**Module Specification**

From Plato to Nato

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## Part 1: Information

**Module title:** From Plato to Nato

**Module code:** UZQRV9-30-0

**Level:** Level 3

**For implementation from:** 2024-25

**UWE credit rating:** 30

**ECTS credit rating:** 15

**College:** College of Health, Science & Society

**School:** CHSS School 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:** Throughout the module, students are introduced to tools that can be used to interpret and understand the world they are in - such as political and international theory and basic political science methods, along with logical and ethical analysis on the nature of the self and society.

**Features:** Not applicable

**Educational aims:** See Learning Outcomes.

**Outline syllabus:** Half of the module will focus on the foundations of Western philosophical thought, focusing primarily on theories of knowledge, the self, and the foundations of the political state. Lectures and discussions will be based in a series of classical philosophical texts from the Greek tradition that will introduce students to concepts such as ethics, knowledge, the soul, justice, education, beauty, politics, and the state.

The other half of the module explores the key components of the contemporary political and international order. The lectures and discussions examine the state, the international system, and the contemporary issues facing both such as climate change, terrorism, poverty, war and peace, culture and religion, security (and others).

## Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

**Teaching and learning methods:** A total of 66 hours comprised of weekly lectures and discussions via a lectorial format that is flexible week-on-week depending on the subject at hand. Regardless of the shape of the lectorial, there will always be a taught element via lecturing, and always a flipped and/or discussion based element.

Over three hours of contact time per week the key issues are addressed and unpacked by the lecturer and subsequently discussed and debated. Students will also be expected to have read a set reading prior to arriving in class. This approach is suited to the foundational nature of this module and maximises face-to-face contact time to ensure students understand, and appreciate, the core issues in politics and philosophy that will form the foundations of their onward study.

The timetabled hours incorporate student led debates and flipped classroom elements, allowing students to develop their interpersonal and academic skills. This mixed method of delivery will enable students to actively engage with philosophical and political material and encourage them to articulate concepts and ideas amongst their peers. This style of learning will leave students well prepared for the transition to a standard degree course.

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

**MO1** Identify the key issues and debates that dominate political science and international relations

**MO2** Communicate clearly in writing

**MO3** Analyse and summarize key philosophical arguments

**MO4** Present material in a scholarly format

**MO5** Use philosophical ideas and concepts to analyse issues in politics and society

**Hours to be allocated:** 300

**Contact hours:**

Independent study/self-guided study = 234 hours

Face-to-face learning = 66 hours

**Reading list:** The reading list for this module can be accessed at readinglists.uwe.ac.uk via the following link https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzqrv9-30-0.html


# Part 4: Assessment


**Assessment strategy:** The assessments for this module have been designed to meet the learning outcomes of the module, to test a range of skills, and embed a foundational understanding of politics, international relations and philosophy.

The written assessment consists of three 500-word summaries, covering 3 topics of the students' choosing from the module.  This assessment is designed to allow students to exhibit their understanding of philosophical concepts covered on the module, in relation to their own reflections and examples.

The shorter format of the summaries means that students gain experience in writing a focussed piece of philosophical work and develop their summarising skills: both of

these are skills that they will need to use throughout their assessments in the rest of their degree. This form of assessment is also important for scaffolding, as on the BA Philosophy course there are a number of modules with this form of assessment. Although there is a single Blackboard hand in for this assessment students will also have the option to submit their summaries to the module leader earlier in the teaching block to gain feedback so that they can use this element as a chance to check and improve their understanding during the module.

The online examination (with a 24 hour submission window) tests the content drawn from the Politics and International Relations half of this module. This broad, but focussed, test of knowledge allows the students to demonstrate their knowledge recall and their understanding of the foundational concepts covered. The format of the examination suits the foundational level more than an essay-based exam as setting a larger number of shorter-answer questions, all of which must be answered, underlines to the students the importance of coverage of the widest range of material, as all of the taught content is important to be recalled to give the students the foundations they need to progress.

**Assessment tasks:**

**Examination** (First Sit)
Description: Online Examination (24 hours)
Weighting: 50 %
Final assessment: Yes
Group work: No
Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO4

**Written Assignment** (First Sit)
Description: Summaries of 3 topics from the module (500 words each)
Weighting: 50 %
Final assessment: No
Group work: No
Learning outcomes tested: MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

**Examination** (Resit)

Description: Online Examination (24 hours)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO4


**Written Assignment** (Resit)

Description: Summaries of 3 topics from the module (500 words each)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5



## Part 5: Contributes towards


This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Criminology with Psychology {Foundation} [Frenchay] BSc (Hons) 2023-24

Politics And International Relations {Foundation} [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2023-24

Sociology with Psychology {Foundation} [Frenchay] BSc (Hons) 2023-24

Sociology {Foundation} [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2023-24

Criminology {Foundation} [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2023-24

Criminology and Sociology {Foundation} [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2023-24

Philosophy {Foundation}[Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2024-25

Politics And International Relations {Foundation} [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2024-25

Sociology with Psychology {Foundation} [Frenchay] BSc (Hons) 2024-25

Criminology and Sociology {Foundation} [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2024-25

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