complex interplay of political actors, institutional arenas and policy processes to come to grips with broader processes of Europeanisation. It will furthermore draw on comparisons with other established democracies to identify major trends in German politics with reference to both domestic and international settings.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: See Assessment Strategy.

Module Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

MO1 A critical understanding of different approaches to the study of German politics after reunification

MO2 An ability to interpret and analyse issues of German public policy from an institutional perspective

MO3 An ability to critically evaluate the consequences of Europeanisation in a specific country context

MO4 An ability to present coherent arguments at both abstract and concrete levels in the subject area

MO5 An ability to critically analyse, evaluate and reflect upon empirical materials relating to the subject area

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 114 hours

Face-to-face learning = 36 hours

Total = 150

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzqy66-15-3.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzqy66-15-3.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: Learning outcomes will be assessed by individual student contributions to set tasks on the Blackboard Discussion Group facility and by a written open book examination:

Assessment part B Set Tasks in Blackboard Discussion Group

This piece of assessment requires a student to write and upload a set of three short commentaries in response to weekly set tasks in the Blackboard Discussion Group facility. This piece of assessment will provide students with an opportunity to further develop their skills in advancing a clear and persuasive argument. Students will be encouraged to deploy a critical analysis in order to develop and support their argument. In addition students will be able to enhance their writing skills, independent study, and a skill of clearly articulating and effectively communicating complex ideas within a set word limit.

Assessment part A Seen Exam

This piece of assessment will require a student to answer two exam questions in two hours, with the questions provided in advance. The exam is designed to test both students' knowledge regarding the topics examined in this module and their essay-writing abilities. The exam is designed to assess students' ability to offer clearly written and expressed critical analysis under specific time constraints.

Assessment tasks:

Online Assignment (First Sit)

Description: Set Tasks in Blackboard Discussion Group (3 x 350 words)

Weighting: 30 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Examination (First Sit)

Description: Seen Exam (2 hours)

Weighting: 70 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Online Assignment (Resit)

Description: Set Tasks in Blackboard Discussion Group (3 x 350 words)

Weighting: 30 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Examination (Resit)

Description: Seen Exam (2 hours)

Weighting: 70 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Politics and International Relations [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Politics And International Relations [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Politics And International Relations {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Politics And International Relations {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA
(Hons) 2019-20

Politics And International Relations [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20

Politics And International Relations [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2018-19